

# Northern Neck Insurance awards \$23,000 in grants

Northern Neck Insurance (NNINS) has stepped up its commitment to Virginia communities, announcing substantial donations to nine organizations through its community giving program. With a total sum of \$23,000 allocated, these grants support initiatives benefiting families and communities across the Commonwealth.

The donations, awarded by the company's Community Giving Team, reflect Northern Neck Insurance's dedication to fostering thriving communities. Mike Antonio, NNINS creative director and head of the Community Giving Program, emphasized the company's belief in the power of community support.

"Our community giving program expands our ability to positively impact communities beyond providing valuable insurance products," said Antonio.

Eight organizations were



Jay Coleman of Northern Neck Insurance recently presented a check to members of Smith Point Sea Rescue. From left are Kendra Simpson, president Dan Benjamin, Coleman, treasurer Don Stone and secretary Bill Turville.

selected from a pool of 17 applicants aligned with NNINS' grant priorities. These include support for Virginia families; diversity and inclusion; safe and affordable hous-

ing; community safety; emergency response; Virginia history and culture; and Virginia's natural environment.

The grant recipients represent a diverse range of causes

and initiatives. Recipients include:

- The Haven Shelter and Services, Warsaw, \$1,200 for technology support, enabling remote meetings for victims of

sexual violence.

- SERVE, Fredericksburg, \$3,500 to bolster its wellness programs, health education and tailored meal options.

- Central Rappahannock Regional Library - Westmoreland Library on the Go, Fredericksburg, \$2,785 toward a mobile library service.

- Jacob's Ladder, Urbanna, \$2,785 to aid in a summer enrichment program and year-round advocacy program for gifted at-risk youth.

- Garfield's Rescue, Weems, \$2,785 for medical expenses for rescued cats, covering sterilization and vaccinations.

- Upper Lancaster Volunteer Fire Department, Lively, \$2,785 to support emergency services and safety promotion.

- Morattico Waterfront Museum, Morattico, \$850 to upgrade their audio/visual system.

- Washington Heritage Museum, Fredericksburg,

\$1,300 for renovating and repainting signage at the Rising Sun Tavern Museum & Hugh Mercer Apothecary Shop Museum.

Moreover, NNINS employees, through the Employees Charitable Giving Fund, directed a \$5,000 donation to Smith Point Sea Rescue in Burgess. This organization, composed entirely of volunteers, provides vital assistance to boaters in the mid-Chesapeake Bay area.

Looking ahead, the next NNINS grant cycle is slated to open in the fall of 2024. Interested parties are urged to visit [www.nnins.com/community](http://www.nnins.com/community).

In addition, NNINS also seeking volunteer opportunities for its employees, reflecting its commitment to active community engagement. Organizations with volunteer opportunities throughout the year are invited to contact Mike Antonio at [mantonio@nnins.com](mailto:mantonio@nnins.com).