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City of Charlottesville Announces Blanket and Food Drives
Growing need in the area fuels a bigger outreach this year

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA – The City of Charlottesville is once again partnering with the Charlottesville Albemarle SPCA and the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank to raise new or used blankets for the dogs who are SPCA residents this holiday season and food for the area’s needy families. Last year the City raised over 600 blankets and the goal this year is 750 to meet the needs of the animals through the year. The blankets are used to keep dogs warm during the colder months and to avoid having them have to sleep on a concrete surface. This is the fourth year that the City has volunteered to raise blankets. City of Charlottesville employees have donated generously in year’s past and this year we are inviting the public to help out as well. Donations are being taken beginning Monday, December 7th in the front lobby of City Hall, Police lobby, Neighborhood Development Services lobby, and the City Managers Office as well as blanket sites at the CASPCA at 3355 Berkmar Drive, *Purring at Pantops*, and *Pampered Pets* at 601 Concord Drive. There are additional donation locations at ACAC for the Food Bank drive. Donations will be taken until the end of the year.

For more information, residents can call **970-3129**.

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