January 2021

The Year of Gratitude!

Greetings & Happy New Year!

I hope the start of 2021 finds both you and your family well. Despite the challenges of last year, there were still many reasons to remain hopeful — thanks in no small part to the many great community partners that we work with every day.

In 2020, I was reminded of a quote by the Dalai Lama: "It is under the greatest adversity that there exists the greatest potential for doing good, both for oneself and others."

For example, across the span of 40+ grocery distribution events, we provided more than 20,000 bags/boxes of groceries to our PGCPS families and communities.

This newsletter issue celebrates our amazing community partners who continue to support our students through these incredibly challenging times. I am so very proud of the great work that we have accomplished together and extend heartfelt appreciation to you.

Thank you for your selflessness and the gift of you!

Sincerely,

Barbara Holt Streeter
Partnerships Officer

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PARTNER HIGHLIGHTS

ON BEHALF OF THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS, WE THANK OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS FOR SUPPORTING OUR GRAB & GO GROCERY DISTRIBUTION EVENTS!

20,000 +

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PROUD PARTNERSHIPS: GRAB & GO GROCERIES!

The Office of Community Partnerships would like to thank the many groups and organizations that helped PGCPS to respond to the emerging food insecurity crisis as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Thank you for your continued support:

* ANGARAI
  Association of United Hindu and Jain Temples
  * Capital Area Food Bank
  Chick-fil-A District Heights
  EVOLVE
  * First Baptist Church of Glenarden
  * Friendship Charities Foundation/Gamma Pi Chapter - Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.
  * Food4Thought
  * Galilee Community Development Corporation
  * Hindu American Community Services, Inc. (HACSI)
  * Kingdom Fellowship A.M.E. Church
  MGM National Harbor
  Prince George’s County Council Chair Calvin S. Hawkins II, At-Large
  Prince George’s County Council Member Mel Franklin, At-Large
  Prince George’s County Council Member Thomas E. Dernoga, District 1
  Prince George’s County Council Member Jolene Ivey, District 5
  PUL Charitable Foundation/Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
  Reid Temple A.M.E. Church
  * SHABACH! Ministries, Inc.
  * Sri Siva Vishnu Temple
Mount Rose Links Sponsor Virtual White Coat Ceremony for Friendly HS Students

Friendly High School student and aspiring cardiologist Gabriela Velasquez participated in the Virtual White Coat Induction Ceremony from home.

The Mount Rose (MD) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated sponsored 16 students from the Academy of Health Professions at Friendly High School with a Virtual White Coat Induction Ceremony. The event aimed to celebrate students who hope to work within the medical field. Participating students received a medical lab coat and the support from the Mount Rose Links through a speaker series that connects students with medical professionals and physicians.

Sharon Gibson, Friendly High School Librarian and member of the Mount Rose Links, shops for the students' medical coats.

Special Acknowledgments to #TeamPGCPS
As we celebrate our partners, we want to highlight the internal partners who make our great work possible: PGCPS Warehouse Team, Department of Transportation, Building Services and Principals.

**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!