



OUR HEART IS IN THE EAST END

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Dear ,

We hope you and your families continue to remain safe and healthy as we continue to navigate this time together. As the year begins to wind down, Peter Paul is ramping up our programming to support our students and families in the East End. This includes new in-person offerings while continuing to re-imagine how to engage students and families virtually.

This month, we are happy to announce that we are merging this newsletter with The Community Action Network (CAN) newsletter. We anticipate this merger will streamline your access to all things Peter Paul and highlight our work with community partners.

The Community Action Network (CAN) convenes and connects a collaborative of East End neighbors and area health and human service providers to encourage community unification and provide shared learning opportunities by breaking down silos, aligning efforts, and sharing accountability for services that support the East End community. Service providers walk alongside our neighbors with a goal of enhancing quality of life, while encouraging families and their children to rise academically and contribute to the well-being of the community. During this current crisis, community needs increase and the role of the CAN in our community has been elevated.

The next CAN meeting will be held on November 18th, 2020.

Please join us to learn more. All are welcome!

Click [HERE](#) to register

In this newsletter, we share information about the Family and Community Engagement (FCE) staff that work collaboratively with our service partners, and other Peter Paul initiatives! These offerings would not be possible without generous supports like you, **THANK YOU!** To hear about the latest updates, connect with us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#). As always, thank you for your passion for Peter Paul and our purpose to Educate the Child, Engage the Family, and Empower the Community.



Donate Now

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

New Peter Paul Promise Center Youth Program



EAST END ESSENTIAL WORKERS AND TEACHERS

ENROLL TODAY!

PETER PAUL YOUTH PROGRAM AT MLK

Visit <https://bit.ly/3I18M42> to enroll and go to www.peterpaulrva.org for more info.



Peter Paul is pleased to partner with the City of Richmond and Richmond Public Schools to provide emergency childcare services. The Peter Paul Promise Center Youth Program at MLK is an enrollment-based program for students in grades 2-8 whose parents or caregivers are teachers, essential workers or live in the East End.

This in-person support for students and families provides:

- Structured academic support and technical support in alignment with Richmond Public Schools' (RPS) virtual instructional day
- Safe transition between classes, assignments, brain breaks, and lunch
- Adapted version of Peter Paul's signature after-school enrichment program with activities including STEM, health and wellness, and the arts
- Breakfast, lunch, and late afternoon snack

Click [HERE](#) To Enroll

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

The After School Academy Is Enrolling!

Peter Paul's After School Academy is underway, and it's not too late to enroll!

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@peterpaulrva.org.

(Re) Introducing The FCE Team!

Kim Young

Director of Family and Community Engagement

Kim Young is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) in the Commonwealth of Virginia with over a decade of experience working with and serving “at-promise” youth, families, and communities. In her role at Peter Paul, she focuses on deepening relationships with families, community partners and youth, ensuring Peter Paul is meeting its mission and leveraging her relationships with other community partners to do so. Kim works to elevate the visibility of our adolescents and help them articulate what their voices mean in our Peter Paul community.



Sherika Chew

Family Engagement Coordinator

An East End native, Sherika serves as a liaison with our parents and families to access resources and take ownership of their leadership in our community. Her role is vital to the East End community as she is often the first point of contact for families to Peter Paul, and a connection to community resources for emergency and ongoing needs of East End residents.

Chanel Bea

Early Childhood Community Liaison-Smart Beginnings

Chanel has been involved with Peter Paul for years through her work with Richmond Promise Neighborhood and her role as a co-convenor of the Early Childhood Action Team. Chanel’s role at Peter Paul focuses on program and policy barriers for early childhood, and on helping remove roadblocks that may be stopping families from enrolling their children in quality education. Chanel works with service providers to problem-solve around removing these barriers and improving processes and assists families in fact-finding and accessing resources.



Chimere Miles

Family and Community Engagement Liaison

An East End resident, Chimere has been involved with Richmond Promise Neighborhood and Peter Paul since 2011 as an outstanding volunteer and champion for the organization, the East End, and children. In her role, Chimere serves as an advocate for the families and community members of the East End and ensures that their voices are amplified in Peter Paul's programming and initiatives.

Michael Bledsoe

Volunteer Manager

Michael moved to Richmond from Gainesville, FL. He was inspired by his brother's work with special-needs youth in Jacksonville and wanted to make a similar impact in the lives of others. With this in mind, he came to Peter Paul in 2016 to serve as our Mentor Program Coordinator. In his current role as Volunteer Manager, Michael works to build relationships while advocating for increased volunteerism in the community. He continues to support our mentorship program and other volunteers who choose to dedicate their time to Peter Paul in a variety of ways.



Samuel R. Brown Sr.

Workforce Barrier Navigator

Sam recently joined our Family and Community Engagement Team as the Workforce Barrier Navigator of the "Z-LIFE" (Leading Individuals to Foundational Employment) pilot program, serving the 18-26 year-old population in Richmond with navigating barriers that historically affect this group. He is tremendously passionate about this generation of young people and as passionate about his relationship with the community at large!

Richmond CROP Hunger Walk

2020 RVA (Virtual) Crop Walk - Sunday, November 8th

The annual [Crop Walk](#) event raises funds to support sustainable grassroots development, disaster relief, and refugee assistance provided by Church World Service, as well as funds for local agencies combatting hunger, homelessness, and poverty in our community. This year, Peter Paul is thrilled to be one of the local partners, receiving a portion of the proceeds raised during the walk to support our Food Distribution Program with St. Peter's and Feed More. Addressing food insecurity through regular distribution is **more important now than ever!**

How you can help:

- [Sponsor a walker](#) registered online
- [Sponsor a team](#) registered online
- [Register](#) and sponsor yourself!
- [Make a general donation](#) to the walk





50TH ANNUAL RICHMOND
CROP HUNGER WALK
 ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME
 SUN NOV 8 VIRTUAL WALK

Raise money. Donate. Walk.

Together, we can end hunger.
crophungerwalk.org/richmondva



We invite you to safely participate by walking by yourself or with a small group of friends and family! Share images/videos of your walk using the hashtag #VirtualCROPHungerWalk and tagging @PeterPaulRVA to connect with other walkers.

Interested in joining Peter Paul's walking team or want to learn more?
 Contact Michael Bledsoe at mbledsoe@peterpaulrva.org

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 East End 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 still 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 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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