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## CHASING A DREAM.. by Alex White



As someone who grew up in a family that probably got as much help from Page One as we spent volunteering, I always dreamed of pursuing a life of service. Seeing loved ones in situations beyond their control impressed a deep-seated desire to help others. Even so, I was not always sure how I could pursue that. Higher education felt out of reach; I knew there was no way I could attend without indebting parents that had already done so much...

That all changed shortly before my junior year of high school. That summer brought an experience that helped me to realize that even a kid with a Page-County-foothills twang could compete—and excel—alongside the very best and brightest. That experience placed me on the trajectory to receive a debt-free education from Harvard University, making it possible for me to build the foundations necessary to achieve my dream of serving others as best I can.

While at the American Legion’s Virginia Boys State summer camp, I took a wild chance at applying to Boys Nation, the program’s prestigious national counterpart. I did not expect my application to go anywhere, and I was shocked to ultimately become one of that year’s two Virginia Senators out of nearly a thousand Boys Staters. I was selected after a vigorous, multi-tier application and interview process, and I even enjoyed the distinction of having been designated before all other applicants. The whole process was humbling, and I knew that Virginia’s premier veterans organization was counting on me to represent them well.

This experience, referred to by the Legion as a “Week That Shapes A Lifetime,” began with senate simulations, wherein all 100 “senators” got the chance to pass legislation. My commitment to making the most of the week was evident even then, as I worked hard to become one of the few to see their bills passed. That was an honor, since those bills are traditionally sent to the office of the actual President of the U.S. for review. To think that this Page County boy had authored a reform bill that went to the President’s desk!

The highlight of the week’s second half was “Hill Day”, when the other Virginia “Senator,” the two Girls Nation Senators, and myself were given free range at the Capitol. Our day would be as enriching as our assertiveness allowed, and the others thanked me for going out of my way to approach notable people. Those efforts resulted in interactions with all kinds of leaders; the easygoing demeanor carried by so many Page County folks came in handy that day!

It was a political nerd’s paradise, and it continued as we encountered several staffers, senators, and congressmen. We took pictures with many and had deep sit-down discussions in the offices of Virginia’s Senators. Things culminated when I approached another state’s senior senator, who I had recognized from following politics. He was kind enough to give our group a tour, even introducing us to a Supreme Court justice who was in the midst of their nomination.

Having become intimately acquainted with the first and third branches, we concluded the week at the Eisenhower Executive Office Building, where I had the opportunity to shake hands with then Vice President Mike Pence. I was reminded of an iconic picture showing earlier Boys Nation senators meeting President John F. Kennedy at the White House in 1963.

It was at that moment that I was struck by a life-altering realization: “Everybody I had met that week was just a person—like me—so WHY NOT ME?”

Fundamentally, these were regular people, and their common denominators were hard work and a desire to serve. From that point forward, I recognized that this “Page County boy” could contribute just as much as anyone else; I now had a responsibility to work towards that dream.

In the months and weeks following, I was able to build upon Boys Nation to create a catalog of experiences that would draw me closer to that dream.

It all culminated with the life-changing moment when I learned that I was accepted to Harvard University on a full need-based scholarship; my parents would not have to pay a dime, and I would have everything I needed to achieve the dream of a life in service!

Time flew, and I graduated from that whirlwind experience five months ago. I have since been accepted into Americorps, America’s premier public service program, and I recently began a term of service on the Luray Town Council. And, of course, I am at Page One when I can!

It all started with the simple recognition that I was just as qualified to chase my dreams as anyone else. Whether you’re from the deepest hollow or the tallest penthouse, people are all the same—we all put our pants on one leg at a time (among other things!).

Yes, some people are born with more preparation, but I believe that even the most humble person can achieve a big dream if they are given the opportunity. Indeed, that was my exact experience, and I am blessed and thankful to have had the chance to realize that!

Page One (Luray) Family Assistance and Food Pantry is open Monday, Tuesday & Thursday from 8:30 to 11:00 am at 35 North Bank Street.

Page One Shenandoah Family Assistance and Food Pantry is open Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at 600 Comer Lane.

# PARTNER HIGHLIGHT

Wisteria Farm & Vineyard was started in 2009 after the original owners cleared the land and planted the vines. The entire property is a little more than 15 acres with over 3 acres of vineyard. In 2021 the first owners retired and the winery was purchased by the Wallaces.

Steve & Cassandra Wallace moved to Virginia in January 2022 to fulfill a lifelong dream of owning a farm in a small mountain town. Prior to purchasing Wisteria Farm & Vineyard, Steve was a nurse by profession but an avid home brew mead and cider maker. Cassandra has a degree in public relations and spent the last 13 years as a risk analyst. Their goal has been to keep the charming rustic atmosphere as well as the existing wine recipes while adding and expanding as needed.

The Wallaces live in the house on site with their daughter, Elizabeth, and two dogs, Toby & Nellie.



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[www.wisteriavineyard.com](http://www.wisteriavineyard.com)



NBC4, Telemundo 44, and Comcast NBCUniversal announced that seven Washington, D.C. area nonprofits will receive a total of \$225,000 in unrestricted "NBCUniversal Local Impact Grants".

The winning organizations are addressing the needs of their diverse local communities through the lenses of one of three grant categories: Next Generation Storytellers, Youth Education & Empowerment, and Community Engagement.

Early this year, NBC4, Telemundo 44, and Comcast NBCUniversal announced the rebranding of their grant program from "Project Innovation" to "NBCUniversal Local Impact Grants", reflecting its local grassroots focus.

Page One was selected as one of the seven organizations to receive one of these Impact Grants in the amount of \$5000.



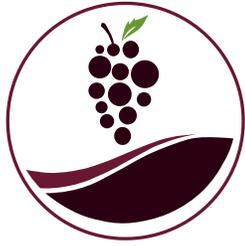
Grants such as these enable Page One to continue our mission to help those in critical need, and can also help to jumpstart new programs, such as the Homeless Backpack Program.

# Upcoming Events

## DINNER AT WISTERIA WINERY AND VINEYARD

October 22nd 3pm to 7pm

A Fall themed event with with food, fun, and music! Music performed by local favorite Brent Gordon, food prepared by Nick Smith, wine provided by Wisteria, and beer provided by Hawksbill Brewing Company. Silent Auctions, and raffles! Proceeds benefit Page Ones Mission. Check out [www.brentgordonmusic.com](http://www.brentgordonmusic.com)!



## CHRISTMAS TEA AT THE MIMSLYN

December,6 Time to Be Announced

So, get your hats dusted and your tea party garb ready for a fun time at the beautiful Mimslyn Inn in Luray. This is a wonderful fundraiser for Page One which we all look forward to each year. Moms and grandmothers, this is a great event to bring your young ladies to, no matter their age!

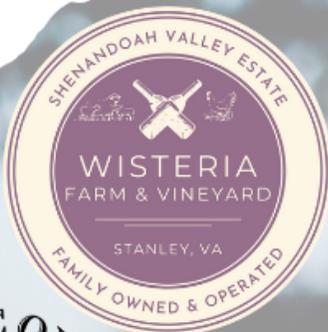


# Sip and Savor at Wisteria

Page One Fundraiser

Gourmet dinner, drinks, live music,  
unique live and silent auction items,  
and a 50/50 Raffle

Live  
MUSIC  
by Brent Gordon 4-6 pm



Sunday, October 22, 2023, 3-7 pm

Wisteria Farm and Vineyard  
1126 Marksville Rd, Stanley, VA 22851





# STUFF THE BUS

Our Stuff the Bus Collection site at the Luray Walmart Supercenter ran through August 4th, 5th, and 6th. With our great volunteer crews from The Rec, Girl Scouts, Page One, and others, we were able to collect over 7400 individual items, and \$1258 in monetary donations that went to all the Page County Schools!

We would like to thank the Page County School Transportation Department for providing the bus, and Luray Walmart for once again for hosting us!

We could not do this without our great community! Thank you to everyone who donated!

**Check out the Thrift Facebook Page! Alerts when we get really cool items, specials, and events! Check daily for Main St Treasures Daily Rotating Sales!**



**Christ Episcopal Church  
16 Amiss Ave Luray**

## Partner Church of the Month

Christ Episcopal Church "is located in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley, only a few miles from Shenandoah National Park access. We are faith-filled, dedicated to spreading the message of Christ through our daily lives."

"Our history began in 1871, when Bishop Francis Whittle ordained John Ambler of Markham Station, Fauquier County, Virginia, and assigned him to officiate at Luray, West End, and the adjacent missionary stations. Through the efforts of the Reverend Ambler in 1872, the church congregation petitioned the 77th Council of the Diocese of Virginia to form a new parish to be called Luray Parish. Upon approval of this petition a committee of local citizens began plans to finance and erect a church building. By 1873, the funds had been obtained to purchase the necessary land, located on Main Street, across from the present Mimslyn Inn."

"Christ Church donates funds to Page One several times each year. Page One is a local charity that provides food, financial support, clothing to people in need. We also keep a donation box for food items most needed at Page One. That list, which is updated monthly, appears in the bulletin every week."

We thank Christ Episcopal Church for being a continued supporter of Page One!

Find out more information at:  
[christchurchluray.org](http://christchurchluray.org)

### FYI

#### [Page One Delivery Prices for Furniture](#)

- Local (within Town Limits) \$25
- Out of Town (Stanley, Rileyville, Shenandoah, etc.) \$50
- Out of Area (Front Royal to Harrisonburg) \$100

#### [Donations Guidelines](#)

##### Items we DO NO accept

- Baby Equipment – Beds, Strollers, Walkers, Bassinets, Swings
- Pianos
- Floor Model TVs
- Furniture that is Soiled, Torn, or has Broken Springs
- Mattresses that are Soiled, Torn, or have Broken Springs
- Boxsprings that are Soiled, or Broken
- Wet or Dirty Clothing
- Toys that are Dirty or Broken
- ANY items that have MOLD or MILDEW

# VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

July's Volunteer of the Month is Majorie Marston! For years Majorie has devoted her volunteer efforts to maintaining Page Ones sorting area. Her hard work and dedication have established a well-organized process for sorting donations, and determining where those donations go. Not only does she select items for the stores, but also takes care of collecting items for veterans that are taken to the Martinsburg VA hospital for distribution, but also items for our homeless supplies, and select items for our fundraisers.

Majorie is a vital part of our operations at Page One, ensuring that your donations are utilized in the most beneficial ways, and keeping us organized when things get a bit chaotic. Thank you Majorie for all that you do!

## Moving On

Long time volunteer, Ryan Kibler departs Page County for Lynchburg, Virginia.



Volunteering for 20 years with Page One, Ryan Kibler and family left us Friday, September 4th. Ryan was a familiar face at the Main St Treasures store, helping with donations, putting out merchandise, and his favorite thing of all, interacting with the customers and donors.

Ryans long tenure as a volunteer, and his selfless dedication leaves an example for us to follow.

We wish Ryan the best in the new horizons that await him, and that he can take his love of volunteering to new outlets as an inspiration to others.



# DO GOOD BY DONATING GOODS

## A guide to donating physical goods

Donating physical goods to nonprofits with attached thrift store operations is a great way to help the organization maintain a continual stream of funding. While many thrift stores take a wide range of items, there is also the situation of what items are actually usable or the ability to resell it. Items that come in that stores are unable to be resold, used in other capacities, or recycled, must unfortunately be disposed of. This leads to extra costs for the organization, and as such, leads to fewer funds available for the nonprofit work.

The following can help with making decisions on what to donate!

Clothing donations are the number one item that thrift stores receive and is the number one category that gets disposed of when the following guidelines are not met. In general, all donated clothing should be clean with no stains, tears, holes, pet hair, or signs of vermin. Items should be boxed or bagged, for ease of handling and sorting. Avoid leaving clothing outdoors over weekends, or in adverse weather to avoid the items getting ruined.

Furniture donations have a tendency to be a bit more narrow, as some items are regulated by state or federal guidelines, or items that are no longer popular and do not sell are disposed of. Upholstered furniture and bedding must be clean, free of stains, pet hair, holes, tears, and signs of vermin. All furniture must have no signs of mold, mildew, or water damage. Wood furniture must be intact, with normal wear as expected with used furniture. All furniture must have all its parts, nothing broken or damaged that affects its functionality. Any furniture donations should be inspected by staff before donating.

Household items have a wide range of categories, and fewer restrictions. In general, as long as they are in good condition, have nothing that affects their usability, and nonhazardous, it can be utilized by thrift stores. Items such as cookware should be free of rust, nonstick coating damage, or excessive scorching are unusable, and generally recycled. Vintage, antique, and collectible items are always welcome, and can provide a significant boost in thrift revenue.

Books should be intact, free of damage outside of normal wear, no signs of vermin, water damage, or mold and mildew.

Overall, as long as the items are clean, show no signs of damage, can be used. Always check with thrift staff if you are unsure about what to donate! Thank you for your continued support!

## Thrifting 101

### An Ongoing Guide to Thrift Stores



### Part 2: Collectors Treasure Box



Thrift stores over the years have become bastions for treasure seekers, finding low-cost collectibles, antiques, and oddities have become a favorite and inexpensive past time. Thrift stores benefit from such items, if they initially identify them, and can generate a few more dollars than normal in revenue. There is always that chance that something gets overlooked, and the treasure seekers snatch their new finds up quickly.

As with most items, desire for and worth fluctuate wildly among certain categories of items. Glassware is one such item that waxes and wanes on the market. When certain types became super popular, the market was flooded by everyone looking to sell whole they were commanding high prices, but eventually the market is flooded, and it drives the collectability down. Some items, such as vintage toys, uranium glass, and localized items carry strong resell values among the secondhand market.

Trends in home fashion can have a bearing on the market, such as the country chic décor that held steady for many years, and now midcentury modern era furniture. Thrift store treasure hunters are keen to keep an eye on emerging classes of items for their personal collection or resell them through different avenues.

There is also a large collecting market that thrives on nostalgia, finding that childhood toy, or an item your parents had makes for sentimental keepsakes. Thrift stores are a resource that keeps seekers flocking back on sometimes a daily basis to see what new treasures they can find.

Keep on hunting, you never know what you'll come across in your local thrift stores!

# NON PROFIT SPOTLIGHT



The Life Center is a non-profit organization serving Page County for over 32 years. They believe every life matters. They believe every woman facing an unplanned pregnancy deserves to have complete information and support as she makes decisions. They believe in protecting the unborn and sharing the hope and healing that comes from the Gospel. They are a FREE service and will serve you regardless of race, sex, religious affiliation, or income level.

The Life Center provides pregnancy testing, post-abortion support, and an “Earn while you Learn” program that supplies needed items (from diapers, wipes, and formula to cribs, car seats, strollers, etc.) to participants of the take-home or in-person Bible studies. They offer help and resources to “Grandfamilies,” where a child or children are being raised by their grandparents, and to single parents.

They also offer assistance to men, as well, regarding questions related to parenting and abortion.

Page One often receives donations of items that we, by law, cannot sell, such as cribs, car seats, and high chairs. Page One forwards these items to the Life Center so that they can be used by their clients and not have to go to the landfill.



## OPERATION: ROUND UP GRANTS MATCHING FUNDS

Page One received a matching \$2500 from CoBank as a partner matching donation for SVEC! Thank you CoBank for choosing Page One!

To further empower communities that we serve, SVEC offers Operation Round Up (ORU), a voluntary program for members that helps address crucial charitable needs within our service territory.

### **The Operation Round Up Process**

The process is simple:

For example, a bill amount of \$50.51 would be rounded up to \$51, with 49 cents going to the charitable program.

If an ORU participant would round up the maximum amount on his or her bill each month, the maximum annual contribution to the fund is \$11.88.

On average, a participating member provides about \$6 to the ORU fund each year.

### **A Small Donation Goes a Long Way**

When a collective group of cooperative members provides contributions, ORU has proven that a few dollars can have lasting impact

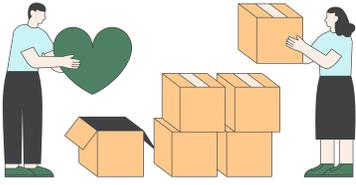
ORU helps civic clubs, food banks, domestic violence shelters, and many other community groups.

Operation Round Up is the perfect embodiment of the 7th Cooperative Principle of “Concern for Community,” and we invite you, as an SVEC member, to consider contributing to assist our surrounding communities.

To participate go to

<https://www.svec.coop/community/operation-round-up>

# Your Support, Helps Us, Help Others



Collect items you want to donate.



Drop off your donations, or request a pick up of large items.



Items are sold through our thrift stores to raise funds, or free vouchers are issued to those in need.

Funds raised through our stores, monetary donations, and fundraisers go into our assistance programs.



Your support allows us to aid those in emergency need with food, utility and rental assistance, and other programs that serve Page County.

*Thank You*  
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Each month, we will highlight one of our fantastic sponsors, partners, and supporters.

## Donations

**[PAYPAL.COM/US/FUNDRAISER/CHARITY/1917761](https://www.paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/1917761)**

\*Monetary donation can be made through PayPal (link above) or mailed to Page One, 42 West Main Street, Luray, VA 22835

\*Donations of Furniture and Large Household Items should be brought to the rear entrance of Treasures Thrift, no later than 6 pm. Use Hawksbill Street to access the rear entrance.

\*Donations of Clothing and Smaller Household Items should be brought to the 35 North Bank Street and placed in the tent out front, no later than 6 pm.

To sign up to volunteer at Page One,  
please email either Justin Horn at [director@vapageone.org](mailto:director@vapageone.org)  
or Kim Harper at [admin@vapageone.org](mailto:admin@vapageone.org),  
or you can go to [www.vapageone.org/volunteer](http://www.vapageone.org/volunteer)  
and print an application, fill it out, and bring it to one of our locations.

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