

Hunger Bits

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- **Blue Ridge Area Food Bank.** The Blue Ridge Area Food Bank Network, which includes 4 area branches, serves, collects and distributes food and related products to qualified churches and 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations. Over 500 member agencies provide free meals or supplemental and emergency food boxes to those in need. It was established in 1981, to help feed hungry people in our community.
- **Churchville Community Food Pantry.** Food distribution began in 1999 to hungry families in the Western Augusta County area. The Loch Willow church in cooperation with other Churchville churches, set up the pantry where they are currently serving 46 families representing 130 people per month. Six area churches provide volunteers, funds and food to help the people of this community.
- **Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy.** Founded in 1982, VICPP is the only non-partisan, non-profit, statewide partnership in Virginia advocating for social justice in light of our shared Jewish, Muslim and Christian values. It advocates on behalf of the Faith community for the most vulnerable Virginians. Membership includes individuals, congregations, organizations and judicatories.

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