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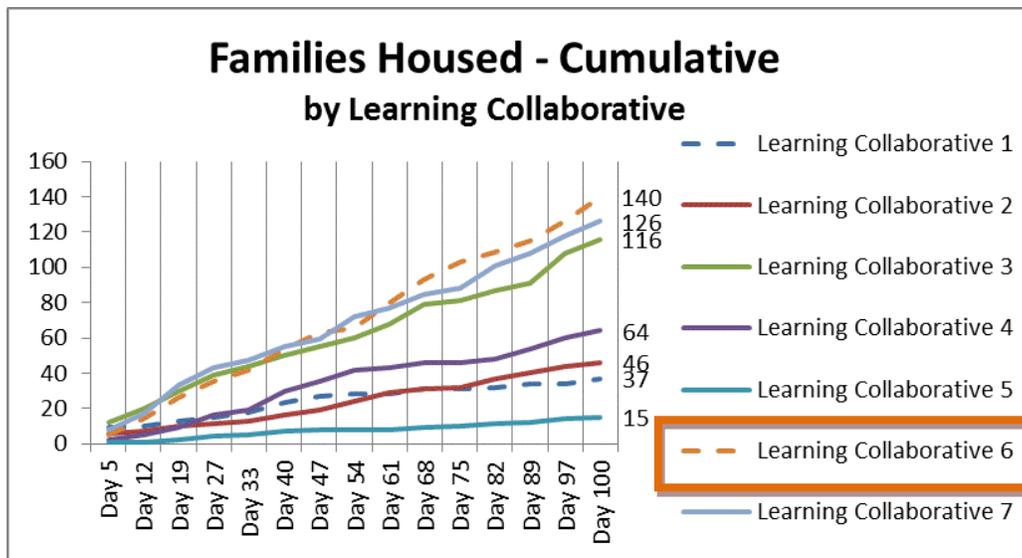
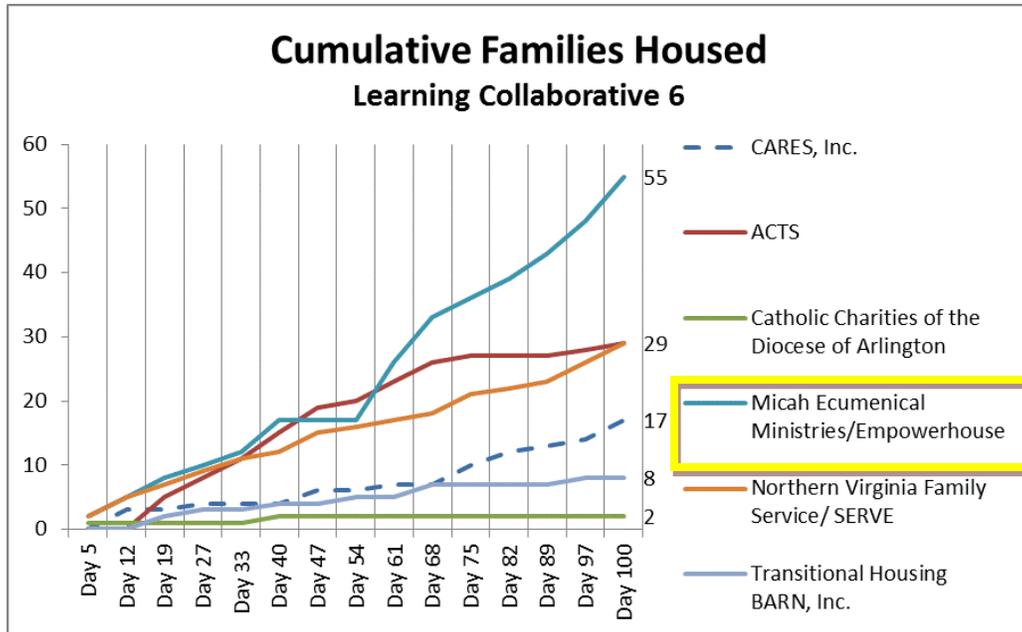
TO: Mayor Greenlaw and Members of City Council
FROM: Beverly R. Cameron, City Manager
DATE: February 18, 2014
SUBJECT: City Manager's Update

Highlights of major activities and other notable developments:

Riverfront Park Project Meeting - The City and [Riverfront Task Force](#) are encouraging members of the Fredericksburg community to share their ideas for the Riverfront Park design by holding an open house meeting on Saturday, March 8 (location and time to be announced). Learn about the status of the design process, brainstorm ideas for the park, and offer feedback on design concepts by attending this meeting. A late April/early May meeting is planned as well. The Fredericksburg community is also encouraged to submit comments via the [comment form](#). Check back for the details of the meetings at www.fredericksburgva.gov

City Employees Strive to End Homelessness - Twenty-five city employees contributed a total of \$1,681.00 to the regional Home for the Holidays Program which started in November 2013. The effort was the local response to the statewide challenge from the Virginia Coalition to End Homelessness to bring an end to family homelessness over a period of 100 days. As of January 27, a total of 58 homeless families with children living in the City Fredericksburg or King George, Caroline, Spotsylvania, or Stafford Counties have moved out of homelessness and into their own home or apartment. The local program, coordinated through the Central Virginia Housing Coalition, exceeded the goal of housing 35 families and led the Commonwealth in the statewide effort. This news is both great and terrifying.

Of the 58 families, many were referred from the local veterans program run by Quin Rivers. Others were moved out of the Thurman Brisben Center, Hope House, or were fleeing domestic violence situations with the assistance of Empowerhouse. Some families moved from living in their cars or staying at the Micah cold weather shelter. All of the families continue to receive case management support from the referring agencies to resolve the issues that led to their homelessness, with the goal of preventing reoccurrence.



 Planning District (PD) 16

 Learning Collaborative 6 (includes PD 16)

Weather - Several projects have been delayed because of inclement winter weather. Roof replacements, the retaining wall repairs at City Hall, and the Visitor Center lettering project have all been delayed but will be rescheduled as soon as the weather permits.

Treasurer's Office - Office improvements for the new Treasurer and staff are being implemented to include system furniture to better utilize office space, a drop box for after hour payments, and new paint. Coordination for the work is being scheduled to minimize disruption to this operation.

Bass-Ellison Generator - Public Facilities continues to work with the Health Department on technical information for the state procurement of a natural gas generator for this facility. The ARB completed a required advisory review of the site location and the fence

enclosure. The only comment from the ARB was a request to set the fence back as far from the sidewalk as possible.