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THE CABBAGE PATCH SETTLEMENT HOUSE



Magnifying Fun & Exploration at The Patch!



The
Cabbage Patch
Settlement House, Inc.

Charting a Change of Direction

At The Cabbage Patch, our Family Development Department focuses on a holistic approach to helping the families we serve build *resiliency and stability*. We understand that each family has different needs, so we offer a wide range of services to support them, including: rent or utility assistance, assisting with household cleaning items and supplies, gas cards or bus tickets to combat transportation barriers, records expungement to remove obstacles to a higher paying job, and job search services like resume building and interview practice. This work is crucial to helping families *eliminate barriers to success*, and we are proud to help chart a change of direction to help these families stay on a path to financial success.

However, times are challenging for many. In the past year, as inflation rates skyrocketed in Louisville and across the country, reaching a 30-year-high, we saw families struggling to pay for food and other necessities. Many of our clients, like Diana*, had to take on a second job just to make ends meet. Diana works full-time in a medical office but cares for a developmentally disabled adult during the evenings and weekends for additional income. She's not the only one. Another one of our clients, Imari*, is a full-time employee at Humana and then delivers groceries through Instacart on the side to make ends meet and support her family.

In this time of economic stress and uncertainty, The Cabbage Patch has been a *place of hope* for our families. Thanks to your donations, we have been able to serve families through our food pantry and utility assistance programs, helping them maintain financial progress instead of falling into debt. Thank you for helping make a difference in our local community!

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



STEM Club Positively Motivating Students

At The Cabbage Patch, we know just how important academic development is for all students. That's why we have a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Club that meets weekly and is designed to excite and engage our members. Led by Mr. Jay, the STEM Club has a genuine impact on our students by reinforcing the value and importance of STEM as a part of everyday life through hands-on activities.

One Cabbage Patch member, Marius*, is eight years old and loves radio-controlled (RC) racing. He attended every RC class offered by The Patch and mastered maneuvering his monster truck through the course. Marius had a deep curiosity about how the controllers and cars worked and was full of questions.

However, Marius' passion for technology didn't fully spark until one day when the Game Room was closed and he wandered into the STEM Club. The members were working with mini-robots and designing courses for them to follow. Instantly interested, Marius wanted to know how they could perform movements and spin around. He asked Mr. Jay to explain what the students were doing, and right away started designing his own course.

Marius wasted no time and created a complex course and his robot spun and danced across the area. He is now hooked and continues to come back regularly. He has learned quickly, and Marius has set his sights on programming the more advanced Lego Mindstorm robots. We are sure he can do it and are encouraged to see the positive impact of the STEM Club in opening up new skills and interests.



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Staying Optimistic in Difficult Times

Leadership development is a pillar of Cabbage Patch programming. We offer programs starting at age eight through teenage years. One especially vital program is our Teen Club.

The Cabbage Patch Teen Club meets weekly and offers skills to teens aged 13 to 16, including public speaking. Members spend nearly a month on the public speaking module, with activities ranging from crafting a speech on an assigned research topic to creating an impromptu debate position in just ten minutes. Participating in public speaking training helps teens master communication skills, become more independent, gain self-esteem, and sharpen critical thinking and organizational skills.

Eight teen leaders participated in the Optimist Club of Louisville's annual oratorical competition, hosted at The Cabbage Patch. During the competition, three finalists delivered speeches on how to be optimistic in the face of challenges.

Cabbage Patch student Kayla* focused her speech on the challenge of having her middle school experience overshadowed by COVID-19. In her speech, Kayla said,

"I started as a pessimist because all I could think about during NTL was 'what if my Chromebook dies, or I get bad grades,' but I realized that if I wanted to change the way I was feeling I first had to change the way I was thinking. The Cabbage Patch staff members helped me with school and helped me to change my mindset. They helped me become an optimist and helped me realize that if you believe in yourself, you can be unstoppable!"

Before the competition, Kayla was nervous about her presentation and delivery since her writing is a greater strength. She worked on outlining and writing her speech with Ms. Brandi for over a month and perfecting her presentation skills in Performing Arts with Mr. John. Kayla also practiced giving her speech weekly with her twin sister and best friend, who was also a finalist.

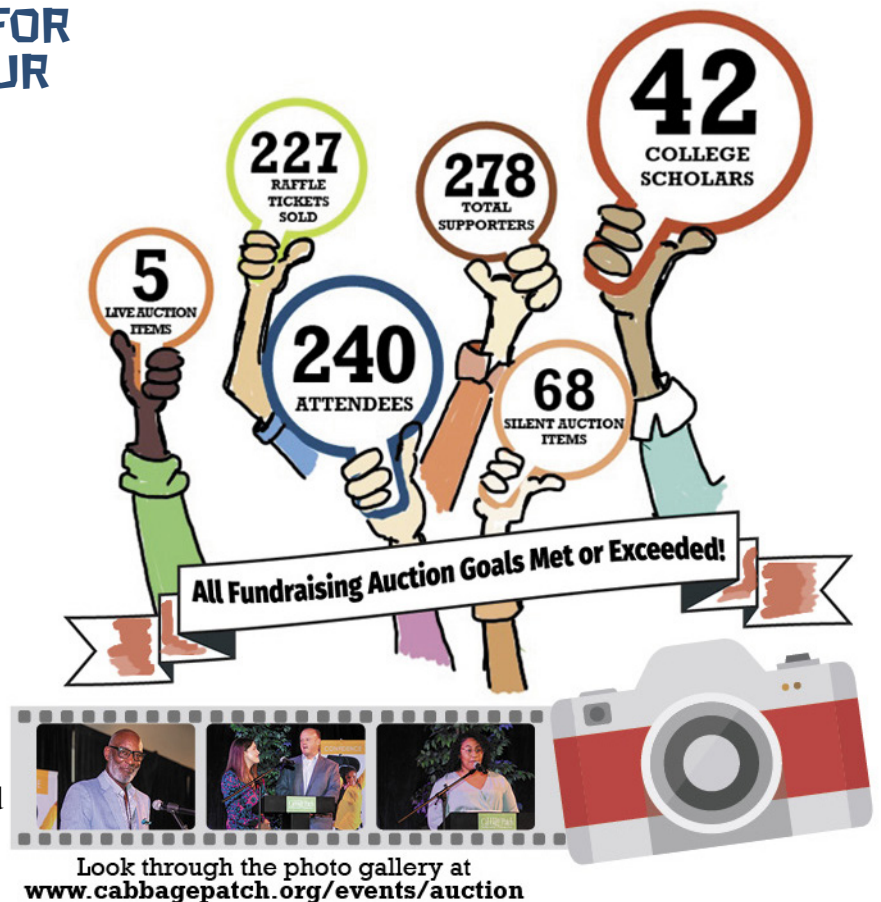
Thanks to the help from The Patch staff and their friends, Kayla won the competition and went on to compete in the district-level speech contest this past April, where she placed fourth overall (even among high school youth). We love seeing the positive impact our Teen Club has on our members!



THANKS FOR SUPPORTING OUR FUNDRAISING AUCTION AND FOR BEING A KEY ELEMENT OF OUR FORMULA FOR SUCCESS!

In September, nearly 250 individuals attended our Annual Fundraising Auction, held this year in the Da Vinci Room at Mellwood Art Center. The night was a great success, not only meeting, but exceeding our fundraising goals! As a result of generous donations and auction bids, we have raised over \$220,000, going to serve children and families, and especially our current and future College Scholars.

We want to recognize the generosity of our Presenting Sponsor, **Brown-Forman Corporation**, our Platinum Sponsor, **Stock Yards Bank**, more than 80 additional sponsors (financial and in-kind donations), and those of you who attended and all who bid on items this year! Mark your calendars for next year's event taking place on Thursday, September 21 at The Gheens Foundation Lodge at The Parklands of Floyds Fork.



Congratulations to the Jordan Clines Jewelers foursome for placing first at our Annual Golf Tournament!

GOLF ROUNDUP

The 2022 Cabbage Patch Invitational Golf Tournament at Big Spring Country Club was a huge success, exceeding our goal and raising more than \$71,000 to help make a difference in the lives of the children and families we serve.

Thanks to the generosity of our 87 golfers and our sponsors, including **Eagle Sponsors: Stock Yards Bank, LG&E and KU Foundation, Kosair Charities, and The Mackin Family Foundation.** Funds will help benefit youth development and educational programs at The Patch. We are grateful for this support!

TOGETHER WE

Comprehensive

Thanks to the support of our wonderful donors, we *exceeded* our \$12 million Comprehensive Capital Campaign goal!!

TOTAL AMOUNT RAISED \$13M

\$2,373,708

new endowment gifts and
started 26 new named funds

Given by
8,818
donors

\$6,372,107

annual fund
dollars raised

\$4,298,844

deferred gifts

107

donors are in the
1910 Society



It takes a team to reach such a high goal, but thanks to our donors, Board of Directors, Patch staff, and volunteers, we succeeded and continue to *positively charge* and provide *hope* to every family we serve.



Feasibility Study

MAY
2017

JUN
2017

MAY
2021

Quiet/Major Gift
Campaign

Public Phase

WERE BRILLIANT

Capital Campaign

Feedback from donors



Frankie Lewis,
Patch Alum and Guest Speaker
at the Celebration Breakfast

"I am a third-generation donor and proud to carry on the tradition."

"(I) appreciate the assurance of ongoing support of lower income neighborhoods."

"I feel like The Cabbage Patch is an excellent steward of programs."



Campaign
Celebration



MAR
2022

APR
2022

Wrapped Up
Campaign

- o 1 New Executive Director
- o 1 global pandemic
- o 112 years of profoundly changing lives
- o Started with 25 college scholars in 2017 and now have 42 this year!

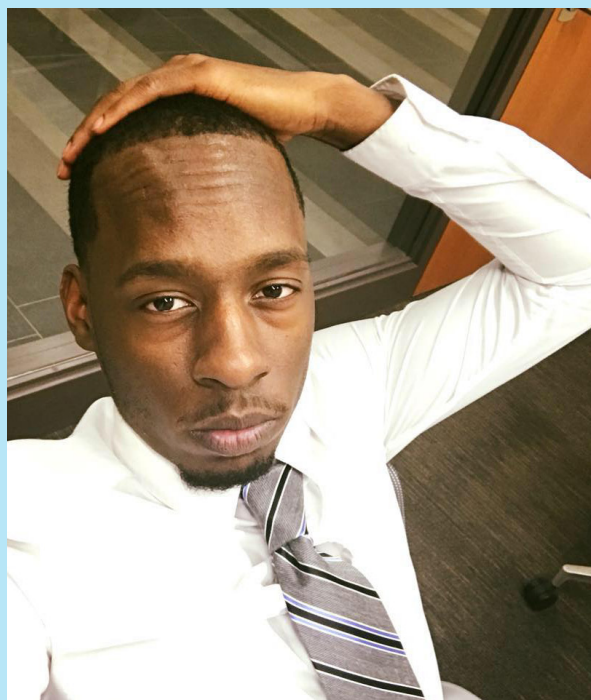
College Scholar Update

Positively Energizing College Scholars

Meet Ty’Juan

Ty’Juan graduated from the University of Kentucky in 2018 with a BS in Accounting. He went on to graduate school at the University of Louisville, graduating with his MBA in 2020.

He completed his graduate internship with New Directions Housing Corporation, choosing a non-profit where he could give back to the community. That internship working in housing helped to form his career path, as he currently works as a Senior Accountant at RPM Living in Atlanta, a property management company. He credits the experiences he gained in his hometown of Louisville, and at The Cabbage Patch, with his success now.



"I moved to Atlanta a few months ago and I am still growing everyday. Without The Patch I don't know where I would be. The programs The Patch offered like Teen Club and College Prep have helped me grow in my academic and professional paths. I look forward to seeing what the future holds and looking back, I am proud of my decision to join The Patch!"

-Ty

Gill Family Endowment Fund – A “Force” for Good Into the Future

In 2020, the Gill family made a powerful statement when they established The Gill Family Educational Opportunities endowment fund. The Gill family believes knowledge opens doors to so many possibilities the world offers, and when paired with good work and persistence, the opportunities result in victory – in any pursuit. The Gill Family Fund continues the commitment of Robert E. and Virginia G. Gill in helping young people achieve their victories so they can end up, each in their own way, on top of the world.

If you, too, would like to honor a loved one's legacy and life values, contact **Jennifer Scott** at jscott@cabbagepatch.org or 502-753-4446 to establish a named fund at The Cabbage Patch.

Your gift can honor a loved one and help create sustainable, life-changing programs for the children and youth of The Cabbage Patch.



Pictured: Robert E. and Virginia G. Gill, visiting one of their favorite locations, La Jolla, California, in 1976.



Leave a Legacy with Planned Giving

What legacy do you want to leave? What story about your life values do you want to be remembered by your family? Have you considered making The Cabbage Patch Settlement House part of your estate plan?

Share your plans with us! Knowing about your future intentions helps The Patch plan for the future and celebrate your commitment as a member of the 1910 Society.

For more information, contact Jennifer Scott at 502-753-4446 or jscott@cabbagepatch.org to discuss possibilities.

“We believe in the mission and ministry of The Cabbage Patch with a firm conviction that every child deserves an opportunity to reach their greatest potential. We have chosen to include The Cabbage Patch in our estate plan by including them as a beneficiary designation in our IRA. We hope that others will join us and remember The Patch in their estate planning.”

– Rob and Holly Crady

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