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HAMPTON – Six Peninsula charities and non-profits will each get \$19,000 from Peninsula Town Center’s “Change for Charity” effort.

The nine-month-long fundraiser collected part of the money from parking meters plus all proceeds from parking tickets.

"That's fabulous. That's a good thing to hear in today's times, especially with the economy. People aren't giving as much. That's great," said shopper Barbara Cook.

In all, Peninsula Town Center is donating \$114,000 to the non-profits -- the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Virginia Peninsula, Catholic Charities of Eastern Virginia, Downtown Hampton Child Development Center, Foodbank of the Virginia Peninsula, Operation Homefront and the Virginia Air and Space Center.

Raymond Tripp, general manager of Peninsula Town Center, said, "We're thrilled to be giving back to the community in such a big way, and we hope our guests feel good about feeding the parking meters and contributing to such worthy causes."

The program continues in 2011 and will benefit Alternatives, Inc., American Red Cross-Hampton Roads Chapter, Center for Child and Family Services in Hampton, Habitat for Humanity-Peninsula chapter), Hampton Education Foundation and Junior League of Hampton Roads.

For more information about the Change For Charity program, including a downloadable application, **[visit the mall's "Community Foundation" section.](#)**

Peninsula Town Center officially opened in the Coliseum Central area on March 11, 2010.

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