



November 17, 2015

Dear RVA Community!

Due to the closing of a local community service organization, the community-wide Christmas dinner for those without a place to celebrate in our city has not happened for the past 2 years. That won't be the case this year! Bridging RVA, a local non-profit headquartered in Midlothian, is connecting local businesses and community members to bring this dinner back to the city. The dinner will take place at Plant Zero in the Manchester area of Richmond and aims to serve up to 500 adults and 250 children who would otherwise go without.

We are inviting local families and organizations to help with this great community outreach. One of our hopes is: (1) to purchase \$20 Wal-Mart gift cards for the 12-18 year olds who will be attending the dinner. (For many of these teens, this may be their only gift this Christmas. Children under 12 receive new books, toys and/or games at the dinner.) and (2) to provide up to 24 bikes, scooters and skateboards to be given away during raffles to be held throughout the dinner. In the past, the raffle has provided some of the most poignant moments at the dinner as children who win smile ear to ear at getting their first set of wheels.

Bridging RVA is truly grateful that your organization is willing to help us with this amazing event, please contact me at [gingeroneil@verizon.net](mailto:gingeroneil@verizon.net) or cell: 703-801-2506.

Our deadline for the collections is December 10. More info about the dinner can be found at [www.bridgingrva.com](http://www.bridgingrva.com) under Upcoming Initiatives.

Together, we can share holiday joy with others in our community!

With Gratitude,  
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