

# VIRGINIA'S HOUSE OF HOPE NEWSLETTER



## A RECENT SUCCESS



A HUGE first-page thank you to the Book of the Month Club and Alex Gangei, who donated ONE THOUSAND toys, games, and books to be given out to children in the New York City area.

The toys, games, and books that were donated spanned across all different age groups and interests, and many were even educational leaning, which is an added bonus to be able to provide.

These types of donations go a long way in furthering our mission of supplying resources to those who need it most. We cannot wait to give all those toys and books to a good home.

THANK YOU!

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## Virginia's House of Hope's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Jim Lawrence Scholarship

Virginia's House of Hope is proud to have chosen 10 incredible students to award the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Jim Lawrence Scholarship to, which will be given out at the CMA Shipping Conference in Stamford, CT March 20-22. This scholarship is something those of us at VHOH are very proud of, and believe it sets us apart from other non-profits doing similar work.

In our 6<sup>th</sup> year, we are proud to be offering those 10 students, seeking university enrollment in a maritime-related discipline, \$2,000- paid directly to their school of choice- in order to ease the burden receiving a quality education can sometimes have.

Our founder, L. Antonio Litman, is a force within the maritime industry and he created this scholarship hoping to encourage those who also seek a future in the business. We receive applicants interested in many different aspects of the maritime world- from shipping & trade and marine insurance to marine biology and chemistry.

Our student applicants come from all different backgrounds, living environments, and educational experiences but the passion they have for pursuing an education and career in the maritime industry brings them together and we are ecstatic to be playing a small part in the bright futures they will create.



## BACK-TO-SCHOOL!



Know any schools in the New York, New Jersey, or Connecticut areas with families that could use some extra hope? We would love to try and set up a Donation Day...

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As students were once again preparing for a life of Monday through Friday classes, tests, learning, and friends, Virginia's House of Hope was preparing for one of our biggest Donation Days yet.

This past September, Virginia's House of Hope founder, staff, and volunteers went to P.S. 155 at East 117<sup>th</sup> Street in Harlem to hand deliver 350 backpacks full of school supplies to students who needed them most. Events like this cement our commitment to providing New York area children and families better and more opportunities and resources.

It was an honor to be able to meet and talk with the children, their families, their teachers, and their Principal. The excitement surrounding our Donation Day event was palpable and energized our staff to create more events just like this one in the months and years to come.

The best part about events like these is that it is so easy to become involved in changing real lives within and around your community—donations of things like pencils, pens, notebooks, paper, crayons, etc are relatively cheap but mean the world to a student who would have not received those items. Of course, monetary donations are also always accepted in kind and all donations are used towards funding the missions that we carry out.

Please consider getting involved in one of our future Donation Days—we are always accepting volunteers and donations and enjoy making our Virginia's House of Hope family bigger and bigger.

