

# PARTNERSHIP FOR *Petersburg*

## REPORT



## CARD

*The Partnership for Petersburg encompasses nine Secretariats, 42 initiatives, and over 70 partners to bring comprehensive change to the citizens of Petersburg.*

Pillars	Accomplishments
Community	Established a digital hub with tools to help citizens access to local, state, and federal resource for childcare, education, health, housing and workforce.
Economic Development	Awarded twenty \$25,000 grants to existing and new small business owners to generate an entrepreneurial culture.  Hosting another job fair at the Petersburg Public Library on 4/19.
Education	Partnered with the YMCA to provide before and after school care at four of the local elementary schools.  52 tutors began providing tutoring services in March of 2023 to students in the Petersburg City public school system.
Food & Health	Successfully sourced and on-boarded a developer to bring a nationally recognized grocery store to central Petersburg.  Opened a maternal health hub and sponsored over 150 pop-up clinics.
Public Safety	Achieved a reduction in violent crime.  Partnered with the Department of Corrections to plan a work re-entry program through Nottoway Correctional Center.
Veterans Services	Created a world-class community resource center with the opening of the VCRC.

  
**Governor Glenn Youngkin**

  
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# OVERVIEW



## Education

Establish Lab Schools, tutoring, and comprehensive wrap-around services to improve the lives of Petersburg’s students.

### Initiatives

- Provide comprehensive student support through organizations like the YMCA to deliver activities students can partake in after school.
- Recover learning loss in reading and math through tutoring programs in conjunction with the Urban Leagues of Greater Richmond and Hampton Roads and Virginia’s four HBCUs.

### Accomplishments

- Partnered with the YMCA to provide before and after school care at four of the local elementary schools.
- Fifty tutors began providing tutoring services in March of 2023 to the students in the Petersburg City public school system.

## Health

Enhance services and resources to improve health outcomes for residents.

### Initiatives

- Expand health department clinic hours.
- Provide mobile healthcare clinics and services.
- Establish community-based health literacy hubs.
- Provide downtown Petersburg with a viable grocery store to combat the current insecurity due to the present “food desert.”

### Accomplishments

- Provided fifty mobile healthcare clinics and services between October and December.
- Expanded the health dept clinic hours by reopening an immunization clinic and a men's sexual health clinic.
- Successfully sourced and on-boarded a developer to bring a nationally recognized grocery store to central Petersburg.

## Public Safety

Safeguard Petersburg’s citizens through enhanced resources for legislative aid and police presence.

### Initiatives

- Hire additional U.S. Attorney General prosecutors to act as Special Assistant United States Attorneys (SAUSA).
- Engage soon-to-be-released inmates with the community work re-entry program to allow them a path of transition back into the workforce.

### Accomplishments

- Hired two additional SAUSAs to prosecute criminals at the Federal level, instead of the local level, to decrease crime.
- Partnered with the Department of Corrections to plan a work re-entry program through Nottoway Correctional Center.

## Commerce

Revitalizing & investing in existing and new businesses, and growing the workforce.

### Initiatives

- Generate entrepreneurial culture through the funding of start-ups.
- Engage Petersburg’s employers with job fairs.
- Revitalize downtown Petersburg.

### Accomplishments

- Awarded twenty, \$25,000 grants to existing and new small business owners in Petersburg.
- Hosting another jobs fair at the Petersburg Public Library on 4/19.
- Opened the Virginia Community Resource Center in downtown Petersburg.

## Transportation

Ensure citizens have increased access to transportation options for work and recreation.

### Initiatives

- Revitalize the multi-modal center to expand access to transportation.
- Provide additional passenger rail service options by increasing rate of trains that pass through Petersburg.
- Ensure Petersburg has safe entrances and exits along the I-95 and I-85 corridors.

### Accomplishments

- Opened a 76,000 square foot multi-modal transportation center to serve as a hub for the Tri-Cities region.
- Provided an additional passenger rail trip servicing DC to Norfolk.
- Began a year long study to address the entrances & exits along the I-95 and I-85 corridors for safety & operational improvements.

## Community

Maximize partnerships to enhance community and faith based engagement.

### Initiatives

- Design and build out a platform for expanding the accessibility of resources and local, state and federal funding and incorporate this with community groups, opportunities and resources.
- Foster a coalition of public and private partnerships, community groups, and faith organizations to identify needs and resources.

### Accomplishments

- Implemented a digital hub in the Virginia Community Resource Center (VCRC) with tools to help citizens access state and federal assistance for childcare, education, health, housing, and workforce.