

Patchworks

WINTER 2026

THE CABBAGE PATCH SETTLEMENT HOUSE



Dear Friend,

Happy New Year! We hope your holidays were meaningful and filled with good times with friends and family.

December is always special at The Patch, and this year was no exception. Our Programs Department hosted a full season of celebrations—from the Holiday Art Show and Night of 1,000 Cookies, to the Patch Parents Holiday Dinner, the College Scholar Christmas Party, the Youth Talent Show, and finally our mega Youth Christmas Party. It was a wonderful and festive month.

While 2025 ended with a bang, we're equally excited about what 2026 will bring. This year we're working to increase program attendance by recruiting new school partners and individual members, while also encouraging our current members to attend even more consistently.

One way we're doing that is through our Very Involved Patchers (VIPs) program. Patch members who attend more than 15 times in a month receive special prizes and enjoy a festive celebration each month in our Teen Room.

We also know that ongoing JCPS transportation challenges mean that when we enter into new school partnerships, we must provide transportation from school to The Patch. Thanks to the support of our board and generous donors, we were able to purchase an additional van—an important step in strengthening and expanding our transportation ministry.

In the coming year, we are also looking forward to adding new programming for our youth members. Plans are underway to revitalize a fitness room and expand youth nutrition and exercise opportunities. We will also invest in staff training and certification so our team can use best practices to help youth build lifelong habits for health and wellness.

Thank you for connecting with The Patch. Your support fuels our ministry that strengthens families, shapes futures, and builds a better Louisville—one young person at a time. We are grateful for your partnership as we step into 2026 together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Corey G. Miller".

Rev. Dr. Corey G. Miller
Executive Director



Patch Kids Learn To Chase Their Dreams in College and Career Programs



Stepping into a new role as College and Career Specialist has given Makala Taylor a chance to share from her own life experience and live out her passion to help Patch members succeed. Makala’s positive outlook naturally inspires others, and she has thrived working with both Patch members and our College Scholars.

She has created a robust schedule of programs this year with an emphasis on strengthening academics, financial literacy, and self-confidence. From Monday to Friday, Patch kids and teens learn about the college application process, get help on scholarship applications, hear career advice from adults, and discover

their own strengths and opportunities for growth. Makala has also developed a financial education course to steer kids away from accumulating student debt.

Makala has also worked to connect and build deeper relationships with our 36 College Scholars. Her efforts are already rubbing off on the students she mentors. “Education is important to me because it’s the only thing that cannot be taken away from me,” shared Keevina Brittle, a current Cabbage Patch College Scholar. “I want to learn and achieve all I can.”

“My goal is to build kids up and let them know they can achieve anything they want,” Makala declared. With creativity, experience, and a magnetic personality, she is taking College and Career Development programming to new levels.

If you are interested in sharing career advice and experiences from your own journey with aspiring Patch youth, please contact Makala at mtaylor@cabbagepatch.org.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Fellowship of Christian Athletes Inspires Hope Through Storytelling

“I prayed and I said ‘Jesus, I’m going to actually get to know you now’ . . . and my whole life changed that week,” JoJo Carmichael shared at a recent gathering of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) at The Cabbage Patch. JoJo is a Ballard High School baseball player who reached a major milestone this year when he committed to play college baseball at Triton College.



JoJo’s testimony of finding and following God is an example of the inspiring storytelling at the heart of FCA. The club at The Patch was launched in 2024 and has been a resounding success, with a consistently strong attendance at monthly meetings. At each meeting, Patch kids hear from guest speakers who share encouraging stories about their faith and their passion for sports. Our FCA group has heard faith stories from people like University of Louisville football player Kalib Perry and basketball player Larry O’Bannon, JoJo, and many more.

In ways large and small, their stories inspire Patch kids to live out their faith and chase their dreams.

The Cabbage Patch and Second Presbyterian Church: A Faithful Partnership for 115 Years

The steadfast partnership between The Cabbage Patch and Second Presbyterian Church is one that goes all the way back to The Patch's founder, Miss Louise Marshall. It was a Presbyterian mission that ignited a passion in young Louise, a passion that grew into her life's mission to form and develop The Cabbage Patch Settlement House. When Miss Marshall began raising money for the first-ever Cabbage Patch facility, she turned to her own church for help.

From our founding to the present day, Second Presbyterian has made a transformational impact on The Patch. One component of impact is financial as the church has given well over \$1 million. The Christmas Partner Program has also benefited from the partnership with Second Presbyterian, whose members have taken shopping trips with families to help purchase Christmas gifts for many years, with contributions totaling more than \$100,000. Church members have helped with the Back to School program, donated to the food pantry, bought birthday gifts, served as board members, prayed for The Patch, and so much more.

The partnership today remains both a point of celebration and a vital connection for both organizations. "As a church who proclaims that we are 'Sharing the grace of God to one another and the world around us,' it warms my heart to see this theology in action," shared Rev. Barrett Abernathy, Pastor and Head of Staff of Second Presbyterian Church. "Our people are committed to preserving the historical connection between our two organizations, but also desire to lay the groundwork to extend God's freely given grace to those around us. The Patch provides a wonderful avenue for our faith to blossom!" We at The Patch continue to be grateful for the blessing of this enduring partnership!



THE 1910 SOCIETY

'A Love Letter to the Patch' From Lea Fischbach

Why did I join the 1910 Society of The Cabbage Patch? The answer comes as a love letter to The Patch. Over 30 years ago, I arrived as a volunteer in hopes of helping kids learn to read. I remember the day: I entered a room filled with children focused on getting their homework packets finished so that they could go and play basketball or get to Mr. Chin's Fun Club space. I was "hooked."

I'd been a "professional volunteer" most of my adult days. Finding such a welcoming, positive space to share my time, talents, and treasure was such a blessing. I soon discovered it to be a place of hope, expanded horizons, and safety for kids and families who sometimes were facing challenges I could hardly imagine. As the years have passed, I remain in awe of Louise Marshall's commitment to the neighborhood and its needs. Believe it or not, as I pass her picture and look into her sparkling eyes, I quietly utter, "Thank you." Thank you, Miss Marshall, for establishing a place that continues your legacy of love and support. Thank you for your commitment to bringing hope and opportunity where hope and opportunity are often lacking. What better way to say "thank you" but to include The Cabbage Patch in my will. So it is!



To learn more about the 1910 Society, contact Jennifer Scott at 502-743-4446 or jscott@cabbagepatch.org.



The Cabbage Patch Celebrates a Very Merry Christmas!



It was a festive holiday season at The Cabbage Patch, with lots of opportunities for Patchers to spread Christmas joy to friends and family! Kicking off two weeks of merriment was the annual “Night of 1,000 Cookies,” a Seed to Table tradition where staff and volunteers work with Patch kids and endeavor to bake as many cookies as possible. The upstairs kitchen becomes a flurry of activity with staff and kids mixing flour, kneading dough, shaping cookies, and, of course, generously taste-testing the icing. The cookies are used throughout the holiday activities. This year, our young chefs succeeded in making macaroons, chocolate-covered peanuts, and frosted sugar cookies — maybe not 1,000, but it was certainly a lot!



The fun continued with the Christmas party, giving Patch kids a chance to have fun, enjoy good food, and express their creativity with help from our Patch Partners young professionals group. From face painting to ornament making, cookie decorating, 9-square, and more, there was something for everyone! Thanks to Chick-fil-A, who donated delicious meals for every Patch kid. We also give thanks to Kaitlin Parish, Toys for Tots, Thrivent Financial, and PEO for donating gifts to our Christmas Gift Station. At the end of the night, every child got to go home with special gifts of their choosing.



The holidays are all about sharing gifts, and that’s especially true at The Cabbage Patch! Our annual student art show gave Patch kids an opportunity to showcase the creative projects they have been working on in the art room — including painting, graphic design, sewing and even 3D art! Thanks to our art staff lead Alex Edison and alumna Frances Lewis, kids have been able to dabble in more diverse mediums for artwork this year. And what Christmas celebration would be complete without a talent show? Patch kids read poems, shared skits, played music, and danced to share their talents with others to round out our holiday activities.



Every activity is meant to share the spirit of Christmas, which reminds us above all that God’s love, made known to us through Jesus, can change the world and each one of us.



Thanks for Supporting the 22nd Annual Champions Event and for Being an Amazing Supporter of Our College Scholar Program!

The 22nd Annual Champions Event was a resounding success! Thanks to our sponsors, attendees, donors, and volunteers, it was a special night celebrating champions at The Olmsted on September 25. Through an outpouring of generosity, we raised over \$200,000 to support youth programming and the College Scholars Program at The Cabbage Patch. These funds help change lives through education by providing scholarships, tutoring, standardized test prep, college tours, and much more.

Our featured College Scholar speaker, Aariona Neal, and emcee, Dawne Gee, made it a night to remember, sharing their positivity and inspiration with a full room of 240 Cabbage Patch supporters.

We want to extend our sincere thanks to Champions Event Chair, Shannon Deweese, the Champions Event Committee, and to our sponsors: Stock Yards Bank & Trust Co., Republic Bank, Wood and Marie C. Hannah Foundation, Megan Imel State Farm, LG&E and KU Foundation, Baird, The Glenview Trust Company, LBMC, River Road Asset Management, Senior Helpers, and Sterling Thompsom Company.



Patch members and Kolby Atkinson welcomed guests



Champions Event Chair and Board Member Shannon DeWeese



Makala Taylor and Ms. Fish



Guest Emcee Dawne Gee



College Scholar Speaker Aariona Neal



Cabbage Patch Executive Director Rev. Dr. Corey G. Miller



Board Member Kevin Edwards, Patch Partner Kayla Jennings, and Board Member Mike Wade

Thanks to These 2025 Sponsors!

PLATINUM SPONSORS



TABLE SPONSORS

20/Twenty Strategic Consultants
Anthony and Keri Westmoreland
Barbara Horton
Ben and Jennifer Biervenu
Coretta and Stephen Wolford

Cynthia B. Welch
Jim and Penney Corneal
Laurel M. Lee
Mac Barr
Mickey Brown

Mike and Cindy Dickman
Renee Shomer
Ryan and Jessica Dazier
Strathmoor Family Dentistry

Grant Roberts, Baird Wealth Management

GOLD SPONSORS



FRIEND SPONSOR

Pull-A-Part

SILVER SPONSORS



OFFICIAL WINE SPONSOR



SPIRITS SPONSOR



Thank you to the following donors who made gifts to The Cabbage Patch in memory of others from April 1, 2025 to November 30, 2025.

Annita L. Allen

Mr. Larry Deitering
Ms. Victoria Petko

Mr. Joseph C. Burks, Sr.

Chet and Mary Lynn Hall

Mrs. Jo Ann Campbell

Angela DeWeese

Margaret Ann Cloud Chandler

Charles E. Chandler, Sr.

Mr. Roosevelt Chin

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Banks, II
Tracy and Debbie Holladay

Mr. John Michael Clark

Glen and Brad Hume

Thomas Spalding Clark

Ernest and Patricia Williams

Mr. W. Steve Coffman, Jr.

Larry and Brenda Breeding's Care Group
Danny and Cindy Coffman
John and Rosemary Coffman
Ms. Joy Coffman
Peggy L. Dean
Mrs. Vanessa McCurdy
Mr. Michael Turley

Debby and Bernie Dahlem

Karen Dahlem and Ken Minor

Mr. Charles W. Dietsch

Tracy and Debbie Holladay

Frances W. Dumbaugh

Margaret Bromley
Mr. Paul Wilson
Ms. Catherine Wise

Mr. William G. Duncan, Jr.

Mr. C. Barret Birnsteel

Dr. and Mrs. Clyde H. Foshee

Virginia Plambeck

Theresa Gellhaus

Suzanna Hernandez

Norma and Louie Giesel

Thomas Laird Jones and Caroline Grandy

Mrs. Carol T. Gray

Ms. Katherine Bloch
Roy and Ann Bowling
Debby Potts Cuttino
Katherine M. Davis
Mr. and Mrs. LaMar Gaston
Terry Potts Graves
Karen Buchanan Meyer
Lynn and Ed Miller
Neil and Amy Mitchell
Charles and Susan Musson
oneMD St. Matthews
Elizabeth and Doug Owen
Mrs. Patrice E. Paton
Dr. and Mrs. John A. Schaefer
Mr. and Mrs. Jon Seiz
Mrs. Judith H. Tatum
Sally C. Taylor
Eddie Wells
Patty and Bill West
Susan and David Wood

Elizabeth "Bunch" Sanders Griffin

Eleanor Griffin

Bill Hall

Mr. Brendan O'Melley
Mr. Ken Selvaggi

Adeline Andrews Hoagland

Julie and Fred Davis

Colonel Cecil A. "Doc" Holladay

Dr. Linda W. Holladay

Carolyn Hutto

Susan G. Ford

John Fenton Kottkamp

Mr. and Mrs. Rush Kottkamp

Mr. Don Kurfees

Zee Faulkner Kurfees

Audry Marie Lannert

Julie and Fred Davis

Florence R. Leathers

Jean Harkin

Alice L. Lockett

Jean Harkin

Nina Joyes Lyon

Allen Northcutt and Ellen Mershon

The Honorable Romano L. Mazzoli

Thomas Laird Jones and Caroline Grandy

Betsy McConnell

Thomas Laird Jones and Caroline Grandy
Mr. and Mrs. Michael McConnell

Mr. Ted Merhoff

Howard and Nancy Graves
Thomas Laird Jones and Caroline Grandy

Mr. John Moses

Carolyn McCafferty Moses

Duane Murner

Anne T. Murner

Judge Newman

Evelyn Siemens

Mary Agnes Foshee Norman

Ms. Glen E. Alderton
Mr. and Mrs. Waller B. Booth
Ms. Leigh A. Brenza
Mrs. Sandra Burditt
Mr. and Mrs. John J. Davis, III
Katherine M. Davis
Angela DeWeese
Betsy Foshee
Sandal H. (Sandy) Gulick
Ms. Jean Hanley
Isabel Plambeck
Virginia Plambeck
Ms. Betty Radmacher
Camille Wagner
Louise R. Wall
James and Catherine Wells
Susan and David Wood

David "Dave" Nuermberger

Springwell Senior Living Community

Barbara Buddeke Ogden

Virginia Nugent Vail and William Camp Vail
Eddie Wells and Family

Mrs. Karen Byler Overpeck

Ms. Marlene Zeckner Pardee

Mr. Shirley W. Palmer-Ball

Ms. Ginny Brown

Mrs. Thames Palmer-Ball

Ida Palmer-Ball

Dr. James Paton, III

Roy and Carol Hawkens
Mrs. Patrice E. Paton

Mrs. Charles (Jerry) Pence

Anonymous

Eggar Allen Polley

Anonymous

Mrs. Caroline Reid

Barbara Reid and David Hyman

Edgar and Doris Ritchie

Mr. Clarence E. Henson and Dr. Gail R. Henson

Frances Roberts

Susan and Chip Snyder

Mr. & Mrs. Paul M. Schmidt

Regina Schmidt

Ed Snow

Ms. Susan Schroader

Mrs. Martha Steele

Mr. Sammy Steele

Mary Virginia Thompson

Anonymous
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Scholtz

Charles R. Whalin

Paula O. Whalin

Raymond L. Wright

Anonymous



All gifts are deeply appreciated. If any names were omitted or there's an error, please accept our apology. Please contact The Cabbage Patch so that the appropriate corrections can be made.

1413 SOUTH SIXTH STREET
LOUISVILLE, KY 40208
CABBAGEPATCH.ORG
502.634.0811

HONORARIUMS & SPECIAL HONORS

Thank you to the following donors who made gifts to The Cabbage Patch in honor of others from April 1, 2025 to November 30, 2025.

Nancy Beam

Tracy Holladay

Mickey Brown

Lindy B. Street

David Dorsey

Armstrong Family Foundation

Mr. William G. Duncan, Jr.

Mr. Robert F. Duncan

Rev. J. Tracy Holladay

Delta Dental of Kentucky

Jim Hill

Kim Shippey

Stephen and Coretta Wolford

Mr. Calvin Holloway

Stephen and Coretta Wolford

Chris Hughes

Ms. Kathryn Elizabeth Bissmeyer

Brad Hume

Charlotte and Pat O'Connell

Carolyn and Douglas Judy

Thomas Laird Jones and Caroline

Grandy

Mrs. Emily L. Lawrence

Bob Ayotte

David Lindsey

Dr. and Mrs. Paul Tittel, Jr.

James Mauch

Ms. Melanie McCool

Mr. William G. Meyer, III

Zee Faulkner Kurfees

Corey Miller

Mrs. Barbara B. Horton

Ms. Aariona Neal

Mr. Phillip Neal

Lisa Niehaus

Sheila and Kevin Kurz

Jennifer Scott

Stephen and Coretta Wolford

Phyllis Blythin Ward

Mr. and Mrs. John Hardin Ward, IV

Bob Willis

John and Linda English

Mr. Stephen T. Wolford

Dr. John B. Wolford and Mary W. Wolford

Susan and David Wood

William Alden, III

Thank you to the following donors who made gifts to The Cabbage Patch as special honors of others from April 1, 2025 to November 30, 2025.

Jane Emke in honor of your "special" birthday

Margaret Bromley

David Wood in honor of your leadership

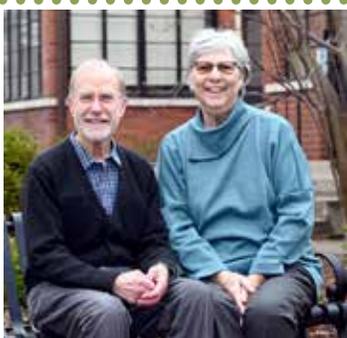
Anonymous



Patch youth members Alexandria Churchill and Amauryie Killebrew were presented Optimist Club Youth of the Year awards by the Louisville Optimist Club on November 18th.

NAMED FUND SPOTLIGHT

The Raderer Family: Rooted in The Patch, Committed to Its Future



Tom and Janet Raderer have been supporters of The Cabbage Patch for many years. Janet's interest came from her lifelong membership at Highland Presbyterian Church, whose members and staff have supported The Patch faithfully for as long as she can remember. She served two consecutive terms on the board of directors for The Patch and continues to volunteer for special events. Tom's love of The Patch is a family affair. His mother and her siblings lived in The Cabbage Patch neighborhood and were involved there during their youth. Both of his parents grew up at Bethlehem Church, just down the block from The Patch.

Believing that education can break the cycle of poverty, Tom and Janet have watched the growth of the College Scholars Program. They are always impressed when they hear Patch Scholars share their stories with others.

Tom and Janet were inspired to create the Arthur and Marian Kummer Raderer Overall Mission Support Endowment Fund as an expression of gratitude for The Patch and to honor its lasting impact on their family. By creating a named endowment fund they hope to help sustain funding for The Cabbage Patch well into the future.

If you are interested in learning more about how to establish a named fund, you can contact Jennifer Scott at 502-743-4446 or jscott@cabbagepatch.org.



1413 SOUTH SIXTH STREET
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY 40208
CABBAGEPATCH.ORG
502.634.0811

The Cabbage Patch Mission: We are a local nonprofit, empowering children, youth, and families to reach their full potential since 1910. Our mission is to provide life-changing academic, recreational, and mentoring opportunities through Christ-centered values.

Vision: Our vision is to empower youth and their families to achieve success and create a better world.

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Louisville, Ky
Permit No. 1823

2026 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President • Carl Williams, Sr.
Immediate Past President • Mickey Brown
Treasurer • Michael Wade
Secretary • Megan Imel

Ebony Bell
Ben Bienvenu
Sonya Brown
Cynthia M. Campbell
Luke Castleman
Doug Chin
Hilary Costello
Shannon DeWeese
Mike Dickman
Ryan Dozier
Shareen Dunn
Kevin R. Edwards
Mike Fallot
John Fidler
Adam Gifford
Christopher Hall
Miles Harrison

Brenda T. Henderson
Brad Hume
Crystal Kannapell
Ashton Lockhart
Edward Maxwell, Jr.
Ursula Melhuish
Charlie Mercer
Justin Moore
Shawn Neely
Natalia Reyes-Harpring
Renee Shomer
Richmond Simpson
Lauren Thompson
Cynthia B. Welch
Keri Reilly Westmoreland
Stephen Wolford

Board Members Emeriti
Lea Fischbach
David Y. Wood

Executive Director
Rev. Dr. Corey G. Miller

Important Upcoming Cabbage Patch Dates

1413 South Sixth Street • Louisville, KY 40208 • www.cabbagepatch.org



Bowling Bash Presented by Patch Partners

Saturday, March 7, 2026
Vernon Lanes



Cabbage Patch Golf Tournament

Monday, June 8, 2026
Audubon Country Club



Annual Cabbage Patch Champions Event

Thursday, September 24, 2026
The Olmsted



You Are Invited To A Cabbage Patch Friends Event

Tuesday, April 7, 2026
4:30pm - 7:00pm

1413 South Sixth Street
Louisville, KY 40208
www.cabbagepatch.org