



OUR HEART IS IN THE EAST END

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Dear ,

With 2021 in full swing, our staff continues to push ahead with new programs and engagement opportunities for our students, families, and community. Our newest program, [Z-LIFE](#), offers workforce development opportunities to young people aged 18-24 years old. We will be live on [Instagram](#) each second Tuesday of the month to share resources and give program updates, so tune in to learn more! Our facilitated learning program at [MLK Middle School](#) continues to provide in-person teaching support to students participating in virtual education. We have partnered with a number of organizations across Richmond to offer exciting enrichment and academic activities for students in the program!

Check out these updates and more below, and connect with us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#) for the latest announcements. Thank you for your continued passion for Peter Paul and our purpose to Educate the Child, Engage the Family, and Empower the Community.



Donate Now

Getting ready to welcome you back!

Our teachers and staff have been busy getting vaccinated so we are ready to welcome you back when it's safe! Planning for the Summer Promise Academy is well underway, and we are excited to share more updates with you as they develop!



Click the image above to hear from Damon Jiggetts, Peter Paul Executive Director, about his vaccination experience.

Helping Richmond students stay engaged



Click [HERE](#) To Enroll Your Student Today!

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

For more information, please contact Dr. Stephanie Bassett, Director of Education, at (804) 780-1195 or sbassett@peterpaulva.org.

Gen-Z, this one is for you!

The [Z-LIFE](#) (Leading Individuals to Foundational Employment) program provides access to living-wage employment and wraparound support services to individuals ages 18-24 that reside in Richmond.

On March 9th at 5:00 pm, our Workforce Barrier Navigator, Sam Brown, will host:

"Young, Eager, and Ready For Experience" live on [Instagram](#). Come hear about Z-LIFE and MYA's grant-funded summer workforce development program that supports young people in receiving training, obtaining work experience, and developing soft/hard skills.

Whether you're in this age group, work with or know someone who is, or you just want to learn more, this live event is for you!

EMPOWER THE COMMUNITY

Z-LIFE

(Leading Individuals to Foundational Employment)

March 9th at 5:00 pm

Young, Eager, and Ready For Experience

Live on Instagram
@PeterPaulRVA

Hosts: Sam Brown Sr., & special guests:
Lerone Joseph and Erika Love of City of Richmond Mayor's Youth Academy

Focus: Grant-funded program for young people offered through MYA

Purpose: Opportunity to hear about Z-LIFE and MYA's grant-funded summer workforce development program that supports young people in receiving training, obtaining work experience, and developing soft/hard skills.

**Applications are due by 3/31/2021. Participants have access to both MYA and Z-LIFE for assistance with applications and support throughout the summer.*



(Click the flyer to enlarge and learn more)

Missed the last live event? Watch it [here](#). For more information on Z-LIFE, contact Samuel Brown at sbrown@peterpaulrva.org

Looking to get involved?



COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK

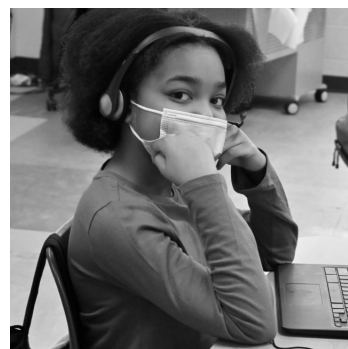
Join The Community Action Network (CAN)! The CAN convenes and connects a collaborative of East End neighbors and area health and human service providers to encourage community unification and provide shared learning opportunities by breaking down silos, aligning efforts, and sharing accountability for 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.

**The next Community Action Network Meeting will be held on
March 24th, 10:00-11:30 am**

ALL ARE WELCOME!
Click [HERE](#) to register

New Partnerships at MLK

Peter Paul has partnered with [Fit4Kids](#) to offer *Game on, Girl!* and *Garden Club* to our students at MLK! [Game On, Girl!](#) is a comprehensive initiative to empower middle school girls to be physically active, nutritionally fit, and ready to take on the world! In this program, girls will participate in a variety of ways to be physically active at home, learn how to fuel their bodies for success, and how to be effective leaders in their communities. In [Garden Club](#), participants will learn about planting seeds, transplanting, and taking care of the soil! We are so grateful for this partnership! Click [here](#) to learn more about Fit4Kids.



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Click [HERE](#) to enroll.

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Want to make an even greater impact?



We want to send gratitude to all who *Shared The Love* this past Valentine's day by becoming a monthly giver! YOUR monthly gift of any size makes a difference in the lives of many East End families!

Missed this initiative? 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.

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)

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.

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!

STAY CONNECTED



