

Ministries for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities

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Heart Havens

- Started in 1993 by the Virginia Conference
- First home opened in Virginia Beach in 1999
- There are homes providing services in:
 - Ashland
 - Lynchburg
 - Richmond (2)
 - Stuarts Draft
 - Virginia Beach
 - Winchester
- Now operating independently from the Virginia Conference

Heart Havens

- <http://www.hearthavens.org>
- February is Heart Havens Month
 - Host an event with a Speaker from Heart Havens or the District Advocate
 - Consider having a fundraiser
 - Coin banks
 - Bake sale
 - Pot luck
- Homes have need of maintenance and supplies
 - Visit <http://www.hearthavens.org/resources/worship-resources/> to see how to help

Camp Rainbow Connection

- <https://www.vaumc.org/camprainbow>
- Camp Rainbow Connection is a week-long respite camp held twice in the summer for individuals with intellectual disabilities.
- It started in 1985 at the Westview on the James Camp
- The 1st year there were 25 campers and 15 staff for one week
- The camp grew to 100 campers, 75+ staff each summer at Blackstone
- Campers can be 16 years and older
- In 2016, the camp relocated to Richard Bland College
- Due a smaller number of volunteers, the number of campers has been reduced to 80 campers each summer

Camp Rainbow Connection

- Ideally, there should be 1 camper with each volunteer staff member
- In recent years, numerous staff have had 2 campers
- Requirements to be a volunteer staff member are:
 - At least 16 years old
 - Be able to pass a criminal background check
 - Attend one of two training dates
 - March 30 or April 13
- Camp sessions this year are:
 - June 22-29
 - July 27-August 2