





The Cabbage Patch: Inside a Thriving Community

From the outside, the staid brick walls of 1413 South Sixth Street may give off the impression that there's not much going on inside. But just one step across the threshold and into The Cabbage Patch reveals a whole beehive of activity waiting inside every afternoon. Kids ages 8 to 18 buzz around the halls, searching for friends, playing in the gym, performing, painting and participating in clubs, all while finding community and being mentored by our highly trained staff.

From the moment they walk in, Patch kids are warmly greeted as they drop off their belongings not needed for the afternoon, including cell phones and electronic devices. They only take any homework they need help with and an open mind.

For the rest of the afternoon, kids at The Cabbage Patch get to choose their own adventures, filled with activities, clubs, discussion groups, tutoring and recreational opportunities offered every hour. From the gym to the performing arts room, the game room, the art room and the education building, children and youth can find what interests them most.

On Mondays, for example, Patch kids might sit in for a ballet lesson or help cook dinner with the Seed to Table Club. They could dive into a lively discussion at Teen Debate on Tuesdays, or grow their love of reading at PageTurners. Kids who need to burn off a little energy can jump into a game of mushroom ball in the gym. Those who are a little more on the creative side could try their hand at crafts in the art room. Patch kids can also choose one of the many special clubs sprinkled throughout the week — from Scouting America and Girl Scouts to the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, to Teen Club and much more!

This is just a glimpse of a day at The Cabbage Patch; calm and unhurried on the outside, but inside, a flourish of activity and interaction, all held together by the special spirit that lives here. Cabbage Patch kids come because they know this is a safe place to explore and discover, to know and be known, to build community and thrive.

This amazing work is all possible thanks to the generosity of the donors who support us in living out The Cabbage Patch's legacy of loving our neighbors and shining the light of God's love in Louisville. Your support makes a lasting difference. *Will you donate to our mission and help provide life-changing opportunities for the next generation?*

