

## **Fauquier Community Coalition (FCC) – CY2024-2025**

To provide some relevant background; the FCC is a qualified 501(3)C charitable organization that works to alleviate poverty throughout Fauquier County, VA. We do this by recruiting, organizing and enhancing church and other volunteer groups in our community and strive to provide goods, services and information to address the challenges and unmet needs of the disadvantaged in our county, including home repairs, clothing and furniture assistance, and firewood assistance, etc. The FCC works with the Fauquier Department of Social Services and other local non-profit organizations to fully vet our clients within the county.

To find out more about FCC, please visit our web page:

<https://www.fauquiercommunitycoalition.org>

**The “Fire Wood Ministry”** is a separate year-round project within the FCC. Downed hardwood trees which have been cut into wood-rounds are donated to the Fire Wood Ministry located at The Gathering Place, 650 Alwington Blvd., Warrenton, VA.

Volunteers then cut, split and stack the donated wood and deliver this free fire wood to help heat the homes of qualified, needy clients during the fall and winter months. During the months of September 2023 through March 2024, volunteers delivered over 517 truckloads of seasoned firewood using over 3,600 volunteer hours. The spring & summer, (April through August), months are used to process, cut, split and stack the wood for “seasoning” and storage.

### **Description**

*Fall/Winter Schedule (September – March):* Donated firewood is cut, split, stacked, and delivered to qualified struggling southern Fauquier County residents every Saturday morning from the Warrenton Baptist Church property, “The Gathering Place”, located behind Brumfield Elementary at 650 Alwington Boulevard in Warrenton, VA. No special skills are needed. If you have an axe or maul, please bring them. Gloves are strongly encouraged. Social distancing is available as we work outside in a large, open area. Pickup trucks with willing drivers are especially needed. We hope to see you any Saturday morning from 9:00 to 11:00 am (September – March), and 8:00-10:00 (April – August).

- Volunteers should be between the ages of 8 and older (under age minors need to be accompanied by an adult.)
- Family Friendly activity.
- Outdoor environment.
- Inclement Weather Plan: Inclement weather will cause cancellation of the event on any given Saturday.
- Not Wheelchair accessible.