



"Be the StreetLight That Keeps Someone Safe This Christmas."

This Year, YOU Are Our Greatest Gift.

Dear Friend,

As Christmas approaches, many of us across Virginia will gather in the warmth and comfort of home. Yet right now, our neighbors are facing **one of the most severe food insecurity and housing crises our community has seen in decades** - and StreetLight is on the front lines, meeting this moment with courage, compassion, and Christ-like love.

With drastic government funding cuts, the fragile stability so many have fought to regain is at risk of collapsing. For our most vulnerable neighbors, losing housing is not an inconvenience, it is a **life-threatening emergency**.

I cannot allow medically fragile men and women to be pushed back into homelessness in our own backyard. We have worked tirelessly to shelter the most vulnerable, and I cannot, in good conscience, watch them lose the safety they have finally found. **Can you?**

Today, I am asking you—urgently and from the heart—to come alongside StreetLight and help us protect the lives entrusted to our care. At this very moment, 29 individuals—many elderly, disabled, or living with severe health conditions—depend entirely on StreetLight as the only safe place they have.

We urgently need **\$300,000** to prevent devastating funding gaps in 2026.

Just **\$1,387 a month** keeps one medically fragile individual safely housed—with a place to call home, case management, and essential medical support. This is not optional care. It is the difference between dignity and danger, stability and the streets.

If critical funding ends, your gift becomes the lifeline that keeps our rental units open and protects people we know **by name** from being forced back into homelessness—**right here in our own community**.

Please don't set this letter aside or assume this need will pass. We know this season brings countless appeals, but **this is not just a Christmas ask**. When the decorations come down and the celebrations fade, the need remains—and so do the lives depending on us.

Let me share one life your kindness is protecting:

"One fall changed everything—but StreetLight helped me come full circle."

After a devastating accident, Floyd came to StreetLight's Hypothermia and Supportive Shelters seeking safety and care. There, he recovered from spinal surgery, found stability, and began to heal. Today, his story has come **full circle**—he has recently moved into one of StreetLight's housing programs and is preparing to seek employment again.

"We became a little family here," Floyd shares. *"Now that I'm back on my feet, I want to give back."*

As we celebrate the season of Christ's love, we are reminded of His call to shelter the vulnerable, feed the hungry, and care for the least of these.

This Christmas, let's ensure that:

- ◆ No StreetLight resident loses the only safe place they have
- ◆ No medically fragile neighbor is forced back onto the streets
- ◆ No one goes hungry because funding is cut

When the spotlight moves on, **StreetLight stays**.

When the holidays end, **the crisis does not**.

Your generosity today keeps someone housed, protected, and cared for—not just for the season, but for the long months ahead, when hope can feel hardest to hold onto.

Please make your urgent year-end gift today: www.thestreetlight.org

Thank you for being the StreetLight that keeps someone safe—this Christmas and beyond.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Gabriele Tibbs

Gabriele Tibbs
Executive Director

