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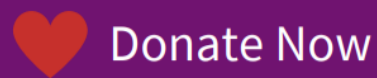
Peter Paul eNews - November 2020

Greetings!

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family, neighbors, and friends! Although our usual traditions may be on hold this year, we are feeling incredibly grateful for the love and support you, and our entire community have shown us.

As Peter Paul prepares for this 2020 holiday season, we are re-imagining our typical offerings with the current environment and unique challenges of each our families in mind. In this newsletter we share updates on our Christmas Angel Program, MLK in-person program, as well as our Thanksgiving drive. These offerings would not be possible without generous supports like you, **THANK YOU!** We send love to you and yours during this season, and hope you and your families have a safe Thanksgiving holiday!

As always, to hear about the latest updates, connect with us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#). During this season of giving thanks, we are grateful 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!](#)

Christmas Angel Program



This year, we are re-imagining our Christmas Angel program with the needs of our families in mind! The last few months have presented each of our families with their own unique challenges. To that end, instead of shopping for families' wish lists as we have done in previous years, **we will be providing gift cards to each Peter Paul family.**

We hope that this change will provide our community with the flexibility to use the cards in any way they see fit. **As we gear up for the holiday season, please consider supporting the Peter Paul Christmas Angel Program!** Donating by credit card? Put "Christmas Angel" in the comment box to designate your gift. Donating by check? Write "Christmas Angel" in the memo line. Be sure to follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#), and subscribe to our newsletter for further announcements!

Questions? Contact Michael Bledsoe at mbledsoe@peterpaulva.org

Giving Tuesday, December 1st !

This [Giving Tuesday](#), we're showing some love to our seniors, many of whom will find themselves alone this holiday season. In addition to each family, individuals in our Senior Program will also be receiving a gift card from Peter Paul! **Our Board of Associates (BOA) is raising special funds for this initiative, and we invite you to join them by donating to support a senior in need!**

Interested in helping provide gift cards to our seniors this holiday season?

- If donating by credit card, put "BOAChristmasAngel" in the comment box to designate your gift.
- Donating by check? Write "BOAChristmasAngel" in the memo line.



Click [here](#) to give, and be sure to follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#) for a special Giving Tuesday series on December 1st!

MLK Program Updates



Peter Paul's in-person, facilitated learning program at MLK is underway! We are 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.

Click [HERE](#) To Enroll

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

Check out these pics of our 4th grade students at MLK making slime with Mrs. Wood!



Thank You For Providing Headphones To Our Students!

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all who purchased headphones for students at our in-person, facilitated learning program at MLK! Each pair will be stored at MLK, sanitized at the end of the day, and given to the same student to use the next morning.

We are incredibly grateful for the support and generosity of our community ❤️

For more ways to support Peter Paul, visit:

<https://peterpaulrva.org/get-involved/>



Wishing You A Safe Thanksgiving!

Last week, Peter Paul delivered Thanksgiving care packages to 150 seniors and families. Each box contained enough Thanksgiving food to feed a family, plus a gift card to purchase a turkey at their local supermarket. We are so appreciative of all the individuals and organizations that stepped up and donated to this effort, especially the [United Network of Organ Sharing](#), [Genworth Financial](#), [St. Christopher's School](#), [Baskervill](#), [Christ the King Lutheran](#) and [St. Mary's Episcopal Church](#).



Thank you to all our amazing partners who made this effort possible!

COVERING COVID-19 COLLABORATIVELY

Home for the Holidays Edition

Did you know?

Less than half (45.6%) of Richmond area residents plan on avoiding in-person contact with family or friends over the next 6 months.*

Avoiding gatherings is the best way to limit the spread of COVID-19. However, if you need to see your loved ones during the holiday season, consider these tips to stay safe.

GATHER THOUGHTFULLY

- When possible, have events outdoors or open windows for lots of air movement when indoors
- Keep gatherings to 10 people or less
- Talk with event guests about any illness (cold, flu, or COVID-19) during the 14 days before and after the event

HANDLE FOOD CAREFULLY

- Washing hands with warm water and soap for 20 seconds can help keep you safe from all germs and viruses
- Pick a space for guests to wash hands after handling or eating food
- Avoid buffet and drink stations with more than one person filling their plate

WEAR A MASK

- Using a mask while cooking as well as when talking can keep you and your loved ones safe from unanticipated infections
- Masks should cover the NOSE AND MOUTH by fitting snug over the entire nose and chin
- Have a plan to use and store your masks while eating and drinking

A PLAN FOR THE HOLIDAYS

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CAN KEEP COVID-19 AWAY

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 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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