



# The Cabbage Patch Settlement House, Inc.



Dear Friend,

March 2022

At The Cabbage Patch, we shine through the depth of the connections that we have with our youth members and their families. We build strong relationships that put us in a position to continually influence them in their journey from childhood to teenage years and finally into adulthood. We walk with them as they grow into their God-given potential – and we couldn't do that without your support!

Last year was challenging at The Patch with remote learning and COVID variants, which led to numerous starts and stops. That rollercoaster ride played havoc with all school-aged youth, and Jeremiah's\* story shows the impact of those difficulties.

During his time in remote learning at The Patch, Jeremiah thrived. He received a lot of one-on-one attention from Cabbage Patch staff and became an honor roll student for the first time. When fall arrived things were going well, with Jeremiah qualifying for high level classes. But as the school year progressed, he fell into old patterns that left him struggling. He came to The Patch less and seemed to lose interest in the work.

After a few months, he had completely withdrawn socially and was failing several of his classes. Jeremiah's father, Gerry\*, reached out to The Patch for help. "He was doing so well with you all. It's hard to see him struggle again," his father said. "Do you think we can get him back on track?" Patch staff members worked with Gerry to make a plan for Jeremiah.

Now, Jeremiah is coming to The Patch almost every day. The first place he goes is to the education area to complete any unfinished work; the second is to our Behavior Specialist's office to talk about what's been going on in his life. Jeremiah was feeling overwhelmed by trying to live up to his success and frustrated that it seemed harder than it did before. By building his emotional vocabulary, he had the words to name his feelings and a starting place to address them. A month later, Jeremiah is now passing his classes and once again back in activities.

Jeremiah's story shows the impact of deep relationships. We know our young people, and their families see us as a partner to help their children succeed. Last year was about pivoting, this year will be about recovery from the pandemic. It is the work we are called to do. **Won't you join us in profoundly changing lives with a gift today? Because together we are brilliant!**

At The Patch we are shining our light to grow the next generation of leaders. Through your partnership, we have the means to build a brighter future through investing in our youth, one relationship at a time!

Sincerely,

Rev. Corey G. Miller, D.Min.  
Executive Director

\*Names have been changed.



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