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## *Caritas of Yorktown, Virginia*

In early 1993, members of the York County Business Association (YCBA) which ultimately evolved into the Yorktown Chamber of Commerce were discussing ways of doing good civic works in the county to enhance the image of the business community. During those discussions, several major needs were identified including a senior citizen center, a center for youth activities and a civic center for meetings. There were many other civic activities identified that would positively affect our community.

In June 1993, these same concerned businesspersons founded a charitable organization to serve the York County community. The name chosen for this organization was Caritas, a Latin word meaning, "love for all people." (For those interested in etymology, Caritas is a root word for charity.)

Caritas is a separate and distinct organization from the York County Chamber of Commerce. Several members of the Chamber continue to serve as officers and directors of Caritas.

Caritas has become a major source of financial assistance and support to many activities of our senior citizens and youth, as well as, helping families that are in dire need.

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