



Peter Paul eNews - August 2021

Dear Sarah,

Thank you for joining us as we reopened our doors this summer! As we prepare for the reopening of schools, Peter Paul wants to ensure we are maintaining healthy environments that prevent the spread of COVID-19. One solution is to provide services within controlled environments, as opposed to transporting students from various schools to the Coleman Center for our After School Academy. With that and the increasing occurrences of COVID-19 cases in mind, we have decided that all elementary school students will participate in Peter Paul's After School Academy at our five school-based Promise Centers.

Thanks to our wonderful partnership with Richmond Public Schools, beginning this school year we will have a physical presence at Fairfield Court, Henry L. Marsh, Bellevue, Chimborazo, and Woodville Elementary. The Coleman Center will continue serving middle and high school students with significant consideration given to spacing while encouraging our older students to get vaccinated. **We anticipate that the need for our educational and family support services will grow, and we are ready to serve as many students and families as needed.** You can read more on our fall updates by clicking [here](#).

Check out more updates 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.



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Announcing our Z-LIFE mini-grant awardees!



All awardees are young people between the ages of 19 to 23 living in Richmond, Virginia. Many of them have been operating their businesses for some time, while others are just kicking their businesses off! The \$500 mini-grants will support them with any needed paperwork, operating costs, advertising, and more!

Check them out below, and be sure to support their businesses!

- **Destiny Chew**- Desproches Desserts and HI Treats [@desprochedesserts](#)
- **Makari Chew**- Project Esther [@project.esther](#)
- **Azzuri Fleming**-Beats, Rhythm, and Life [@brlrv](#)
- **Demetrice Hill**-Growth Economy LLC
- **Keonne Lomax**- Keymax's Catering [@chef.keymax](#)
- **Barrett Miller II**-Lemon Squeeze [@alemonsqueeze](#)
- **NiyAzia Tune**- Sweet Heaven
- **Earl Robinson**- ERScholars LLC [@erscholars](#)
- **Geviye Arrington**- My'Sky
- **Tre'Vaughn Booker**- Change the Culture

The Cohort Workshops at Peter Paul will assist the young entrepreneurs with preliminary steps of building a business including creating a business plan, licensing, and more! Z-LIFE Mini-Grant Awardees have also been invited to participate in the [Jackson Ward Collective](#) for one year, free of charge, to learn new ways to grow their businesses! As a cohort, they will have the opportunity to connect with the JWC network and utilize the business tools that are offered through the program. This partnership was developed to help strengthen the base of these new small businesses to ensure longevity.

Special thanks to all staff, participants, and vendors who attended the Summer Bash and made it a success! Check out the full recap video [here](#).

For questions about Z-LIFE, contact Sam Brown at sbrown@peterpaulrva.org

Wrapping up the Summer Promise Academy

As the Summer Promise Academy comes to a close and we say "see you soon" to our students, we want to thank our teachers, parents, and students for making this another great summer at Peter Paul! With the uncertainty of the past year, we remained optimistic about the return of our in-person Summer Promise Academy - and we were not let down! Our students had the chance to reconnect with their peers, review lessons from the school year, go on field trips, and spend time outdoors. Another round of thanks to just a few of our community partners who kept our students busy this summer: [Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation](#), [Girls on the Run](#), [Planned Parenthood](#), [SwimRVA](#), [Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club](#), and more. We couldn't have done it without you! We loved having the laughter and smiles back at our building, and we look forward to seeing our students again in the fall!



We love our volunteers!

Peter Paul is grateful for the many volunteers who have continued to share their time and

skills with us this summer and beyond! We recognize and appreciate your service to our students, families, and community.

We want to send a special heartfelt thanks to the [University of Richmond Law Students](#) that came to Peter Paul last week to help build desks, clean up the garden, and organize our space!

We loved having you, and your work helps us ensure a welcoming and organized space for our students in the fall!



We also want to thank [Genworth](#) for their generous donation of school supplies, and the brothers of [Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated - Phi Phi Chapter](#) for their donation of 100 back-to-school bookbags last Friday. Providing these supplies help alleviate some of the stress our students and families will face as they prepare to return to in-person learning. Thank you so much!

We also want to note that we have opted to continue our pause on traditional hands-on (tutors, mentors, classroom assistants) volunteering opportunities as the fall gets underway. We will continue to monitor the effects of COVID-19 and align ourselves with Richmond Public Schools and the VA Department of Health as it relates to safety protocols and in-person versus virtual instruction and programs. We will communicate any further changes to our programming, in accordance with expert recommendations and mandates.



To learn more about our volunteer opportunities contact Joy Gilchrist at jgilchrist@peterpaulva.org

Community Shoutout

Over the next few months, we'll be highlighting a few organizations that are doing amazing work in the Richmond community! This month, we're highlighting *the Neighborhood Resource Center of Greater Fulton*. Check them out below:

The mission of the Neighborhood Resource Center of Greater Fulton is to build relationships, share resources, and develop skills to enhance lives in Greater Fulton through their four core programs: Education, Nutrition, the Financial Opportunity Center, and Community Organizing.

They welcome volunteer support in a multitude of areas, including volunteering to help with the food pantry, garden work, general repairs and landscaping. They are a 501c3, and all donations are tax-deductible.



To contact, learn more, and support:

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Want to make an even greater impact?

[Birdies for Charity](#), presented by TowneBank, is a fundraising platform operating in conjunction with the Dominion Energy Charity Classic. Through this program, participating charities have the opportunity to solicit contributions that will be bonused by 10%. Peter Paul is honored to once again be a participating charity this year!

Interested in increasing your gift by 10%? Please [click here](#) to learn more, and please note that the **deadline to give is**



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