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February 2021



A Grateful Heart!

Greetings,

Welcome to the February edition of *Partner PGCPs*!

I am thrilled to bring you greetings as we celebrate **American Heart Month** and the official month of "love." Throughout the school system, our hearts are filled with gratitude for our many great partners who continue to lend their support to our students and schools.



Our partners have continued to be a shining light amid the ongoing pandemic. With your support, we have continued instruction, fed families in need and developed an ambitious plan to vaccinate the employees. I would like to offer special thanks to **Kaiser Permanente** for partnering with PGCPs on the employee vaccination plan. We have a long road ahead, but I know we will make it through together.

In this newsletter, **Bradbury Heights Elementary School Principal Dr. Lynnette R. Walker** who will share the impact of partners like you on her students and school community. You can also learn how the **Capital Area Food Bank** is supporting our students and schools.

This month, please stay heart healthy while continuing to wear your mask, wash your hands and socially distance to protect yourself and our community. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Barbara Holt Streeter
Partnerships Officer


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PARTNER HIGHLIGHTS

ON BEHALF OF THE OFFICE OF
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS,
WE THANK OUR COMMUNITY PARTNER:
CAPITAL AREA FOOD BANK



171,978
Meals provided through a combination of boxed
fresh produce and boxed shelf-stable goods

2,899
Families supported



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CAPITAL AREA FOOD BANK SUPPORTS NEARLY 3,000 FAMILIES

From October 1 through mid-January, partner **Capital Area Food Bank** hosted **Family Markets** at **Carmody Hills, Glassmanor, Port Towns, Rogers Heights and Templeton elementary schools, Charles Carroll and Samuel P. Massie middle schools, DuVal High School and Excel Academy**. Family Markets allow students and families to shop and receive fresh produce and nonperishable goods at no cost. Thanks to the Capital Area Food Bank for continued support!

**REAL PARTNERSHIPS.
REAL SOLUTIONS.**



Dr. Lynnette R. Walker
Bradbury Heights Elementary School



**PRINCIPAL
TESTIMONY**

"The importance of community partnerships can't be overstated. Some of the physical resources that our community partners have provided to our school are items that our school budget wasn't able to support.

Providing our student families with needed resources takes the burden off of our student households and puts the focus back on education."

Prince George's County Public Schools
Office of Community Partnerships

FROM THE HEART: BRADBURY HEIGHTS

PRINCIPAL SHARES IMPACT OF PARTNERSHIPS

"Community partners have provided physical resources to our school, including headphones for intermediate scholars and other items our school budget was unable to support. Headphones are an essential tool for successful distance learning and allow many of our students to more fully engage in learning by supporting their ability to take online assessments and to block out distractions. For the last few years, our school has been the recipient of food baskets to distribute to families during the winter holidays. Our families have appreciated them in years past, but even more so in 2020 as so many have lost their jobs due to COVID. Providing our families with these food baskets lifted a burden, even if only for a little while. We were able to support 234 families with food baskets thanks to our community partners."

~ Dr. Lynnette R. Walker, Bradbury Heights Elementary Principal



Bradbury Heights ES staff prepare to distribute more than 200 Christmas food baskets to student families. The donation was provided by the Prince George's County Public Safety Assistance Program

PGCPs CEO Employee Scholarship Recipient Discovers It's Never Too Late



To date, the PGCPs CEO Employee Scholarship Program has awarded more than \$744,370. Each scholarship represents the opportunity for a new life, the fulfillment of life-long dreams or even the opportunity to change the trajectory of one's career path.

For employee Margaret Wiedmaier, a 20-year employee who serves as Assistant to the Director of Human Resources Operations and Staffing, becoming a CEO Employee Scholarship recipient reminded her that it's never too late to become your best self.

As a teen mother, Wiedmaier put her pursuits for a career and advanced education on hold to raise her children and support her ex-husband's dreams. When her youngest child entered kindergarten, Wiedmaier began her career with PGCPs as a substitute teacher.

As her children entered college, Wiedmaier wanted to advance her education as well. Financially, she knew that college was out of reach for her, which became a point of frustration and disappointment. In 2019 that all changed. As one of eight scholarship recipients, Wiedmaier used her full tuition scholarship to pursue a bachelor's degree in

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recipients, Wiedmaier used her tuition scholarship to pursue a bachelor's degree in business administration, courtesy of Walden University.

The scholarship gave her more than a college degree, she says.

"I have become more confident in pursuing opportunities, making connections and networking since I have enrolled in school. I am learning more than general education and business classes," said Wiedmaier. "I am learning where I fit in this world and how I can impart a positive impact on my community. I know I will be a lifelong learner and I am forever PGCPs Proud."

Prince George's County Public Schools will announce eight new recipients next month in partnership with Walden University. Learn how you can advance your career pathway today with Walden University at www.waldenU.edu/pgcps.

Making a Difference in Students' Lives

WE NEED YOU! Companies, faith-based & nonprofit organizations, and sororities & fraternities are needed to adopt a school.



To start the process for your organization to become a PGCPs Partner, please click the link below for the Partnership Form, contact partnerships@pgcps.org or call Strategic Partnerships Specialist Ron Wilson at 301-952-6380. Click [here](#) to apply today!

Partner Reminders



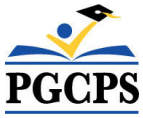
- Please remember that all volunteers have to complete mandatory SafeSchools Training every new school year.
- Volunteers must sign up in our new Volunteer Registration System (VRS) if they haven't done so already.
- Please remember to send us an updated Certificate of Insurance when your current one expires.
- Please remember to let us know when you want to add a school to your partnership agreement.
- Please contact us if you have any questions at partnerships@pgcps.org.



Partnerships Team with CEO Dr. Monica Goldson

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