



Education Changes Lives

Education has the power to change lives. That is a central message at The Cabbage Patch, and it goes all the way back to our founder, Miss Louise Marshall. It was also echoed by the words of longtime staffer Roosevelt Chin, who said, “You don’t work your way out of poverty, you educate your way out!”

This longstanding belief comes to life every day in our Education Department. Children and youth experience the life-changing impact education can have on their lives. In the main floor common area, they get one-on-one homework help from our dedicated staff. Upstairs, they participate in clubs like Creative Construction and S.T.E.M. Club, where they learn in small groups the wonders of science and engineering; or they dive into Page Turners where they deepen their reading comprehension. They may also take a break and make crafts in the corner with Ms. Fish, a longtime volunteer and board member who spends her afternoons in that space.

The Education Department is the place where our members receive personal attention and support that can often be the difference between excelling in school or falling behind.

That is true for Alina*, a second grader who started coming to The Patch last fall. She struggled to hold a pencil correctly, let alone be able to write and recognize letters. When Alina tried to write, she would wrap her entire fist around the pencil. Rather than writing left to right, she chose to write her letters in random order.

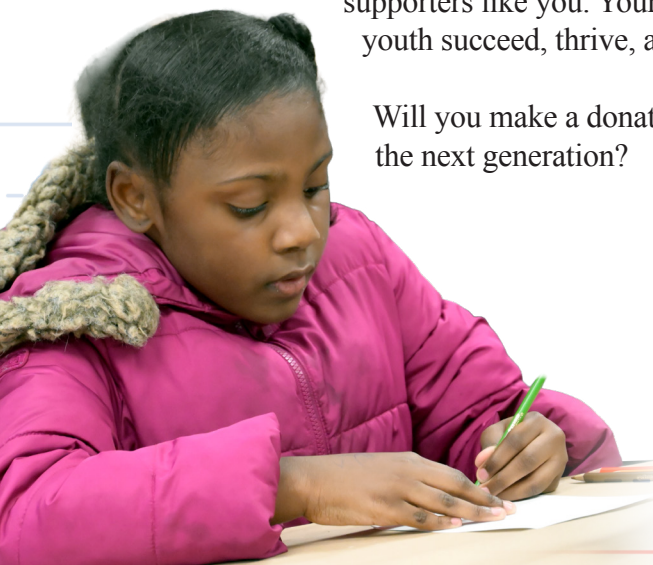
It was clear she had not attended formal school in quite some time. Education staff surrounded her with support and love, creating a dedicated writing binder for her to practice her letters and help her catch up to grade level writing.

Now, Alina holds her pencil properly and is making progress on her writing. Every day she comes to The Cabbage Patch, she reaches for her writing binder, eager to learn and grow.

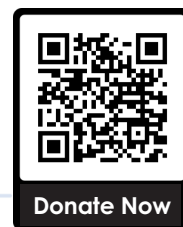
“We always try to meet kids where they are,” said Education Specialist Jay Dolen. “And we walk alongside them as they progress.”

Life-changing opportunities through the power of education are possible because of faithful supporters like you. Your help ensures that The Cabbage Patch will always be a place where youth succeed, thrive, and reach towards their full potential.

Will you make a donation today to The Cabbage Patch to provide opportunities like these for the next generation?



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