

Helping Portsmouth's families thrive, not just survive!

BACKGROUND

Chainbreakers was founded and received its 501(c)3 non-profit status in 2004. It was launched with a mission to help Portsmouth's families improve their quality of life and open new doors of opportunity for adults and their families.

The organization was re-launched in January 2025, after aligning with the "Right to Read" movement, with two, new areas of focus: **childhood literacy and food sufficiency.**

PROGRAMS

DOLLY PARTON IMAGINATION LIBRARY



Chainbreakers is the official sponsor of the Portsmouth Chapter of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, a program that promotes early childhood reading by shipping books monthly to children ages 0 to 5.

READING ENRICHMENT PROGRAM



SEE THE PROGRAM IN ACTION



The Reading Enrichment Program is phonic-based, science backed program that helps Portsmouth's elementary school students develop or improve their reading skills. The 4-day program is hosted in Portsmouth schools and concludes with a graduation and parent workshop.

NOURISH THE NEIGHBORHOOD



SEE THE PROGRAM IN ACTION



Nourish the Neighborhood partners with Mercy Chefs to provide hot meals for our Reading Enrichment Program and for Community Dinners, which we host twice per month. This program also provides a monthly grocery distribution, in partnership with the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore

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During the 2025-26 school year, Chainbreakers will work with 75 students at 3 Portsmouth elementary schools: Cradock (2x), Douglas Park, and Waterview

SOME OF OUR GENEROUS DONORS

- Donations over \$20,000**
 Friends of Portsmouth Public Library
 City of Portsmouth/Portsmouth United
- Donations over \$1,000**
 Yvonne Dodson
 Metro Ministers Conference of VA
 Suffolk Foundation
 Whirlpool

- Donations \$500 to \$999**
 Alpha Delta Kappa
 Georgiana Smith
 Jimmy Fowlie
 Plan U Inc
 S.E.L.F.
- Safe & Sound
 Sentara Health Partners
 Simmsdale Civic Club
 You Need to Know Ministries



750+

Since September 2025, when we launched the Nourish the Neighborhood program, we've provided hot meals to more than 750 people



A Favorite Moment

"Who learned to read new words this week?"



"Guess what? I made a 100 on all my reading tests today!"

-Excited Reading Enrichment Student on Day 4 of the program

\$75,000

Since our relaunch in January 2025, we've raised nearly \$75,000 for Chainbreakers and its programs