

# Patchworks

WINTER 2020

THE CABBAGE PATCH SETTLEMENT HOUSE



The switch to online learning due to COVID-19 has been a hardship for the families of The Patch. Many of our members were confined to their homes from March to June, with few opportunities to see other kids their age. As we designed our own community education hub in The Patch Academy, we were deliberate about including athletics, art and other recreational activities.

*"Finally, I can be with friends!"*

Marcus normally attends the residential West End Boys School. His sister brought him one morning, though she hadn't registered him for The Academy. "I don't know what to do!" She said. "I've never seen him like this. He's withdrawn and not working, and constantly on his phone trying to talk with friends. Can you take him?"

Fortunately, we had space and we immediately got to work, helping him focus on classwork. Marcus had really been suffering from a lack of socialization, and being around kids his age seemed to refresh his spirit. He has found a new friend in Caroline, and they regularly help each other. The two are inseparable during gym time, regularly playing tennis together, or partnering up for nature scavenger hunts in the park. Socialization is so important to kids' development, and we're glad we've prioritized that at The Patch Academy!

Thank you for helping Marcus find a new friend and overcome the lingering effects of isolation! When children are able to get active with their friends, they work out some energy and are better able to focus on their schoolwork. You are making a profound difference in Marcus' life!



## You Show Families That They Matter

Vicky's family is especially looking forward to being a part of The Cabbage Patch's Christmas Assistance Program this year. She and her husband both were laid off in March and Vicky is still waiting to receive her first unemployment check. She was recently called back to work, but it has been a difficult time for her as she is trying to do her job while answering her 5 kids' questions (via text) about their schoolwork (i.e. Non Traditional Instruction).

*"The help that I will receive this Christmas from The Patch will allow me to give my kids at least something for Christmas."*

One of her children is a 9th grader who has a learning disorder. Helping him with his schoolwork has been especially challenging. When we told her that she would be a part of our Christmas Program again this year she was very thankful and appreciative of our help. She said, "I struggle with just trying to keep up. The help that I will receive this Christmas from The Patch will allow me to give my kids at least something for Christmas. Without The Patch's help, I would have to explain to them why they won't be getting any Christmas gifts this year."



The 2019 Patch Parents Christmas party

Thank you for helping families like Vicky's to celebrate Christmas in an especially challenging year. The children and parents served by The Cabbage Patch continue to feel the effects of the pandemic, and it means so much when you affirm that they matter.

## Can You Believe \$19 (per month) Could Change A Child's Life?

We are looking for donors to invest \$19 per month to change the life of an at-risk child. It's simple, just sign up for a reoccurring gift, and your gift will provide these things and more:

- Half-day of NTI instruction
- Three days of food for one child
- One hour of homework help

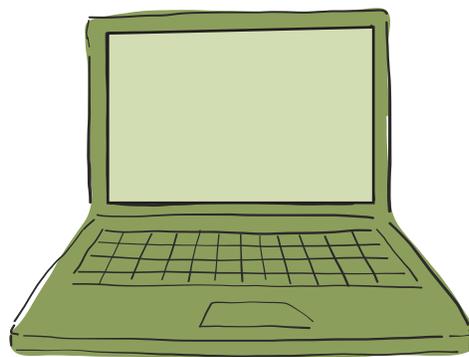


The Cabbage Patch Distanced Social



A Distanced Cabbage Patch Social

**\$150k raised** - this supports the Patch Academy (NTI instruction) so parents can work; as well as food, rent and utility assistance for families in need.



237 Total Hands on Deck - people, corporations and personnel helped to make A Distanced Cabbage Patch Social a huge success!



**3 Exclusive Bourbons** - 223 total raffle tickets sold for King of Kentucky Bourbon, Old Forester Birthday Bourbon and Pappy Van Winkle bourbon!

Raffle tickets \$19k raffle winners walked away with sunglasses, a new grill, hard-to-find bourbons, etc., but our kids are the big winners!



It's not too late to give!  
Visit [www.cabbagepatch.org](http://www.cabbagepatch.org) to make a donation!

## How Can I Help?

If you enjoy reading these stories of changed lives, we want you to know that you can also help make them happen. Here are a few ideas...

### Donation Needs:

- My Tarc bus cards
- Walmart gift cards
- Thornton's gas cards
- Kroger gift cards
- Contact: Doug Holm, dholm@cabbagepatch.org or 753-4434



**Monday, June 14 • 1:00-6:00 PM**

Big Spring Country Club

Join us for our annual golf tournament!

Proceeds benefit The Patch's Educational Opportunities and Recreation/Youth Development Programs. Sign up on the Our Events page of [www.cabbagepatch.org](http://www.cabbagepatch.org).

### Did you know?

You can sign up for Kroger Community Rewards, and a portion of your purchases will support The Cabbage Patch!

[www.kroger.com/account/enrollcommunityrewardsnow](http://www.kroger.com/account/enrollcommunityrewardsnow)

Shop at [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) to support The Patch! This site functions just like Amazon, but you can designate The Cabbage Patch as the charity to benefit from your purchases.

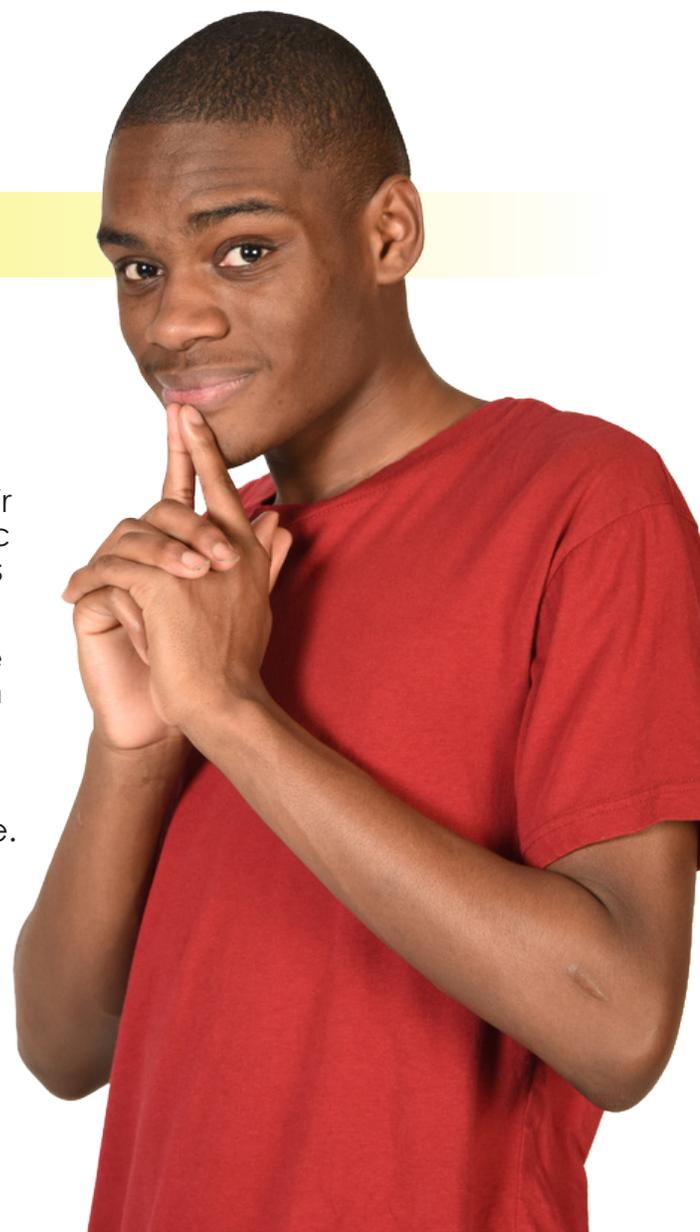


## Essential Conversations for 2020

As we in Louisville continue to be the epicenter of the modern civil rights movement, Cabbage Patch staff members are working to provide historical context and have challenging conversations. Children are coming to The Patch with bigger feelings than they know how to process. Some Patch members are experiencing their first personal awareness of the long-standing, systematic inequalities that have been the realities for their parents and grandparents.

Among our middle school and high school students, we are seeing a lot of fear and anger over recent events in our community and across the country. We have had a lot of productive discussions about what it means to be a Black man or woman today, and how young people can feel safer and empowered to help make a change. It's never easy to confront these issues, and there are often tears on both sides, but they are so essential.

The children of The Patch are grappling with the burden of being the generation that breaks cycles of inequity. We are focusing on education to equip young people to understand the chaos around them, and find their role in creating a more just society. Thank you for supporting this vital work.



*\*Names changed to protect the privacy of the people we serve. Photo used for illustrative purposes only.*

## COLLEGE SCHOLAR STATS FOR SPRING 2020



- 23 full-time
- 5 part-time
- 2 grad school

- 26 Bachelor's
- 2 Associate's
- 2 Master's



Including:

- University of Kentucky
- University of Louisville
- Western Kentucky University
- Eastern Kentucky University
- Berea College
- Northern Kentucky University



# GRADS

- 2 expected graduations in December, 2020
- 5 expected graduations in May, 2021
- 13 High School graduates in June 2020 (100% accepted into a college program!)

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## The pandemic has changed everything we do, but staff members at The Patch work hard to make sure children have extracurricular opportunities.

While COVID-19 was an unprecedented disruption to one of our most beloved programs, Seed to Table, the children of The Patch had prepared the garden beds and planted a few crops before the onset of the pandemic. Cabbage Patch staff members visited the beds regularly to weed and water during the quarantine, remaining ever faithful that we would be able to garden together again. By the time regulations were in place and we were able to come back together for socially distanced programming, everything was ready for children to pick up where we left off!

Children were eager to get their hands in the dirt. They planted tomatoes, herbs, and cucumbers. They also learned to use the plants from the garden to make some of their favorite foods, harvesting the previously planted blueberries and strawberries to make ice box jam and using juice from those berries to make popsicles. These kids also received lessons on the food pyramid, making healthier food choices, and learned fun outdoor games like badminton they could play to get more exercise.

After being confined to their homes for longer than we ever would have imagined, the fresh air, sunshine, exercise and bountiful harvest all combined to be the celebration we needed. Thank you for making it possible for children experience some normalcy after a challenging spring!

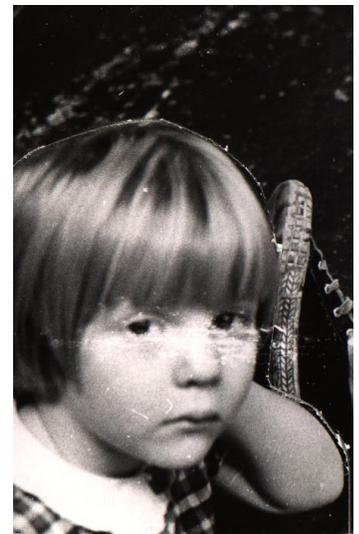


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In the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic, Margaret Shaw read about the work that The Cabbage Patch is doing to help local children and families. The article brought back memories of being a little girl living on St. James Court, and being able to walk to The Cabbage Patch. At 83 years old, she said she will never forget how much she loved to sit in the cute chairs made from fruit crates. Just one example of Miss Marshall's clever, frugal ingenuity.

Ms. Shaw was inspired by the article to send a generous donation to The Patch. We are thankful her support and for the support of all our alumni. We have those who have experienced God's love at The Patch to thank for our longevity.

**Please visit us online at [www.cabbagepatch.org](http://www.cabbagepatch.org) to learn about giving opportunities!**



## Is it time for an “important paper check-up”?

### Significant Change in Family?

- You got married
- You were divorced
- You had a birth of a new child or grandchild
- An immediate family member pass away

### Review and Update Important Documents

- Will or trust agreements
- Life insurance policy beneficiaries
- IRA/401K/403B/Pension beneficiaries
- Powers of attorney/living will/healthcare surrogate

## Legacies of Generosity - John Fenton Kottkamp Memorial Fund

Established in 2015 in loving memory of John Fenton Kottkamp, this fund honors Fenton's legacy through educational opportunities for at-risk youth.

Toby Nutt is an old friend of Fenton's father Steve. His connection to the Cabbage Patch goes back to the late 1970s, when he was coaching basketball for Crescent Hill Baptist Church.

Toby's son Grady was a great friend to Fenton, and though their years together at college ended in Fenton's passing, Toby saw an opportunity to honor Fenton's legacy in his hometown city. Such a great man was surely deserving of a great organization to honor him, and The Patch was the perfect place to assure that students could achieve the dream of a college degree; a dream that Fenton had shared.

**I distinctly remember pulling up to The Patch in our church van and giving my kids the highly inspirational pregame speech. It would always start with something like, "This might be the year we beat these guys!" They would literally run a full court press designed to force us to the soft spot in the floor where the leaking roof seemed to be their sixth man on defense. Their jerseys were old and faded but those kids came to play!**

*-Toby Nutt*

If you intend on shaping and changing lives for the better, start early and be prepared to have constant, not occasional contact. I know that often times the staff at The Patch becomes family to these kids as they grow. And it is thru their day to day involvement that these youngsters grow to have the desire to be successful and productive members of society. When Cindy and I attend the annual fundraising dinner, our favorite part has always been hearing from one or more of the young men or women that are now college students. They stand up there looking and sounding like a million bucks and with a thankful heart they recall the volunteers and staff of The Patch that invested all that time with them and helped get them to where they are now and where they are heading in the future. It's powerful!

Given by his friends who were touched by Fenton's joy for life and love of family and friends, this fund is a beacon of hope that shines out of tragic circumstances. Just as Fenton's warm, loving presence brought light to his loved ones' lives, his fund illuminates the path to success for young people who dare to follow their dreams.

### To Establish a Named Fund:

- If establishing during a lifetime, a \$10,000 minimum gift is required. (may be paid over two years)
- If establishing through an estate plan, a \$20,000 minimum gift is required
- Sign a Fund Information form
- Work with staff to determine fund name, purpose and description

For more information contact:  
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jscott@cabbagepatch.org or

**Tracy Holladay** at 502-753-4445,  
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