



## Peter Paul eNews - November 2021

Dear ,

We hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving with your family and friends! We remain thankful this year, as every year, for the love and support you've continued to show our families. In this newsletter, you'll find some updates on how we're supporting our neighbors, what our students have been up to, and ways for you to get involved this holiday season!

We also want to remind you that [#GivingTuesday](#) is happening on November 30th. #GivingTuesday is an opportunity for people around the world to come together through generosity in all its forms by sharing acts of kindness and giving their voice, time, money, goods, and advocacy to support communities and causes. **In the spirit of community, we're happy to share our platform this year by shouting out some great local nonprofits our Board of Associates members love that are near and dear to their hearts!** Stay tuned on our social media pages to find out who these organizations are, and how you can support them this #GivingTuesday.

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

### Supporter Survey

Are you a Peter Paul supporter? Take 60



seconds to tell us about your experience!

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## Thanksgiving Boxes

Thank you for supporting our Thanksgiving Box program! This year we were able to hand out more than **180 boxes** to members of our community to assist them in preparing a Thanksgiving meal for their families! A special thank you to [Sharon Baptist Church](#), [St. Mary's Episcopal](#), [Christ the King Lutheran Church](#), [St. John's Episcopal](#), [Baskervill](#), and the [United Network for Organ Sharing](#) - HR Department from our Volunteer Coordinator, [Joy Gilchrist](#) for their support!



## Catching Up With Our Students



Students across our sites made lanterns for the [1708 Gallery's InLight annual exhibition of contemporary light-based art](#). An essential part of Peter Paul's enrichment projects is an aspect that makes our students look inward. While creating the lanterns, they were encouraged to think of things that light them up with positive energy! Check out some of their lanterns:





While learning about poetry, Peter Paul teacher, Mr. Frederick Vereen at the Fairfield Court Elementary site encourages his first-grade students to each pick 3 things they love about themselves to create the “About Me” poem. Mr. Fred says he likes to have students act out what they’re writing to help them gain a deeper understanding of their words.

**Check out the “About Me” poem here to learn about a few of our amazing first graders!**



**Our students at Fairfield Court Elementary enjoyed a "fun day" before going on Thanksgiving break! They watched "A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving" and even enjoyed the same meal that Snoopy prepared in the movie. They also got a chance to play Uno, Go Fish, Connect Four, and Bingo with friends before saying goodbye for the break!**



## Hot Meal Distribution

**We recently had the pleasure of serving 52 hot dinners and handing out more than 70 community bags** filled with body wash, toothbrushes, deodorant, lotion, vaseline, hats, scarves, gloves, hygiene/care items, socks, blankets, and more to our friends and neighbors in the East End! A huge thank you to our staff who worked incredibly hard to make this effort possible, and the volunteers who showed up to share their time and love.



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

# Get Involved



## COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK

The next Community Action Network meeting will be held Wednesday, December 8th at 10:00 am on Zoom. Click [HERE](#) to RSVP.

Discussions will continue to focus on the impact of COVID-19, health & wellness, and post-secondary opportunities for youth & young adults. Join us and help make an impact in your community!



As we move closer to the holidays and the end of 2021, we have continued to adapt to the changing needs of our families and community members. **With this in mind, this upcoming holiday season we will be continuing our gift card outreach for our 2021 Christmas Angel program.** This model will provide our Peter Paul families and seniors with the **flexibility and autonomy** to support the needs and desires of their families this holiday season. As we get closer to the holidays, we ask you to consider supporting our [Christmas Angel Fund](#). Here's how you can support this initiative:

- Checks can be dropped off or mailed to our office at 1708 N. 22nd St. Please include "Christmas Angel" in the memo line.
- Credit card donations can be made [here](#) on our website.

## Introducing Text2Give

Giving is even easier this holiday season! We're happy to partner with [OneCause](#) to offer a text2give option for supporters of our Christmas Angel program. To give, text **ppchristmasangel** to **24372**.

## Staff Updates

Join us in welcoming our new Operations Manager, Lamont Barnes! Lamont has previously worked with the City of Richmond, Justice Services, managing the Richmond



Juvenile Behavioral Health Docket Program, and has spent time working in the Mayor's Youth Academy, in Henrico Schools as a Special Education Teacher, and in community outreach roles. He has experience developing and revising policies and procedures, managing budgets, building teams, and optimizing efficiencies within programs and organizations. We are so excited to welcome him to the team! He can be reached at [lbarnes@peterpaulrva.org](mailto:lbarnes@peterpaulrva.org) or (804) 780-1195.

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**We are pleased to share Sharon Burton has been promoted from Education Coordinator to Interim Director of Education at Peter Paul!** In her previous role, Ms. Burton worked closely with the previous Director of Education, Dr. Stephanie Bassett, to manage Peter Paul's Education Department. As we send well wishes to Dr. Bassett on her new journey, we welcome Mrs. Burton to her new role! She can be reached at [sburton@peterpaulrva.org](mailto:sburton@peterpaulrva.org) or (804) 780-1195.



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