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*“Now is the time for us to lift our eyes and see the opportunities that are before us to be God’s heart and hands in a hurting world. We must open our hearts and our gifts so that we might* ***be the church together for the sake of the world****.”* – The Rev. John Wertz Jr., Director of Evangelical Mission/Assistant to the Bishop

In this unprecedented time of national health crisis, our mission partner, Lutheran Family Services of Virginia, is experiencing unique challenges as their Minnick School educators must provide instruction and support using distance learning for 200 + children with disabilities.

**60% of their students qualify for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch — meaning the families have little or no access to the internet for at-home learning.** All of the students live with a disability such as autism or emotional disturbance which makes it challenging for them to find success in school. **Virginia Synod’s goal is to provide WiFi access for 25 Minnick students for three months.**

[**Click here to see a VIDEO of some of the students you will be helping**](about:blank)

**Can you help? It costs just $3.50 per day.**

[**Click here to DONATE so each student can stay connected**](about:blank)toteachers and support staff and continue to thrive.

**LFSVA educators are innovating distance learning** by producing lesson modules individualized for each student, grade level, SOLs remaining for the year, and for students graduating with an applied or standard diploma. In order to meet these assertive goals for instruction and learning, the teachers are providing:

* both live and recorded video instruction
* daily telephone connection for academic and behavioral support
* written packets and educational websites recommended to enhance instruction

**LFSVA's Minnick Schools are private day schools, licensed by the Department of Education.** Highly trained educators help students in grades K-12 learn about positive behavior choices, how to make better decisions and how to respond to stressful and challenging situations, alongside a vibrant academic program meeting the requirements of 32 school districts. Public schools contract with LFSVA Minnick Schools when they can no longer meet the needs of these students in a traditional classroom.

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