

The Ladies Board of Inova Loudoun Hospital

Rummage Committee Report for June

(Presented July 1, 2025)

The Rummage Committee met on June 18, 2025. Present at this meeting was Cara, Volunteer Coordinator for Loudoun Cares. Their organization is the “match maker” for volunteers and nonprofits in Loudoun County. Cara walked everyone present and on Teams through their website and how it will serve us going forward. Cara will be working with each department chair to create a unique landing page on the Loudoun Cares website to help find new volunteers for events going forward.

The Ladies Board website has been updated to show the Sept 13<sup>th</sup> donation day and the flyer for the 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Rummage Sale. Also, on the landing page of the website is the ability to purchase VIP Tickets for \$56 and Elite VIP tickets for \$86. The VIP tickets allow you to shop during the VIP shopping event on October 17, 2025. Elite VIP tickets allow you to shop on the 17<sup>th</sup> as well as providing a premiere parking pass for the entire weekend. As of June 29, 2025, we have sold 30 VIP tickets and 1 Elite VIP ticket.

On June 21, 2025, from 9 am to 12 pm, the rummage committee participated in a donation day that was organized by Loudoun Cares for their annual shred event. We set up three tents and 5 tables. We hired Blue Ridge Hauling to move all the donations back to the trailers. Shirley Rogers, Trish Serratore, Patti Sinnen, Stacey Bassett and Andrew Bassett were on hand to process donations, repack, and label them. A 16-foot box truck was filled from floor to ceiling as well as a SUV. Ashburn was very successful for us. We will be joining the shred event again next year. We should also investigate having a fall donation day at the same DC Prime location.

In the month of June, volunteers helped pack up multiple houses. An entire neighborhood was purchased by a developer who will be demolishing the houses. Joanne Thorpe reached out to the owners of the houses to ask if they had any donations for the rummage committee. We packed up three houses in the neighborhood. One house took us 5 days of packing and one day to move all the items. The amount we received from this one house was enough to fill  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a tractor trailer. One homeowner is an antique dealer while the

other one was a fashionable woman who enjoyed decorating and crafting. We received 70 bags of designer clothing, some with merchandise tags still attached. We also received 57 holiday trees. MG Moving Services brought their large moving van and still needed to make two trips to the trailers at Cornwall.

On Jun 30, 2025, the rummage committee held a neighborhood donation day at Potomac Green in Ashburn, VA. Shirley Rogers organized the various neighbors and order of pickups. Blue Ridge Hauling was hired to move all the items back to the trailers. We received so many donations; the movers had to make two trips to the trailers. We received furniture pieces as well as household items. Having the movers on hand for the neighborhood event is crucial, especially within a 55 and old housing complex. The movers were able to disassemble the furniture and move it for the homeowners. It reduces stress for the donor.

We currently have 2 full equipment trailers. We have 4 fully packed tractor trailers full of donations. We have one room in the shell storage packed completely. We have a quarter of the other shell storage room full. Basically, we have 5 complete trailers full of donations packed floor to ceiling with no room for movement. A new trailer was delivered June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Written by Stacey Bassett

Rummage Committee Chair

Committee Members: Barb Minor, Chantil Roberts, Sandra Wehr, Ro Berner, Marantha Edwards, Lindsay Hope, Shelley Winants, Mary Brecht, Debbie Melia, Katrina Waggoner, Denise Goff, Georgette Cerula, Hazel Saffell, Darby Nelson-Folk, Patti Sinnen, Trish Serratore, and Stacey Bassett

Blurb from *The Latest Newsletter* produced by Loudoun Cares:

**Volunteer Center**

We are pleased to announce that we have forged a new partnership with **The Ladies Board of Inova Loudoun Hospital**, a Leesburg-based non-profit organization whose mission is to promote goodwill between the Hospital and the community and to raise funds for nursing scholarships, patient services and special projects. The Ladies Board manages and operates The Riverside Gift Shop and the Twice Is Nice thrift shop, the Lights of Love remembrance project, and the Annual Rummage Sale. Loudoun Cares is joining forces with this amazing group as we are now the Official Volunteer Sponsor of this year's 86th Annual Rummage Sale to be held this fall.