Dear Michelle,

We hope you're having a fun and safe summer with your friends, family, and loved ones. Our team has summer activities in full swing and we're gearing up for fall programming in the coming months!

We'll be updating you all on fall volunteer opportunities and in-kind donation needs in future communications. In the meantime, please click here to check out our updated Amazon Wishlist!

We recently sent an email about our Summer Promise community partners, and you can check that out here! Check out all of our updates below, and don't forget to 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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Text "peterpaul" to 243725 to give!
We recently asked our students in this video about what they were most looking forward to this summer and can you guess the most popular answer? Swimming! Check out these pics of Ms. Ashby's 2nd grade class enjoying swimming classes. Peter Paul's 2nd graders spend time at the pool every Monday during the summer. The classes are led by SwimRVA and held at the Boys and Girls Club. As you can see from these pictures, our students love these classes, and share their excitement for time in the pool each week with our teachers. Thank you, SwimRVA!

Our summer has been filled with plenty of S.T.E.A.M. (science, technology, engineering, art, math) activities for students across grade levels. Last week, our students conducted an engineering project using gum drops and spaghetti noodles. The students used these materials to attempt to make a sturdy bridge. After the bridge was created, each student tested their skills by pushing a race car across it. Check out these photos above, then click here to check out another S.T.E.A.M. project where students learned about robotics!
Another huge thank you to Shalom Farms for conducting cooking classes with our students! They frequently visit Peter Paul to lead demonstrations of healthy recipes using fresh ingredients. Each class is encouraged to be hands-on and help prepare each meal. Check out these pics of our young chefs in the making!

**Lessons From Around The World!**

We want to take a moment to highlight the wonderful VCU International students who came by Peter Paul to present to our 4th grade and middle school students! The students got a chance to learn about the history and customs of different cultures from around the world. Each presenter shared photos and research from their respective country and discussed the difference in educational practices, clothing, travel, and more. Through follow-up questions and dialogue, the VCU students also got a chance to learn about the culture of Richmond through the lenses of our students. Thank you for presenting, and we can't wait to see you again!
This month, a group of members from our Promise Family Network, Peter Paul students, Senior program members and East End neighbors joined our Family and Community Engagement staff for an afternoon at the Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens! The trip included a walk around the butterfly exhibit, watercolor painting, and lunch.

Participants shared that it was a very peaceful trip and great bonding experience. This was also a great chance for our staff to build relationships with the East End neighbors who are new to the Peter Paul family. A huge thank you to Botanical Gardens for sponsoring this trip! We hope to do more trips like these in the future so stay tuned.

Senior Program Summer Update

The Peter Paul Senior Program has been filled with many enjoyable activities for the month of July! They have participated in physical activities such as chair exercises, yoga, Zumba and more. The seniors also participated in a delicious Watermelon Feast, Celebrated the 2nd Quarter Birthdays with Ice cream Sundaes, and enjoyed their first outing to River City Rolls last week for an enjoyable game of bowling as the guests of Jen Care.

We want to send a special thank you to the Virginia Cooperative Extension, Dominion Energy, and Humana for presenting and offering resources to our seniors this month. We’re excited to have another fun summer!

Welcome, Anne!

Peter Paul’s new Director of Philanthropy, Anne Hurt, has been working in fundraising in the nonprofit sector for fifteen
years. Prior to joining Peter Paul, Anne was a development professional at the Richmond Ballet, St. Joseph’s Villa and most recently at Trinity Episcopal School where she served as their Director of Development. Anne is a proud graduate of James Madison University and holds both a master’s in public administration and certificate in nonprofit management from VCU.

During her free time, she enjoys volunteering at her church, St. James’s Episcopal and as a coach for Girls on the Run Greater Richmond and spending time outdoors with her husband and five-year-old son. She is excited to join the Peter Paul team and working with our East End families!

For questions, Anne can be reached at ahurt@peterpaulrva.org

**Birdies For Charity**

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 Sunday, October 23, 2022.