

NORTHERN PIEDMONT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

MESA 927 Orange Road Pratts, VA 22731

Visit Date- Spring 2021

Bio- Helping Madison County since 1982, MESA provides client services including emergency rent and utility assistance to county residents. Additionally, they have a Thrift Store open to all with clothing, household items and furniture. Their Food Pantry serves over 600 persons each month with food donations from four area grocery stores as well as Yoder's Country Market, the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank and individual donors. MESA manages a five-unit apartment building for families in transition. Another MESA program is the Madison Learning Center which offers childcare for infants, toddlers and after-school care.

Donors making a gift of \$200 or more will become a member of the 2x4 Gang at MESA. Their goal is - gifts of \$200 from 400 Madisonians! Last year, over 100 donors became members of the 2x4 Gang. Please know that donations of any amount will help MESA build a stronger community in Madison and they are thankful for each on every gift.

Notes:

- Main population served is from 30-60 yrs old needing food services
- Other services support monthly bill assistance, clothing and food
- MESA is supported by private donations totalling an average of \$100K annually
- They receive no federal or state funding, or monetary support from Madison County
- They have a working relationship with the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank
- MESA is operated by 6 staff members - 2 full-time and 4 part-time and 10 -12 volunteers
- They distribute food to 728 households in Madison County
- They work with other local organizations mainly in the form of referrals based on individual needs (Emergency services, 772 utilities, mortgage company, and SAFE)
- Biggest challenge is their donor base which is very small and poses sustainability issues
- They would like funding for building repairs (electrical, paint, and windows)
- A new large walk-in refrigerator to store food donations is another growing need and having enough food supplies on hand in general for service recipients

