



*Women's Division Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce
Chesapeake*

2017 Woman of the Year Nominee Résumé

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Current Position

CEO & Founder, *Buffalow Family & Friends Community Days*

501(c)3 since December 2015, www.buffalowfamily.com

The organization is a family-oriented organization that offers support and encouragement to the community with education, health, food, and daily essential resources.

Funding is provided by family members, friends, and donors.

Outreach – *all meals are prepared in our home*

Thanksgiving Dinners:

In 2010, we served 25 dinners to those in need at Johnston Park.

By 2013, we served about 100 dinners.

In 2014, we added dinner delivery to 50 elderly and shut-ins.

50% of the dinners are served to children who come alone and the others are predominately seniors. The South Norfolk area is called a food desert with major food insecurities.

Additionally, we now host a monthly luncheon with giveaway bags that include daily essentials, as well as, celebrate birthdays.

Summer Feeding Program:

The ministry expanded. In 2012, we began feeding the children each Saturday in the Cuffee Center. By 2016, we served a nutritious breakfast and the City of Chesapeake School System provided lunch.

Back to School Program

This program started in 2011 serving 75 kids and now serves nearly 800 kids.

This year there will be a mini-health fair to get immunizations, school physicals, and dental screenings.

Warm & Fuzzy Program

The Warm & Fuzzy Program grew out of observing kids not properly clothed at the Thanksgiving Dinner. We give out fleece blankets, socks, coats, as well as, food baskets.

In 2012, 50 children-in-need were served at Christmas.

In 2014, the location changed to the Cuffee Community Center and 100 people came.

In 2016 we served 300 people which 150 were kids. A warm meal and clothes were served.

Education

Graduate of Indian River High School

Attended Norfolk State University and studied Accounting