ALIVE! Inc. is the largest private safety net for the low income community in Alexandria, addressing short to long-term needs for those less fortunate. ALIVE! exists to help people faced with emergency situations or long-term needs become capable of assuming self-reliant roles in the community. A nonprofit organization comprised of 44 faith-based congregations and diverse community members, ALIVE! is dedicated to helping those in need in the City of Alexandria.

ALIVE! provides:

Food assistance for those who struggle to put food on the table

Last Saturday Food Distribution
Monthly food distribution of up to 5 days of groceries. On the last Saturday of every month, January through October, and the second Saturday in December
- West End Site: Church of the Resurrection, 2280 North Beauregard Street
  (Next to Goodwin House East), 9am – 11am
- East End Site: Cora Kelly Recreation Center, 25 West Reed Ave, 9am to 11am
- Old Town Site (22314 zip): Ladrey High Rise, 300 Wythe Street, 8:30am to 12noon

Home food deliveries for elderly and disabled – Referrals from DCHS.
Contact FEP@alive-inc.org or 703-549-3692

High quality preschool for low-income working parents – ALIVE! Child Development Center – 703-548-9255

Financial assistance for rent, utilities, and medical care – Family Emergency Program - Referrals from DCHS. FEP@alive-inc.org or 703-549-3692

Furniture donations for families – Furniture Program - Referrals from DCHS.
Furniture@alive-inc.org or 703-837-9300 ext. 3

Household good donations – Housewares Program - Referrals from DCHS.
Housewares@alive-inc.org or 703-837-9300 ext. 5.

Transitional housing program for women with children who are homeless, or at imminent risk of homelessness - ALIVE! House
More than 13,500 people are living in poverty in the City of Alexandria. Many more families and individuals are struggling to make ends meet. For them, ALIVE! is the largest private safety net in the City, helping people facing emergency situations or long-term needs become capable of assuming self-reliant roles in the community. Founded in 1969, ALIVE! offers emergency assistance through its Family Emergency, Last Saturday Food Distribution, and Furniture and Housewares programs. ALIVE! House and the ALIVE! Child Development Center help our neighbors-in-need break the cycle of poverty and become self-sufficient.

For families who are struggling to make ends meet, even a small change in fortune can lead to a crisis, even homelessness. In fiscal year 2016, ALIVE! provided $328,000 in emergency financial assistance for help with rent, utilities, medical expenses, and other urgent needs.

ALIVE! is by far the largest food provider for people in need in the City of Alexandria. In fiscal year 2016, a five-day supply of groceries was distributed to more than 2,000 people a month; and 700 emergency food deliveries were made.

In fiscal year 2016, ALIVE! gave $109,000 in donated furniture to 295 families, and $7,500 in donated housewares to 1,500 of households.

Families living at ALIVE! House participate in programs that prepare them for self-sufficiency and independent living. In fiscal year 2016, ALIVE! House was home to nine women and twenty-one children.

The ALIVE! Child Development Center is the only accredited, full-day, year-round preschool in the City that offers a sliding-scale fee for tuition so that low-income families can afford quality early childhood education. In fiscal year 2016, ALIVE! provided preschool education and other services for 51 children and their families.