



## Peter Paul eNews - October 2021

Dear Sarah,

The school year is in full swing, and in-person activities continue to ramp-up! Thank you for all the love and support you've already shown our community this academic year. There's so much happening at Peter Paul and in our neighborhood, and we want to keep you updated on how you can support. If you haven't already, check out our recently released [volunteer newsletter](#) with a plethora of opportunities for you to get involved at Peter Paul. **We are actively looking for ways to get you back with us engaging in person, so please stay tuned for more!** You can also support our students, families, and community members who may need some key essential items during these challenging times by helping provide community support bags. **We are currently in high need of hygiene and laundry products.** Please review our support bag [checklist](#) here, or shop via our [Amazon wishlist](#). Finally, Peter Paul has partnered with the [Giving Wall](#) where you can put your compassion into action by answering an urgent need from a fellow member of our community. There are multiple community needs on the [Giving Wall](#) at this time. Please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, [Joy Gilchrist](#) for questions about the community support bags, and Family and Community Engagement Manager, [Sherika Chew](#) for questions about the Giving Wall initiative.

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.**



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In The Garden

**Our middle and high school students at the Coleman Promise Center participated in Garden Club** last week with Peter Paul's master gardeners, Mr. Rick and Mr. Harvey! After tending to their vegetables in the garden, our students hollowed out gourds to make maracas and cleaned out pumpkins to make a yummy snack to share! Beyond an activity to keep our students busy, working in the garden provides a relaxing, hands-on activity for students to engage in learning about the earth and eating foods they've grown themselves. The students are currently growing radishes, kale, garlic, strawberries, and tomatoes this fall. Stay tuned for future newsletters to see how their garden is doing!



## Z-LIFE Kickbacks



The Z-LIFE program will be hosting a series of "[Kickbacks](#)" this fall to support young entrepreneurs! Each session will have its own theme (social networking, finances, customer relations, etc.) and feature a guest speaker with business expertise!

We invite our network of supporters, neighbors, and friends to be a part of the Z-LIFE program by sharing your entrepreneurial or workforce experience with our young people! If you're interested in getting involved with the Kickbacks or future Z-LIFE events, please reach out to our Director of Family and Community Engagement, [Kim Young](#).

## Richmond Equity Essays

Kim Young, Director of Family and Community Engagement, is featured in the [@richmondrcialequityessays](#) video series dropping soon! These video interviews will feature different

voices to discuss the past, the present, and the future of equity in the city of Richmond. You can check out her video interview (and others) on [www.richmondracialequityessays.com](http://www.richmondracialequityessays.com) next week. Follow them at [@richmondracialequityessays](https://www.instagram.com/richmondracialequityessays) on Instagram for updates on interview releases.

Peter Paul's Executive Director, Damon Jiggetts, and Board of Associates Member, Mariah Williams, are also featured essayists, and you can find their essays [here](#).



## Thank You, Truist Bank!

A very special thank you to [Truist Bank](#) for all of their garden work last week at Peter Paul! We appreciate you help keeping our garden and playground safe and clean for our students. They also recently **restocked the little free library** in front of our building with even more books for our students to explore! We appreciate your continued partnership and service to our students, families, and community!



To learn more about our volunteer opportunities contact Joy Gilchrist at [jgilchrist@peterpaulva.org](mailto:jgilchrist@peterpaulva.org)

## Community Shoutout

We are excited to continue highlighting organizations that are doing amazing work in the Richmond community! This month, we're highlighting *C.H.A.T.* - Church Hill Activities & Tutoring. Check them out below:



Church Hill Activities & Tutoring (CHAT) serves the youth of Richmond's East End through education, job training, after-school enrichment, and community partnerships. CHAT's After School Program, Church Hill Academy, and Workforce Development Program provides high-quality learning environments to foster students' personal, academic, vocational, and spiritual growth.

Community members can support CHAT in a number of ways: by volunteering ([chatrichmond.org/volunteers](http://chatrichmond.org/volunteers)), supporting the Workforce Development Program's small businesses ([chatrichmond.org/workforce-development](http://chatrichmond.org/workforce-development)), and donating ([chatrichmond.org/donate](http://chatrichmond.org/donate)). Coming up Sunday, December 5, you're invited to join CHAT for A Richmond Big Band Christmas, a holiday concert featuring an incredible ensemble of Richmond jazz musicians. Learn more at [bigbandchristmasrva.com](http://bigbandchristmasrva.com).



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