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## Partner PGCPs: Wishing You a Happy Holiday Season!

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December 2020



Seasons Greetings!

We thank you for your continued support throughout the year and wish you and your family a happy holiday season and a prosperous New Year.

Cheerfully,

Barbara, Berniece, Janice, Quon & Ron

## The Gift Of You!

### Greetings!

This holiday is unlike any we have ever experienced. While previous seasons have been filled with the hustle and bustle of shopping, gifting, and gathering this holiday season is filled with appreciation for the greatest gift of all — life.



If 2020 has taught us anything, it is the fact that we need one another.

As it has been said, no man is an island, and no man stands alone. I believe the greatest gift we can give this holiday season is the gift of self. In this newsletter, we will spotlight our very special community partner, the **Prince George's County Police Department** who continue to help us meet the deep pockets of need throughout our County. Their selfless acts have spread cheer, hope and faith to our school communities.

Are you still searching for the perfect holiday gift? This holiday season I encourage you to give the gift of you! Join us in 2021 as we work to expand our school partnerships. If you have not already joined please consider our [Adopt-A-School Program](#). If you are a member, share your partnership success, and invite another colleague or business owner to join the [Adopt-A-School Program](#).

We would like to thank our distinguished CEO, Dr. Monica Goldson, for her leadership during these times. On behalf of my team, we would like to thank our many community partners for your continued support. May every day of the holiday season be filled with joy, peace and health for you and your family.

As a friendly reminder, our offices will be closed for the winter holiday beginning **Thursday, Dec. 24**. We look forward to partnering with you in 2021 as we return to the office on **Monday, Jan. 4**.

Sincerely,

Barbara Holt Streeter  
Partnerships Officer



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## PROFILES IN PARTNERING

### Partnering With Intention & Compassion



Building effective community partnerships allows us to address the needs of our school communities while providing a greater level of stability for our most vulnerable



students.

As we mobilize, support and bring forth school partners, we do so with the intention of building a bridge over obstacles to academic success.



We are proud to continue our long-standing partnership with the **Prince George's County Police Department** for the [37th Annual Cora Rice Christmas Party for Deserving Children](#). Through this amazing event, we were able spread holiday cheer to **450** deserving students. After a year of great change, children once again came to see the big guy himself — Santa Claus. As they shared their holiday wishes with Santa, students received a backpack with school supplies, warm weather gear, a gift certificate for lunch and a present.

We are grateful for the **Prince George's County Police Department** who remained determined to support our students through this great event, in the midst of the COVID-19 global pandemic.



Photo: **Prince George's County Police Department** distributing backpacks and gifts during drive-through event.

## THE SEASON OF GIVING CONTINUES



(Above): Volunteers at **Charles Herbert Flowers High School** distribute food at our recent **Grab & Go** event with **Food4Thought**.

The season of giving continues all month as we distribute food to families in need through our **Grab & Go** meal distribution events in partnership with **Food4Thought** on Saturday, Dec. 19. Collectively, **Food4Thought** has distributed more than 900 boxes of food to our students and school communities.

We will also host our Christmas Food Basket distribution event in partnership with **Prince George's County Public Safety Assistance Program** on **Tuesday, Dece. 22**.

Together, we will distribute 234 Christmas dinner food baskets at **Bradbury Heights Elementary School** in memory of longtime partner Bill Milligan, the Public Safety Assistance Program's longtime executive director.





(Left to right): **Food4Thought Executive Director Yvette Hill, Bladensburg HS Principal Lisa Faulkner-Jones and Food4Thought Founder Donovan Benton** participate in Grab & Go food distribution event at Bladensburg High School on Saturday, Dec. 12.

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## Introducing Students to Opera & Classical Music



A new partnership with the **Coalition for African Americans in the Performing Arts (CAAPA)** introduces students in preK through 12th grades to opera and classical music in a variety of ways by "Bringing Color to the Classics!"

One of the components of their program will celebrate composer Ludwig van Beethoven's 250th birthday during the week of Dec. 14.

This partnership promises to provide students with a transformative look and listen to the classics!

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### 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](mailto:partnerships@pgcps.org) or call Strategic Partnerships Specialist Ron Wilson at 301-952-6380. Click [here](#) to apply today!

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## FAMILY RESOURCES

### Grab & Go With Food4Thought

Join Prince George's County Public Schools and our valued community partners as they distribute groceries for families in need. Help us spread the word! Supplies are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2020**

# GRAB 'N' GO MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

## LAUREL HIGH SCHOOL

**8000 CHERRY LANE  
LAUREL, MD 20707**

**11:00 AM** FIRST COME FIRST SERVED WHILE SUPPLIES LAST.  
FOR MORE INFO CONTACT: [DFOX@F4TG.ORG](mailto:DFOX@F4TG.ORG)

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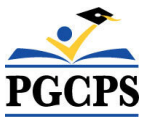
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