



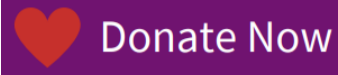
OUR HEART IS IN THE EAST END

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Dear Sarah,

Fall reminds us that the only constant thing in this world is change, and with our current environment, never has that been more clear. We hope you and your families have remained as safe, healthy, and hopeful as you can. What keeps us hopeful is that with all of this change comes new perspectives, new opportunities, and renewed faith in the power of community. In an environment that challenges each one of us every day, Peter Paul's staff remain committed to elevating and addressing the growing needs of our families in the East End. We thank you for walking alongside us in this effort, and we are excited to share the programs and initiatives we are offering because of your support.

Please see below for more information. To hear about the latest updates, connect with us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#). As always, thank you ALL for your passion for Peter Paul and our purpose to Educate the Child, Engage the Family, and Empower the Community.



Did you see us in the Richmond Times Dispatch? If not, check it out [here!](#)

Greetings From A New School Year!

Peter Paul's After School Academy is underway and now enrolling! Based on feedback from our families, the decision of RPS, and CDC guidelines; the academy will operate virtually at least through the first grading period. Instruction will include:

- Virtual lessons and enrichment activities



- Technical and instructional support for both students and parents
- Individualized lessons with reading and math specialists, and
- Tutor support

In order to confront the learning challenges presented by COVID and to reach as many children as possible, our virtual programs will be available to **any** Richmond Public School student interested in participating—not just our East End families. Click [here](#) to enroll your student today!

For more information, contact Dr. Stephanie Bassett at sbassett@peterpaulva.org.

Check Out This Fall's Virtual Events!

We are happy to announce that our Virtual Parent & Caregiver Hangouts have returned for the fall! While parents/caregivers are managing life, we continue to prioritize a time for them to socially connect with others! Peter Paul parents/caregivers have used these sessions to virtually connect to their neighbors, and provide much needed support to one another while enjoying friendly conversation.

These hangouts will be held on Tuesdays @ 7:00 pm. Join us!





Dinner & Discussions are also back!

Bring your kids to the kitchen, power up your laptop, and join us as we walk through fun and easy recipes with our Resident Chef, Keonne Lomax this fall! In addition to making delicious meals, we will also be engaging in discussions around self-care, parenting, and much more.

In a time where we are leaning on each other more than ever, we hope you will join us for this time together.

These hangouts will be held on Thursdays @ 7:00 pm. See you there!

Peter Paul's Info Feasts return in a virtual way!

Join us this fall as we discuss an array of topics with our staff and community partners.

Peter Paul is committed to engaging, educating and empowering the community to realize the potential and resources that exist already among us. We fully believe that opportunities for growth, financial stability, and safer neighborhoods are entirely possible. These events are intended to start the needed conversations that will get us on the path to working better together, and recognizing the power we possess to create positive long lasting impact in our communities.



More details to follow. Please share with your networks and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#) for updates!

Welcome New Staff!

Samuel R. Brown Sr., Workforce Barrier Navigator

Sam is a Richmond native who has served at Peter Paul in various capacities from transportation of students, to Site

Coordination, since 2016. He now joins our Family and Community Engagement Team as the Workforce Barrier Navigator of the "Z-LIFE" pilot program, serving the 18-26 year old population in Richmond with navigating barriers that affect this group historically. He received his B.A. in Public Administration from The Virginia State University and M.A. of Christian Education from The Samuel D. Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University. He is tremendously passionate about this generation of young people, and as passionate about his relationship with the community at large. **Welcome, Sam!**



Supplies for Students

Last week, Peter Paul distributed more than 600 food bags and school supplies kits to our students and neighbors to help them get a healthy start to the school year! The food bags contained non-perishable food and snacks, and were purchased through generous donations from [Truist Bank](#) and [St. Peter Baptist Church](#), in an effort coordinated by Travis O'Quinn.

The school supplies kits contained writing utensils, art materials, and other age appropriate supplies required for virtual learning. These were generously provided by multiple individuals, companies, and churches from all over the Richmond area. We are so grateful for the support of our community partners and friends who made this effort possible!



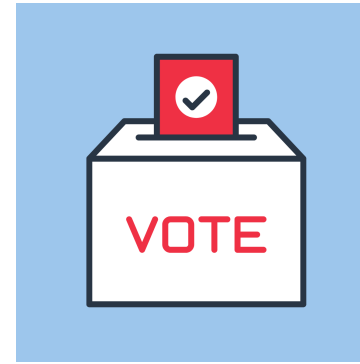
For information on this program, please contact Michael Bledsoe at mbledsoe@peterpaulva.org

Voter Registration Event

Peter Paul and Richmond Opportunities Inc. will be hosting two voter registration and community outreach events in October. Dates and times are below. Please share with your networks, and come out to register to vote!

Location: Richmond Opportunities, INC.
(1111 N 25th Street)

- **October 1st 4:00pm-6:00pm**
- **October 10th 10:00am-12:00pm**



Want to make an even greater impact?



Consider making your next gift a recurring one and join our Monthly Giving Program!

In a time like no other, your monthly gift would offer a steady stream of support to our students, families, and community by providing food distribution, academic instruction, school supplies, virtual hangouts, and so much more.

YOUR monthly gift of any size makes a difference in the lives of many families!

Join the growing number of Peter Paul supporters who provide ongoing support to our families!
Click [HERE](#) to find out more about our Monthly Giving Program.

We want to hear from you!

Adults 18 and over who live in the Richmond, VA area are invited to share their experiences and opinions related to COVID-19 in an online survey. The goals of this study are to:

- Understand the most important issues you are facing since the spread of COVID-19
- Identify priorities for organizations in your area to better support community needs in the coming months

This survey should take less than 20 minutes to finish
[//bit.ly/RVACOVIDneeds](https://bit.ly/RVACOVIDneeds)

COVID-19 Changed Our Lives

Tell us how how it changed
yours to better serve you
and your community!



Do you live in
Richmond, VA?

Are you 18 or older?

We want to hear from you!

Participation is voluntary and all responses are confidential. This study is coordinated by Peter Paul Community Action Network in partnership with the VCU Department of Family Medicine and Population Health, Division of Epidemiology.

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