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## Mark Your Calendars for National GIVING TUESDAY - Nov. 27, 2018

**READY, SET, SERVE!**

### **The Challenge!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

It's simple, if you believe in Providence Bible College and Theological Seminary make a donation and help equip men and women for God's service. Our newest donor is a resident of Mayfair House Assisted Living Facility. This resident made a donation recently. After making the donation, the resident stated "God will Bless Me". In response, God will bless the giver and the gifts. He will touch the hearts of people both near and far, taking little and make it much more than we could ever imagine. Can you think about the movement of God through this donor; acting out of obedience to God and then proclaiming God's promise. Friends, God can use anyone, anything, at any time for His Glory. Our hearts were touched and overflowed with joy from this new relationship and special monetary gift. The parable found in Mark 12: 41-45 reminds us about our giving. The Poor Widow whose giving impresses Jesus. It is not the size of the gift but the sacrifice as in this story.

Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents. Calling His disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she gave out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."

On Tuesday, November 27, 2018 let's accept the Challenge below to get as many donors as you can. Let's follow our new donor's attitude and give, knowing **GOD WILL BLESS YOU.**

### Check Your Calendar

HAPPY TURKEY DAY!!!!

- 11/12/2018-Veterans Day-No Classes
- 11/16/2018-Technology & Pizza at 6:30 p.m.
- 11/17/2018-Last Day of Fall Quarter
- 11/20/2018-Delivery to Needy Family
- 11/22/2018-Thanksgiving Day
- 11/26/2018-Winter Quarter Begins
- 11/27/2018-Giving Tuesday

## Giving Tuesday cont'd....

### Challenge!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

1. The Giving Tuesday Challenge is November 27<sup>th</sup> and will continue through December 31<sup>st</sup>.
2. The Board of Directors, faculty, students, alumni, family, friends, neighbors, and churches get as many new donors that will give \$10.00 between November 27 through December 31, 2018.
3. Join us each Thursday starting December 6<sup>th</sup>, December 13<sup>th</sup>, December 20<sup>th</sup>, and December 27<sup>th</sup> 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Mayfair House Assisted Living Facility (next door to the school) for a four- part series entitled “The Greatest Gift of All”.
4. Share your photos and posts with us: #GivingTuesdayPBCTSSChallenge during November 27, 2018 through December 31, 2018.
5. Be about equipping men and women for God’s service.

**THANK YOU, DR. EDITH WHITE, PBCTS BOARD MEMBER, FOR YOUR INSPIRATION!** Check out our article spotlight on Dr. White following this page....

## Our “Winner”

Minister Hazon Dixon



Congratulations!!!!!!!!!!!! Minister Hazon Dixon.

Minister Hazon Dixon attended the African American Fellowship of Virginia Preaching Camp Conference on October 26-27, 2018. The event was well attended and very informative. Dr. Rev. Robert Smith, Jr. Beeson Divinity School of Samford University, Birmingham, AL was the guest lecturer.

As one of the highlights of the event, participants were entered into a drawing each day. President Woodhouse had the winning number for one of the daily drawings. However, Minister Dixon was the grand prize winner. He won a Wordsearch Bible Software Program. Dr. Reginald Woodhouse, Dr. Ramon Moran and Dr. Francine Jackson also attended the conference.

# Black Friday... Cyber Monday... Help launch #GivingTuesday™!

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Thank you Dr. LaVann West

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## ***Technology and Pizza.....***

Come join us, November 16, 2018 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
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At **6:30 p.m.** we will have a technology session with Dr. Ramon Moran as the facilitator. Learn about our twitter page, NEO online platform, our new online store, and Zoom. Call to reserve your space. Students and faculty bring a guest. Also bring items to stuff a basket for a needy family for Thanksgiving. We are partnering with the City of Portsmouth Department of Social Services.



## ***Congratulations*** to Dr. Edith White

Edith White, executive director of  
the Hampton Roads Community  
Action Program | First person

In addition to an abundance of inherent get up and go, a short stint at a burger joint in high school helped propel Newport News native Edith White to success. White, the executive director of the Hampton Roads Community Action Program said her experience in fast food is an example of how

“sometimes things show you what you don’t want to do in life. That’s why it’s important to have a variety of experiences so that you’re able to hone in on what makes you happy, and where you are able to make a contribution.”

Throughout her public service career, White has made numerous community contributions.

After graduating from Warwick High School, White studied mass communications and journalism at Virginia Commonwealth University. After working at the college, she worked at several non-profit organizations, including the United Way and the Red Cross. White also worked at the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles, where she was responsible for statewide marketing and public relations.

“During my 10-year tenure at the DMV, we helped to make a better organization, from the community engagement perspective,” she said.

Before joining the community action program – or HRCAP – White retired as president and CEO of the Urban League of Hampton Roads. She worked there for more than 15 years, focusing on education, health care and housing – ideal preparation for her current position.

## **ORGANIZATIONAL FOCUS**

“The easiest way to describe it (HRCAP) is that we’re an anti-poverty agency. We address poverty in a number of ways, by providing programs and services that help families and individuals rise out of poverty,” she said.

HRCAP operates the largest Head Start program in Virginia. Its services also include support for veterans, an after-school enrichment program, a first-time home-buyers assistance group and a homeless day center.

“We’re also a strong community partner with a number of organizations and programs. We try to be that beacon of light and hope in the community where others can find (a) place where they can move forward in their life and thrive,” she said. “That’s why programs like Head Start are so critical because we are touching the lives of the very young, giving them that opportunity to build a strong foundation of learning, a strong foundation of good health.”

The program also has a house for veterans in Hampton. It's a new initiative, less than a year old, that's designed to help veterans get back on their feet.

"Sometimes, those who have served our country find themselves in hard times, so they just need that bridge to self-sufficiency," she said.

White said HRCAP strives to be nimble and that its response to the opioid crisis is an example of that.

"We decided that, although it was not a part of our existing lineup of programs, this is something impacting the community and we needed to take a look at how we could be part of solution," she said. "Until someone steps forward to help with solutions, nothing gets done. We believe that we are in the business of finding solutions. We're really trying to disrupt poverty with the programs and the services that we're offering across the region."

## **A NONPROFIT VOICE**

In addition to continuing to lead her college sorority Alpha Kappa Alpha, White volunteers for AARP and serves on the boards of organizations including the Hampton Redevelopment and Housing Authority, Smart Beginnings, Hampton Roads Workforce Development Board and Providence Bible College and Theological Seminary.

For the past seven years, White has also hosted a weekly radio program, "Building a Better Life with Edith White," which airs at noon every Monday on WHOV 88.1 FM. She covers topics near and dear to her heart including education, healthcare, religion and housing.

"As someone who has been in non-profit a long time, I understand the challenges non-profits face in getting their messages out. I try to utilize the show as an opportunity for individuals to share the good work that they're doing in the community because I know how hard I've struggled, whether with the Urban League or the Red Cross or the United Way. You have to really get your messages out to people. When this opportunity was afforded me, I decided to open it up so that others benefited and utilize it to share what they're doing and how people can become involved and engaged. Along the way, hopefully, we're giving some tidbits and information that people can utilize to build a better life."

## **AWAY FROM WORK**

When not working, White focuses on family and staying active. Her daughter is an urban planner in Richmond and her son is in his senior year at VCU.

“I’m very proud of both of them. My life outside of work is health, fitness and children,” she said, adding that she catches as many Zumba classes as her schedule allows and that, while not a particularly good golfer, she enjoys the game.

White also administers a scholarship that she created in honor of her grandmother.

“I try to make that an effective tool to help young people in need of support to continue their education,” she said.

## **CAREER ADVICE**

“Become engaged in your community. You never know where that next opportunity will come from.

When you give back to the community by becoming engaged, you find that it enriches your life and broadens your scope. It opens your eyes to greater opportunity. It makes you a stronger person. So become engaged in your community. Find your fit, your niche. Find where you can utilize your passion and your talent, and I think you will be rewarded when you do that.”

“Make your good better and your better best. At the end of the show each week, that’s something that I say because I think that whatever you have, you have to be grateful for that, number one, and we have to operate in a spirit of gratitude. We also have to take a look at how we can take what we have, wherever we are in life, and try to continue to make it better.”

“Working in this field is not easy. Everyone does not come to the door prepared and ready to move forward. It takes some coaching. It takes some counseling. It takes some hand holding, but it’s our job to do that and it’s really a privilege to be able to have an impact on someone’s life.”