

CULTIVATING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

Together we can increase healthcare access and improve health outcomes for Virginia patients and families.



UVA Health is committed to improving healthcare access and health equity in the communities we serve as part of our mission to “transform health and inspire hope for all Virginians and beyond.” Our community health needs assessment shows that most of our patients and many area children and families are impacted by financial hardships and social determinants of health that increase the prevalence of chronic diseases, create barriers to primary and preventive care, and compromise patients’ recovery from illness and injury.

To address these disparities, UVA Health partners with local agencies, nonprofits, and Charlottesville residents to:

- Improve primary and preventive care access among historically underserved residents
- Assist patients and community members with basic needs that are fundamental to health and healing
- Care for vulnerable patients beyond hospital walls

UVA Health dedicates resources and staff to sustain these efforts, and our nursing and medical students offer vital assistance, getting hands-on clinical training that meets our community’s needs. These programs would not be possible without philanthropic support.

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CARE IN THE COMMUNITY

We strive to make UVA Health's world-class care accessible to all residents of Charlottesville. With public and private support, we acquired our first **mobile health vehicle** and will begin offering mobile primary care services initially in two of Charlottesville's most underserved neighborhoods, Fifeville and Southwood. With additional philanthropic support, we can expand these services to other areas and purchase additional mobile health vehicles. UVA Health also provides healthcare and other resources to residents facing barriers to care in a traditional clinic setting through:

- **The Latino Health Initiative**
- **Health stations in Fifeville and Southwood**
- **Nursing clinic at the Westhaven CARES Center**
- **Consultation and care services for the homeless**
- **International Family Medical Clinic for refugees**

CARE BEYOND MEDICINE

We assist patients and community members in meeting basic needs.

- Our **BEYOND Program** helps patients and their families struggling to secure lodging, transportation, utilities, or other basic needs during treatment or recovery.
- Our **Food Programs** offer nutritious foods, nutritional education, low-cost recipes, meal cards, and other support to patients and community members facing food insecurity. These food programs draw attendance to and are vital to the success of our community health stations.

CARE BEYOND HOSPITAL WALLS

We meet patients where they are to improve their care experiences and outcomes.

- **Virginia at Home** is UVA Health's flagship, person-centered primary care program for older adults with complex conditions or needs who are confined to their residences or assisted living facilities.
- **Community Paramedicine Program** helps vulnerable patients adhere to their care plans and avoid the Emergency Department for non-urgent needs. Through at-home visits, UVA Health paramedics assist patients with their medications, help them access primary and specialty care, and connect them with food, transportation, and other resources.

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*Help us transform health and inspire hope in Charlottesville and across Virginia.
Make a gift in support of UVA Health's community partnerships today.*



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