

# IGNITE HOPE AND CHANGE LIVES

# VALLEYHAVEN FURNITURE BANK



Serving the Northern Shenandoah Valley

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Because of your compassion and commitment to wellbeing in our community, you already know that there are needs in our area that are not being met. **You** can be part of something new right from the start- with a heart full of **hope** and a vision for a community that cares deeply for its neighbors.

Even as we are laying the groundwork, **the work has begun!** Chris was the first person that was helped by Valleyhaven Furniture Bank.

*Chris, a client of one of Valleyhaven's first partners (CCAP in Winchester), had been through the ringer. Adversity has followed him at every step. A former convict whose bad choices had caught up to him, Chris also suffered from a traumatic brain injury. With very little hope for a better future for himself, Chris tried to take care of the symptoms of his brain injury - pain, confusion, impulsivity, mood swings - by self-medicating with whatever substances he could get his hands on.*

*Thanks to the support of the Winchester-area nonprofit community, however, all of that is now in the past for Chris. As a result of the compassion and resources this community has provided, Chris has been able to put together so many of the formerly broken pieces of his life. He has been sober for over a year and is working to start his own business. When he isn't working to provide for himself, he gives back to the community that has given him so much, volunteering up to 30 hours per week! Despite this incredible growth and change, however, Chris still faces challenges to secure housing because of his past.*

Through connections that he was able to make through CCAP, he now has a room in a shared house! Shelter! BUT CCAP does not have the capacity to collect, store and distribute the furnishings to make the room into a home. Chris needed furniture. Andrea Cosans, the Executive Director, reached out to us and we took it from there to assess what Chris already had and make sure that **the rest came together quickly.**

Chris no longer just has a room. He has a home. Chris has **security and rest.** Chris has a place where he can get find comfort and make plans for a bright future.

**Valleyhaven Furniture Bank is gearing up to be in full service to the community in the Fall of 2024,** and we are extending a heartfelt invitation to businesses like yours to be a beacon of support in this endeavor. **Help us launch!** With your generosity, we will be able to start strong!

Our mission is simple: to furnish the homes of people like Chris - individuals and families who are overcoming adversity such as those coming out of homelessness, domestic violence, or other challenging circumstances. By providing essential furniture, we can create **not just a space but a haven where hope is rekindled, and the journey to a brighter future begins.**

Valleyhaven Furniture Bank is all about **collaboration.** This work will be transformative for the nonprofit community of the Northern Shenandoah Valley. Several local agencies have already

committed to partnership and are chomping at the bit for us to lunch. Your support will also increase *their* capacity to serve more people like Chris.



***Together, we believe we can create a ripple effect of positive change, one furnished home at a time.***

Why is this so critical? Picture Chris moving into his new room, having triumphed over so many challenges, only to face the disheartening reality of an empty living space.

Beds, sofas, tables - the basic elements that turn a house into a home are often unattainable luxuries for those starting anew. **When choosing between a bedframe and dinner for your children, you go another night on the floor.**

***You can rewrite this narrative and weave stories of resilience, comfort, and strength.***

Without your kindness, needs will go unmet. Your support becomes a cornerstone of this mission. **Your sponsorship creates a vision of a community where everyone has the chance to rise.** Your sponsorship directly contributes to the launch and sustained operation of Valleyhaven Furniture Bank, ensuring a major impact from day one and transformed lives for years to come.

As we eagerly anticipate the full launch of Valleyhaven Furniture Bank in the Fall of 2024, we invite you to **be a part of this transformative journey.** Sponsorship levels are available for everyone.

If you have any questions or would like to delve deeper into this opportunity, please do not hesitate to reach out: **[valleyhavenfurniturebank@gmail.com](mailto:valleyhavenfurniturebank@gmail.com)** OR make a gift online through **[valleyhavenfurniturebank.org](http://valleyhavenfurniturebank.org)**. Your support is not just a financial contribution; it is an investment in the well-being and future of our community.

***Your gift will help make every house a home.***

Warmest regards,

*Carolyn Thalman*

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*P.S. - Think of an empty house. Is it restful? Does it feel secure? Is it home? Now, let's make it a home. Donate today to make houses into homes for those overcoming adversity!*

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