Patchworks SUMMER 2019

THE CABBAGE PATCH SETTLEMENT HOUSE



Many children who live in impoverished communities have experienced feeling like outsiders in certain situations. They are unable to talk about their family vacations, because their families can't afford them. They are excluded from movie outings with friends because it's not in their budgets. They are very likely to be struggling in school and not receiving the praise and rewards of their more affluent peers. They become introverted and can suffer from low self-esteem.

"You give me the confidence to make my voice heard"

Elle* has been coming to The Patch since she was eight years old. At first, she was extremely quiet. She would always wait to be noticed instead of coming to ask for help, and she didn't make an effort to make new friends. One thing that's certain about The Patch, however, is that a loner in our programs won't stay that way for long. Staff members engage children and encourage them to speak up. Members are coached to encourage their peers and form positive friendships. Now, at age 10, everyone knows Elle as a funny and sweet young lady who is popular not only for her kind spirit, but also because she is involved in EVERYTHING. She is a serious performer, engaging in everything that happens in the performing arts room. She is the first to sign up for a talent show, and never misses a chance to dance or cheer. She is a confident gardener in Seed to Table, volunteers to help staff whenever she can, and is a focused student in education when she needs to get her homework done.

Elle also wants to help others and has started an antibullying group that gives kids a chance to sit and talk about what is going on in their lives. She embodies what we hope all of our kids will experience when they walk into The Patch; a supportive environment that encourages children to make themselves heard in a world that doesn't always foster confidence.

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You Bless the Tables of Those We Serve

Food prices in this country have gone up almost 5% during the past year, the highest annual increase in almost 20 years, according to the Labor Department. Egg prices have gone up more than 30%, dairy prices have jumped 12%, and the price of baked goods has risen 9% according to a recent article by Gannett News Service.

So far this year, we have seen an increase in the amount of food that we have given out to clients. The majority of our clients that receive food from our food pantry are working. Most of them do not receive SNAP Benefits (Food Stamps). The food pantry is a great resource to help clients decrease the amount of money they have to spend on food. The money that they save can be applied to paying rent, utilities or other important bills. We are very thankful for the many sponsors and board members who have donated to The Patch's food pantry. Melbourne Heights Baptist Church will be collecting food for our food pantry throughout the Lenten season. Last year the church donated between \$2,000-\$3,000 worth of food items during Lent. Theses donations make a big difference in the lives of the families that we serve.

Mrs. Kellan* has sickle cell anemia and is in and out of the hospital. Her husband struggles with finding full time work. The Kellans have three children and their only income is Mrs. Kellan's disability (SSDI). She has called from her hospital bed at times for help with food assistance. Most food pantries only offer distributions once a month but we serve families based on need, which provides more personalized assistance. The Kellans know that when they call on The Cabbage Patch, they will receive nourishment, not just in the form of food, but also in the form of compassion, encouragement and prayers. Thank you for helping to support people like the Kellans and their children with your donations of funds or of non-perishable food!

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Volunteers make our Patch Parents program great! Contact Micah at 753-4428 if you would like to help make a profound difference!

Aerospace Camp Story

At The Cabbage Patch, we teach children that the sky is the limit when it comes to their futures, and thanks to a new partnership with the Organization of Black Aerospace Professionals (OBAP), they were able to take that concept more literally! The week-long Project Aerospace camp gave children the opportunity to learn all about flight, including history of aviation, fundamentals of aerodynamics, air traffic control procedures, aerospace technologies and introductions to aviation careers.

Russell*, age 11, found a sense of community at the camp, particularly on the campus of Morehead State University, which hosted the kids for an overnight experience. When asked what was his favorite thing about the camp he responded, "Going to the dorms at night. I really liked that I was able to get to know different people."

At the end of the week, Russell and all of the other kids at camp were given the chance to go up in a light aircraft with assistance from OBAP volunteers and employees at Bowman Field. Russell mentioned that he was afraid initially to go up in such a small plane, but he pushed through his fear, knowing that regardless, he was going to have fun. This partnership between The Cabbage Patch and OBAP has already made a meaningful impact on the camper's lives. Throughout the week, campers learned invaluable life lessons about hard work, integrity and the importance of community. Lastly, Russell gave some insightful advice for the next set of campers going to Aerospace camp, "Go to sleep early, because you will be tired!"

The Aerospace camp that Russell enjoyed was the first step in a partnership between the Organization of Black Aerospace Professionals (OBAP) and The Cabbage Patch Settlement House. Founded in 1976 by Ben Thomas, OBAP is a nonprofit organization committed to "the encouragement and advancement of minorities in all aviation and aerospace careers." In 2005, OBAP established four Centers of Excellence with the hope of expanding its mission and spreading its philosophies to the Memphis, Louisville, Atlanta, and Houston areas. More information about other outreach youth programs, or how to get involved with this outstanding organization can be found at their website - https://www.obap.org

While these camps occur all across the country, they are supported locally by major employers of OBAP pilots. In our area, this means UPS! They provide some funding for the camps, and employ many of the pilots who work within OBAP. So if you know a UPS employee, thank them for helping create this opportunity for our children!

If you are excited to see what was going on at camp this summer, we know that you will be even more interested in what's to come. If you are wondering how to get involved with The Cabbage Patch, visit our website for more details! https://www.cabbagepatch.org

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RECREATION/YOUTH DEVELOPMENT





How Can I Help?

If you enjoy reading these stories of changed lives, we want you to know that you can also help make them happen. Here are a few ideas...

Donation Needs:

- Backpacks no wheels (we need backpacks for middle & high school-aged students-\$15+ price range)
- Binder (3 ring/1 inch, 3 ring/2 inch)
- Colored Pencils
- Composition
 Notebook (wideruled, college-ruled)
- Erasers (Block erasers, pencil top erasers)
- Folders (two-pocket with/without prongs, solid colors only please)
- Glue sticks

- Graphing Paper
- Highlighters (all colors)
- Loose-leaf paper (wide & college-ruled)
- Markers (washable)
- Pens (black, blue, red)
- Pencil box or pencil
 pouch
- Pencils (#2 pencils, no mechanical)
- Protractor and compass
- Spiral notebook
 (1 & 3 subject, college ruled & wide ruled)

Contact: Doug Holm, dholm@cabbagepatch. org or 753-4434

Volunteer Opportunities:

Set up and clean up volunteers for The Cabbage Patch Annual Auction, September 25 and 26

Event Volunteers: Contact Kristina Anderson at Kanderson@cabbagepatch.org or 753-4454

Did you know?

You can sign up for Kroger Community Rewards and a portion of your purchases will support The Cabbage Patch!

www.Kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow

Shop at www.smile.amazon.com to support The Patch! This site functions just like Amazon, but you can designate The Cabbage Patch as the charity to benefit from your purchases.

Give For Good Louisville: September 12

Give For Good Louisville returns on September 12! For 24 hours, your gift to The Cabbage Patch will be matched proportionally by The Community Foundation of Louisville and their philanthropic partners! Visit www. giveforgoodlouisville.org to learn more.

A Word From Our President

With the upcoming retirement of Tracy Holladay, we have made excellent progress toward identifying the next Executive Director of The Cabbage Patch! With several interviews already conducted in July, we are ahead of schedule, and feel confident that we will meet our goal of making an offer in the fall.

It's clear that people know that The Patch is a great organization! We've received 150 applications since April, and narrowed the pool down to 30 potential candidates. After our search firm conducted interviews, they selected 5 people for initial interviews with The Cabbage Patch's search committee. We have several promising candidates, even

early in the process, as we are still receiving more resumes every day!

Thank you for supporting The Patch as we approach this new era. If you know of any great candidates for the position, please direct them to HR@ashleyrountree.com.

Bill Meyer, President, The Cabbage Patch Board of Directors

Bittersweet New Beginnings

Do you remember the first time you took your child to start college? What a mix of emotions, including pride, sadness and anticipation! All that they have been, and all that they will become, depends on the lessons you instilled in them up to that point. Each year, it's hard to say goodbye to The Cabbage Patch's graduating high school seniors, but thanks to our College Scholars program, The Patch remains a major part of their lives.

This year, we are blessed to have 10 high school graduates from across Louisville who will join 26 other Cabbage Patch College Scholars this fall. Every year, we attend graduations and say congratulations, but this year we wanted to do something extra special for the class of 2019. We hosted a senior ceremony; a celebration with family, staff and Cabbage Patch kids where graduating seniors were recognized and honored for their contributions to The Cabbage Patch. The ceremony began with each senior being personally praised with a "letter of appreciation" from a staff member.

This was followed by a Q&A session with younger Patch youth asking questions of the new College Scholars. The evening finished out with each of them receiving personalized graduation stoles decorated by other Patch participants, along with gift bags and graduation cards. Tracy Holladay closed the ceremony with a prayer and a reception followed.

Thank you for helping young people maximize their potential and stay connected with their Patch family as they prepare for adulthood. Your support creates a network of success that fosters the next generation of excellent employees, neighbors and community leaders!

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Joan Cralle Day

Joan Cralle Day was a well-known philanthropist and past President of The Cralle Foundation, established in 1984 by her father and mother, Lee E. Cralle Jr. and Amy Adlam Cralle. Mrs. Day strongly believed that education is the key to breaking the cycle of poverty, and The Joan Cralle Day Educational Opportunities Fund ensures that at-risk youth have the support they need to maximize their potential. In emphasizing education, this fund reinforces The Patch's philosophy of empowering at-risk youth by giving them a "hand up," not a "handout"

To Establish a Named Fund:

- If establishing during a lifetime, a \$10,000 minimum gift is required. (may be paid over two years)
- If establishing through an estate plan, a \$20,000 minimum gift is required
- Sign a Fund Information form
- Work with staff to determine fund name, purpose and description

For more information contact: Jennifer Scott, 502-753-4446, jscott@cabbagepatch.org org



A native of Louisville, Mrs. Day is a graduate of Kentucky Home School, Indiana University and the University of Louisville. She was honored as Philanthropist of the Year in 1999 for her generosity. In 2007 Mrs. Day was instrumental in finding a home at the Kentucky Historical Society for the vast Churchill Weavers collection, an assembly of museum artifacts such as looms, fabric samples and finished woven pieces from the historic hand-woven fabric company. Generosity was truly "woven into" Mrs. Day's life, and in the same year she was inducted into the Abraham Lincoln Society.

The Cralle Foundation has a legacy of giving to faith-based organizations, education, health services, the elderly, the environment and helping at-risk women and children. The children of The Cabbage Patch are fortunate to receive support from both The Cralle Foundation and the Joan Cralle Day Educational Opportunities Endowment Fund.

If you, like Joan, want to leave a legacy that empowers children to maximize their potential, consider establishing a named endowment fund at The Cabbage Patch!



Putt fore The Patch FUNdraiser



Approximately 230 attendees enjoyed the course, as well as delicious food and drinks donated by local restaurants and companies. Players were also thrilled to meet WDRB television personality Candyce Clifft, who mingled with the crowd!

Congratulations to overall player champion, Denis Meeks, and overall team champions, Southern Glazer Wine and Spirits!



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play, serving approximately 1,000 individuals each year

Putt fore The Patch 2019 was a winning event all around! Players had a great time while raising money to support The Cabbage Patch's education and youth development programs. Our signature hole sponsors Commonwealth Bank and LG&E made this wonderful event possible.

We raised more than \$20,000 to support programs for at-risk children and families, and we are thankful for all who blessed us with their participation, donations, raffle purchases and sponsorships.





The Cabbage Patch Invitational Golf Tournament

A sunny day at beautiful Valhalla Golf Club offered players the opportunity to help The Cabbage Patch profoundly change lives on July 15. Event chairs Alex Croft and Dave Hall put on a mission-driven, fun event that showcased the College Scholars Program at one of the top golf courses in the country.

In our eyes, every player was a winner, as they helped raise approximately **\$70,000** to support our scholars who are working toward their college degrees. The big winners of the day were the RE/MAX team (low gross winners) and the CMTA team (low net tournament winners). Former Cabbage Patch Recreation and Youth Development Manager William Rasinen ("Raz") was the raffle winner, and will enjoy a week-long vacation in Naples, Florida!

We are thankful for all of the sponsors and volunteers who made the golf event such a success. If you would be interested in supporting next year's event, or the Auction on September 26, please contact Kristina Anderson for volunteer and sponsorship opportunities: kanderson@ cabbagepatch.org



Low Net Tournament Winners *CMTA* James Benson Tony Hans Ken Siebert Clay Euton



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- for the first birthday of Gene "The Bean" Back Joe and Annette Bergamini

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