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Virginia Organizing: Advocating for social justice

Now celebrating 19 years of grassroots organizing in local communities across the state, Virginia Organizing is dedicated to making Virginia a more just place to live for all people. The organization believes in giving local people who are directly affected by city, county, state, and national policies an opportunity to become active in their communities.

Throughout each year and every month, Virginia Organizing members and supporters are busy advocating for social justice — Medicaid expansion, immigration reform, and other issues that have a negative impact on many Virginia citizens.

May was no exception. Virginia Organizing is asking legislators to support Medicaid expansion. In a May 14 meeting with Virginia Delegate Johnny Joannou's legislative aide, South Hampton Roads Chapter leader Yolander Davis shared her personal story of the consequences of being uninsured and having no access to affordable health care insurance options. Like so many other citizens, she falls in the "coverage gap."

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The Virginia Organizing Affordable Health Care Issue Team meets every first Monday, 1:00 to 2 p.m., at the Meyera Oberndorf Central Library in Virginia Beach. For more information: tstanley@virginia-organizing.org. To learn more about Virginia Organizing: www.virginia-organizing.org.



South Hampton Roads Virginia Organizing volunteers celebrate the more than 8 million Americans who now have access to affordable health insurance thanks to the Affordable Care Act.

Their volunteer certified application counselors worked hard to help local citizens apply for their new insurance plans during the first open enrollment session.

They will be on hand again to assist families during the next open enrollment session in November.



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Kay Meyer and Marie Thompson staff the recent yard sale fundraiser. Virginia Organizing's next yard sale will be June 14, 8 a.m.- 3 p.m., at Thalia United Methodist Church.

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