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**WESLEY COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER RECEIVES THE PILLARS OF PROMISE AWARD FROM  
THE FOODBANK OF SOUTHEASTERN VIRGINIA AND THE EASTERN SHORE**

**Nonprofit to be honored at the Foodbank's Annual Hunger Summit, the Pillars of Promise Awards Luncheon on Wednesday, September 22**

**PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA (September 18, 2021)** — The Wesley Community Service Center will be honored at the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore's Annual Hunger Summit during the Pillars of Promise Award luncheon for their dedication and achievements in eliminating hunger.

The Wesley Community Service Center has proudly provided nutritious and accessible food options during its twice-weekly food distribution services for over 30 years. In that time, the organization has served thousands of people facing food scarcity in our community per year. In partnership with the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore's, the Wesley Center became the Portsmouth food HUB in 2021 and anticipates serving even more individuals in the years to come through this joint effort.

The Wesley Community Service Center is grateful for the recognition and is honored to receive the Pillars of Promise Award in the "Feed" category on Wednesday, September 22, 2021.

**About The Wesley Community Service Center**

The Wesley Community Service Center's mission is to connect people to people and communities to communities through quality programs, advocacy and education. The Wesley Community Service Center (WCSC), founded by Methodist Women, was established in 1937 in Portsmouth, Virginia with a goal to form a city mission board to address community needs and social issues. Now in its eighty-fourth year of service and ministry, the Wesley Center's goal is to empower and improve quality of life for the powerless and poor in Portsmouth's Southside communities. The organization remains committed to working for minority empowerment and building community to overcome racial, economic and social barriers. They act as an advocate and broker for community services and assistance for those with the greatest needs while conveying the important message of human dignity and worth. The organization provides critical programming to fulfill the unmet needs of 360 families per month.

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