

**News Release
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****Date: December, 2022**Contact: Mahogany Waldon, 757-728-5316
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Hampton, VA - Several Hampton-based businesses and organizations are making it their mission to give back to the community for the holidays. From a canned food drive, a small business pop up, coat drive and more, these events are scheduled to benefit and serve others. Here are just a few (of many) businesses, individuals and associations that are hosting philanthropic events this season in Hampton.

[Firehouse Coffee Financial Literacy Initiative](#)

The heat is on as Firehouse Coffee celebrates its one year anniversary. As the business looks forward to the future, they've partnered with Old Point National Bank for a new youth financial literacy initiative. Firehouse Coffee has a goal to start 500 new savings accounts for anyone 17 and under. The coffee shop will also add \$10 to each of the savings accounts. The aim for this initiative is to educate the youth on the importance of good money habits. Hopefully, this partnership will create a firm financial foundation for local youth to build upon.

Vouchers are limited, so stop by Firehouse Coffee located at 1 Ruckman Road to claim a voucher today.

[1865 Brewing Company Holiday Coat Drive](#)

From December 1-15, 1865 Brewing Company will be collecting gently used coats in partnership with Crescent Counseling. Those that donate will receive 50 percent off one of 1865 Brewing Company's beers. 1865 Brewing Company is located at 9 South Mallory Street.

[K'Bana Blaq Glove and Coat Drive](#)

K'Bana Blaq partnered with J. Smith Enterprises to collect new gloves and socks for the unhoused this month at several McDonald's restaurants located in Hampton. You can drop off socks at four McDonald's locations in Hampton through Friday. Blaq - and an alter ego or two - will also host a benefit drag show December 10 to help the gloves and sock drive. For more information, and to buy tickets, go to: <https://bit.ly/3HetAOI>.

Participating McDonald's locations:
3367 Commander Shepard Boulevard
1534 East Pembroke Avenue
236 South Mallory Street

1196 Big Bethel Road

Marching Elites & PA in VA Catering Ugly Christmas Sweater Pop Up

The Marching Elites Association Drill Team of Hampton along with PA in VA Catering will host an Ugly Christmas Sweater Pop Up on Sunday, December 18 from 12-5 p.m. The event will feature numerous small businesses. The pop up is a great opportunity to grab last minute holiday gifts while also supporting the team. The Marching Elites are a volunteer-run, youth-based drill team. The event will take place at 227 East Mercury Boulevard.

Bowman's Soul in the Wall Canned Food Drive

One-third of the world's food is wasted according to the United Nations (UN). Instead of letting canned food collect dust, be sure to drop off unopened canned goods at Bowman's Soul in the Wall from November 15-December 13. The restaurant is located at 1899 Armistead Avenue.

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