

Patchworks

WINTER 2021

THE CABBAGE PATCH SETTLEMENT HOUSE



When The Cabbage Patch staff last saw Keenan, it was March of 2020 and his favorite thing to do was to challenge his friend Dontrell in basketball. Keenan wasn't very tall, but he was fast, and played a good game. When the gym was silent during the COVID-19 lockdown, it was those friendly matches between Keenan and Dontrell that were foremost in Patch staff's memories.

*"We didn't know how good we had it when
The Patch was open every day"*

On August 11, 2021, The Cabbage Patch reopened for after school programming, after serving as a community education hub during the previous school year. One of the first people through the door was a tall teenager. "Man, I missed this place!" His deep voice boomed through the lobby. Staff members studied his face for a moment before he pulled his mask down and they exclaimed, "Keenan!"

Keenan headed straight to the education department. He was anxious to talk about his academic goals with staff, now that the idea of college was closer than ever. But as he headed down the hallway, he called to the front desk: "If you see Dontrell, tell him to find me! I haven't played him in basketball lately!"

Keenan has said that he didn't know how good he had it when The Patch was open every day. Thank you for helping us get back to what we do best after a year of adapting to multiple challenges!

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The Light of Hope at Christmas

At The Patch, Christmas is the perfect time to shine our light in the community and ensure that children experience the love of Christ and the joy of the season, regardless of how their families may be struggling.

Carmen is one Patch Parent who is looking forward to being part of our Christmas assistance program.

Carmen's story is unique, but not unusual. She was faced with an opportunity to become a guardian for three children. Although she did it out of love, for an older woman on a fixed income, it is certainly a financial challenge.

Thankfully, The Cabbage Patch, along with community partners Second Presbyterian Church, Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church, St. Francis of the Fields Episcopal Church, and donors like you, are helping Carmen with the expenses of her expanded family during the holidays. During the season of giving, The Cabbage Patch's Family Development staff will work with Carmen to determine the needs of each child and ensure that there are gifts under the tree.

Life takes unexpected turns. The Cabbage Patch is always ready to help! Thank you for helping us to fulfill our mission!

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The Cabbage Patch Annual Auction

Spectacular! *Brilliant!*
Totally Fun! *Wildly Successful!*

How would you describe the 2021 Cabbage Patch Annual Auction? It was an evening filled with fun and inspiration, and together we raised a tremendous amount of money to ensure each of The Patch scholars (and budding scholars) have a means toward achieving their dream.

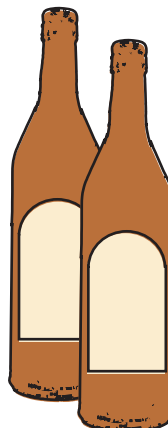
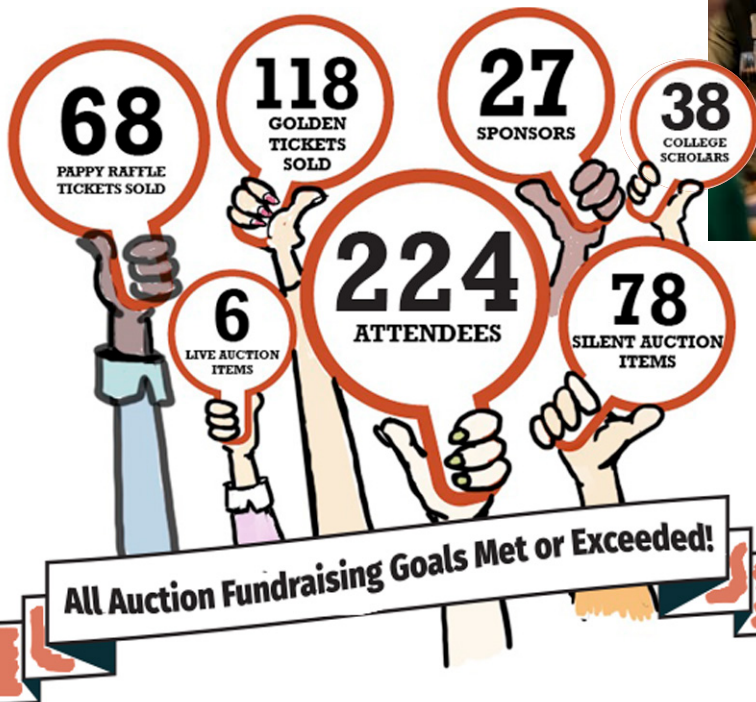
Thank you.... Together We Are BRILLIANT!!



See the Auction Photo Gallery at www.cabbagepatch.org/events/auction



...OF 186
**PATCH
 BATCH**
 BOTTLES
 SOLD
 (SO FAR)



OVER \$13,400 RAISED THROUGH OUR PAPPY VAN WINKLE RAFFLE AND "LAST HERO STANDING" AUCTION EVENT. THANK YOU!

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:

- Laundry detergent
- Cleaning supplies
- Dish liquid detergent
- Dove soap
- Women's deodorant
- Paper towels
- Cereal

Contact: Doug Holm,
dholm@cabbagepatch.org
or 753-4434

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Shopping and organizing gifts for the Christmas Partner Program
- Putting together boxes of goodies for our College Scholars
- Writing staff appreciation cards
- Cookie decorating with The Patch kids,
- Contact: Chelsea Kilburn, Volunteer Coordinator
ckilburn@cabbagepatch.org or 753-4457

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



Shop at **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.



Building Bright Futures

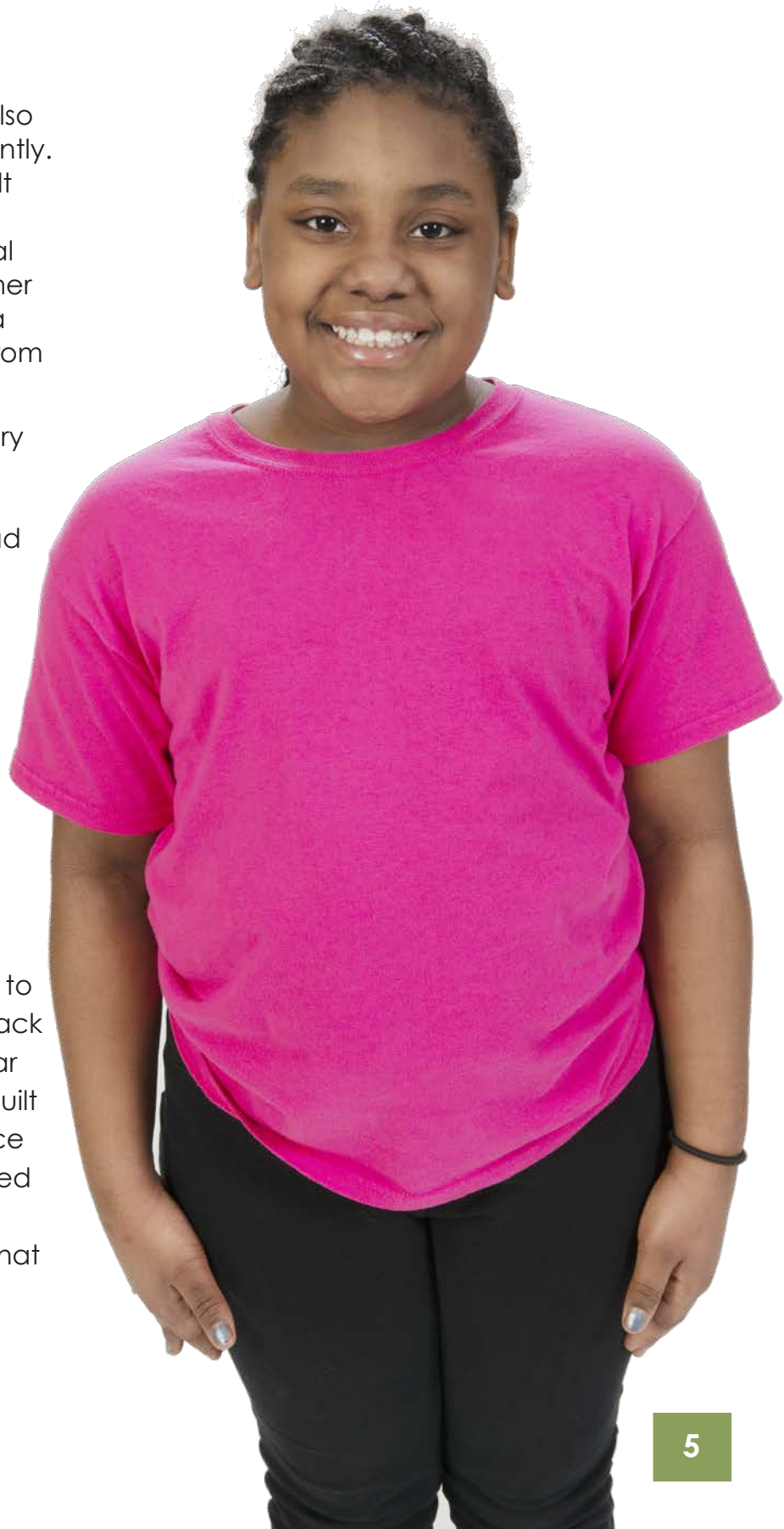
For all the stories about Non-Traditional Instruction (NTI) being difficult, we are also reminded that every child learns differently. Deja, a 7th grader, was having a difficult time in school prior to virtual learning. She was subject to some negative social situations, and the stress was affecting her grades. When COVID-19 necessitated a shift to online school, she felt freedom from the bullying she had experienced.

Deja came to The Cabbage Patch every day during our time as a community learning hub. She had always struggled with math, but Cabbage Patch staff had a way of working with her that made it understandable.

*Deja's grades improved,
and her mother said that she
would keep Deja at The Patch
full time if possible.*

Of course, we all had to transition back to the new normal, and Deja had to go back to her school. However, she said this year felt different. The confidence that she built as she improved her school performance seemed to uplift her spirit as she prepared to meet new challenges. Thank you for supporting Cabbage Patch programs that instill pride and resilience!

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A Beacon of Hope

Shanice, a Cabbage Patch teen employee, came into the lobby on one of the hottest days of summer and declared, "That AC feels amazing!" She seemed flushed, and with the temperature outside being well over 90 degrees, Ms. Mayghin was a little concerned. She asked Shanice to sit and rest for a moment before beginning her work for the day.

In talking with Shanice, Ms. Mayghin learned that she walked from her school to The Patch and had been doing so for some time. Shanice's mother works full time and is unable to transport her in the middle of the day. Shanice tried the TARC bus but didn't feel safe... so she just started walking.

"I couldn't believe it when The Cabbage Patch offered me a job! Now I have a job and still get to spend time at The Patch!"

The teen employment program is a way to keep teenagers engaged at The Patch when they might leave to seek jobs elsewhere. We were stunned to learn that the program means so much to Shanice that she will walk an hour each day to work with us. With this level of dedication, we can't wait to see how she will excel as she moves into the College Scholars Program! Thank you for supporting our programs that set young people up for long-term success.



Frankie Lewis



The runway is where Cabbage Patch alumna Frankie Lewis has seen her dreams come to life. As a Cabbage Patch College Scholar with a degree in Theater Arts, she has taught performing arts to young people at The Cabbage Patch and has given back to The Patch with fashion shows benefiting our children and families. She caught the attention of Project Runway producers after being featured in the KMAC Couture fashion shows and working in design in California. As the 2019 season sweetheart, Frankie showed incredible teamwork on a show that often reveals more rivalry than camaraderie. Her clothing brand, Frankie Lew, reflects her bubbly personality and community-minded lifestyle.

It is always inspiring to hear Frankie talk about her creative ambitions. **You will have the chance to see her as a featured speaker at the Rise and Shine Donor Appreciation Breakfast at the Mellwood Art Center! (more information below)** Alumni like Frankie are grateful for all the support you have provided and continue to provide for future generations.

Please visit us online at www.cabbagepatch.org to learn about giving opportunities!

RISE and SHINE

Save the Date!

Wednesday, March 9

Mellwood Art Center Da Vinci Room

8:00-8:30 AM Registration and buffet breakfast

8:30-9:15 AM Program

ONLY \$10 per person

Together, we have accomplished amazing things in the lives of at-risk children and families. Join us in celebrating You...our donor family!



Named Fund Spotlight



In the early 2000's, Susan Lawler began volunteering at The Patch through the Seed to Table Program. This annual program is meaningful for Patch youth because it changes with the seasons. In the spring Patch youth plant their gardens, in the summer and early fall they harvest their vegetables, and in the late fall and winter, they learn to cook.

Susan quickly fell in love with the program, and through it noticed the profound impact The Patch was having on young lives. In 2005, she decided to establish the Lawler Family Educational Opportunities Endowment Fund. Susan believes that a good education can open doors of opportunity, and she wanted those same options available for the young people at The Patch. Thank you, Susan, for investing in the lives of the children at The Patch all these years, and for generations to come!

If you would like to learn more about establishing a named fund, contact Jennifer Scott at 502-753-4446 or jscott@cabbagepatch.org.

Volunteer Spotlight

In non-COVID times, a joyful announcement heard every week at The Patch consisted of four words: “Ms. Fish is here!” “Ms. Fish” (aka board member Lea Fischbach) would come toting a bag filled with craft items for the kids, who would carry the bag to “her corner” of the Educational Opportunities Building.

As a regular volunteer, Lea helps students with their daily homework assignments, but her number-one priority is always to help the student feel good about getting the job done with quality. And after the work sheets are finished it's time for fun. Some evenings it's Seed to Table (the cooking/gardening program that has been led by volunteers for nearly 30 years). In the summer the “Seed” portion gets children working in raised beds at The Patch filled with annual plantings as well as blueberries, strawberries, and herbs. The “Table” portion is the fall/winter portion where Patchers cook an entire meal, enjoy their efforts, and then clean up!

On other afternoons the fun means craft favorites like finger weaving, bead stringing, or seasonal crafts. Christmas is a special time when every sort of ornament is created. Her refrain of “job well done!” is often heard after a complicated activity is completed.

Beyond activities, Lea is always glad to listen to youth members share their burdens of craziness on the bus, “that



mean teacher,” or an instance of bullying they experience. A supportive ear is part of being a Patch volunteer.

Volunteers like Lea Fischbach are rare finds, but always a blessing. The children love volunteers because they encounter caring, loving adults who are there for them when life is fun or when they hit a bump in the road on the challenging days. Volunteering at The Patch is a ministry of presence, being the hands and feet of Christ. *Feeling called to be a volunteer? Contact Chelsea Kilburn, Volunteer Coordinator, to learn more (502-753-4457 or ckilburn@cabbagepatch.org). All volunteers must be fully vaccinated, pass a background check and attend an orientation session.*



Thank you to the following **donors** who made gifts to The Cabbage Patch in **memory** of others from August 1, 2021 to October 31, 2021.

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In honor of Mr. Calvin Holloway's 30 years of service to The Cabbage Patch

Stephen and Coretta Wolford

In honor of the 1st birthday of Calvin Fletcher Lowry

Rose Lowry

In honor of the 65th birthday of Ms. Patricia Lowry

Rose Lowry

In honor of the birthday of Mr. William G. Meyer, III

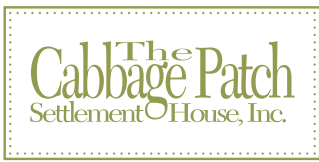
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Your loved ones will feel truly blessed when you honor them with a donation to the children of The Cabbage Patch.

One month of Leadership Development training for one child:  **\$50**

Two months of homework help for one child:  **\$75**

Three months of art classes for one child:  **\$100**

Make your gift by **December 13** and we will send your loved ones a card featuring artwork by the children of The Cabbage Patch. The card will describe the life-changing work they have inspired. Simply note that your donation is a Christmas honorarium.