



STUDENT
SUPPORT
NETWORK
10 YEARS!

ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT 2024-2025

Fiscal Year 2025
July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025



Meeting Students Where They Are

Dear Friends,

In an environment where approximately 12% of nonprofits survive less than 5 years and 30% of nonprofits cease to exist within 10 years (per the National Center on Charitable Statistics), the Student Support Network is thrilled to celebrate its 10th anniversary in 2025. In this report, we share a brief timeline of our evolution from a 1-school, \$300 program to a 21-school, \$800,000 organization with 33 schools on our wait list. Throughout those 10 years, we delivered over \$11 million worth of food and basic necessities to Baltimore County students living in poverty.

The Network's success lies within each of you, the volunteers, donors, partners, staff, advocates, helpers and energetic, enthusiastic people who serve our community daily. With your help during the 2024-2025 school year we provided support over 19,000 times - showing the ongoing and repeated needs we're here to meet.

In FY25 85% of students in Network partner schools qualified for Free and Reduced meals, a reflection of need. And the need for our services continues to grow across the County.

This report is an executive summary of our activity for the past year. It highlights our stewardship of your resources and features quotes from the schools and students we serve highlighting the impact we provided together. One large highlight of the past year is the degree to which our community has sought to help sustain our efforts by supporting us with the best donation they can, and by sharing the benefit we provide with their networks of personal and business contacts. Moving forward we will require that continuing effort of all of us.

Thank you for taking the time to read this report. We hope you will share it, and the good works of the Network, with your friends and colleagues.

With our deepest gratitude,

Wendy Stringfellow
Executive Director

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Providing Basic Needs

“Because of your awesome help, we pulled off an amazing ‘Pop Up Fruit Market’ that the students absolutely loved! You should have seen their faces light up when they got fresh fruit to take home and snack on at school. Getting fresh produce to over 600 students is no small feat, but you made it possible, and we couldn’t be more grateful.” - Network school staff, 2025

The need for supplemental support continued to grow in FY25. In a recent 2024 Johns Hopkins University study, 1 in 3 families in Baltimore County now experiences food insecurity. 85% of students in Network partner schools now qualify for free/reduced meals, a reflection of need.

The vast majority of these students, more than 80,000, live below 130% of the federal poverty guidelines, which in 2025, for a family of four people, is an annual income limit of no more than \$32,150. Read more about Child Nutrition Programs Income Eligibility Guidelines at the USDA Food and Nutrition Service website.

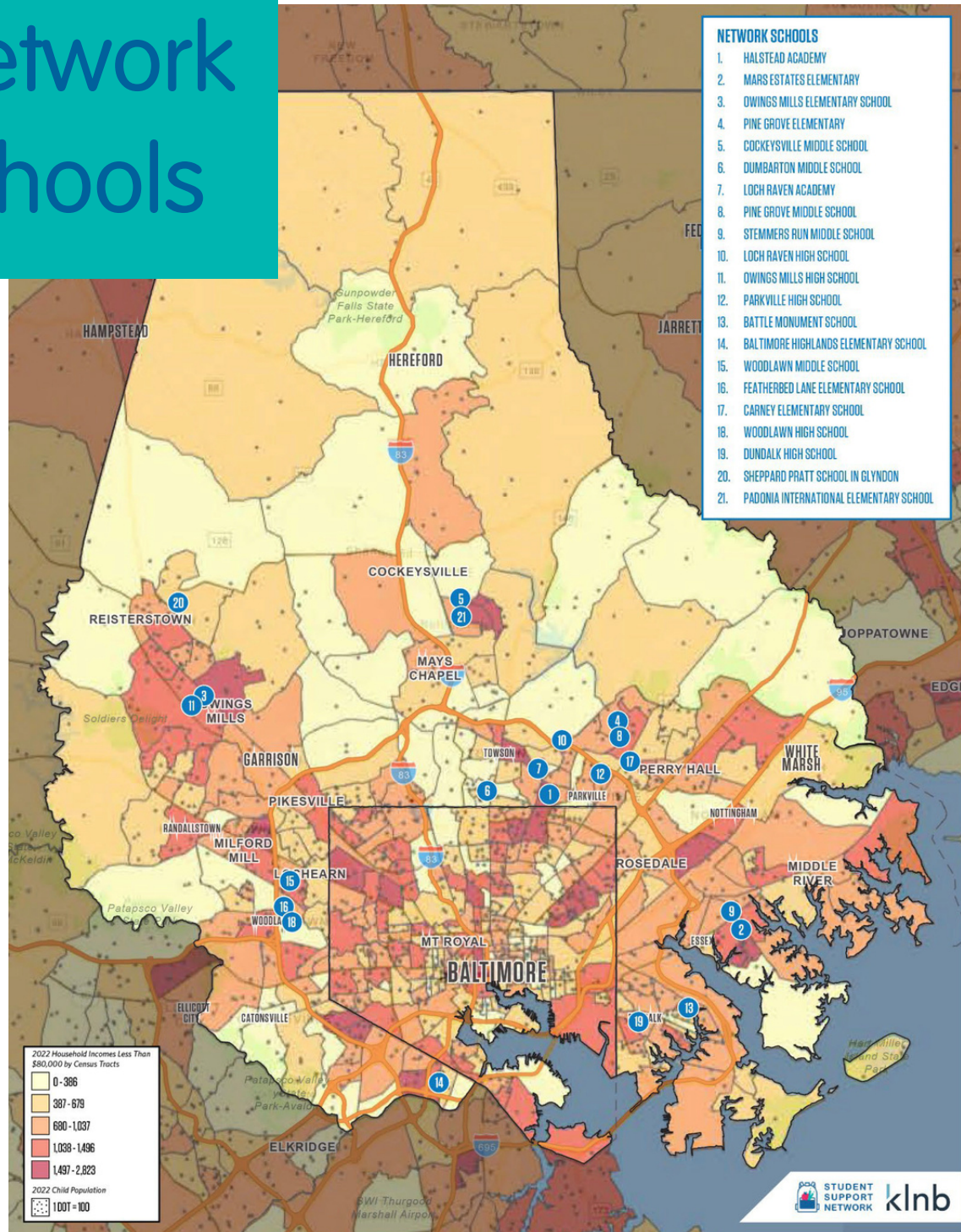
We supported students over 19,000 times this year and distributed more than \$620,000 worth of food and necessities. In the 2024-2025 school year, we provided:

- 2,500 ten-pound boxes of produce
- 1,500 gallons of milk
- 2,200 loaves of bread
- 850 dozen eggs
- 2,000 lbs of chicken
- 1,000 lbs of ground beef
- 800 weekend non-perishable food bags
- Over 1,140 backpacks;
- Over 1,300 coats and 450 other winter items such as hats, gloves, and scarves;
- Over 1,600 pairs of socks;
- 3,220 period packs; and
- 1,500 pair of shoes.



Our 21 Network Schools

The map below illustrates Baltimore County poverty rates, the concentration of children living in poverty across the county, and the locations of Network schools in FY25.



Collaborating With Partners

*"We have seen improved attendance and improved confidence in our students who receive assistance from the Room of Support. We have seen guarded students become strong advocates for their needs and their families' needs. A couple of students who receive assistance truly take pride in being able to help their families."-
Network school staff, 2025*

Corporate and community partners help us stretch every dollar even farther, through their in-kind product donations and volunteer labor.

A few highlights from top left:

Soles4Souls donated 1,500 pairs of shoes and 1,600 pairs of socks to our network students to help ensure they continue to engage in school and at play.

COTY contributed monthly donations of shampoo, deodorant, shower gel and more to ensure the Rooms of Support were stocked with hygiene products.

Caw to Action through the United Way of Central Maryland, brought volunteers to the Hub for an annual day of service. We were especially thankful for this fun and energetic group of volunteers including Ravens Staff and Cheerleaders.

In partnership with the United Way of Central Maryland and the Maryland Department of Service and Civic Innovation, SSN hosted volunteers who helped pack hundreds of menstrual products for our network schools. Our volunteers included members from Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.® Alpha Beta Gamma Omega Chapter and St. John Properties, County Executive Kathy Klausmeier, Delegate Cathi Forbes, Baltimore County Councilman Mike Ertel, Baltimore County Councilman David Marks, and 6th District Baltimore County Board Representative Christina Pumphrey.

Our continued partnerships with companies such as Weis Markets enables us to serve the needs of our network schools.



Enhancing Community Impact

Social Impact

The Student Support Network has been a vital lifeline to students living in poverty in Baltimore County for the past ten years. We also value our role as a member of the community and give back in a variety of ways.

In FY2025, the Network supported:

- Baltimore County Public Schools' annual BCPSFest with the donation of in-kind goods including new toys and children's jewelry,
- Asylee Women Enterprise by providing a donation of new boots to wear on job interviews, and
- Facilitated a shoe recycling program for our community.

Environmental Impact

Through our partnership with Got Sneakers, we collected and recycled 500 pairs of shoes in our community.

This is equal to:



1,083,360 gallons of water saved

14,400 pounds of Co2 displaced



Economic Impact

Over **\$620,000** in basic necessities distributed to students in need



52,380 pounds of food donated to students living in food insecurity



Celebrating Our Volunteers

“When we had a family lose everything due to house fire, Student Support Network was able to be a huge help in several ways.” - Network School Staff, 2025



The Student Support Network is only as strong as its volunteers, and we have 10 years worth of volunteers to celebrate.

We give thanks year-round for our 125 volunteers: the 40 Lead Volunteers who operate our Rooms of Support, our Hub volunteers, transportation drivers, our partnerships with Broadmead Retirement Community, Carefirst, TU Students, Board members, Committee members, and for the many individuals and for the many teams who collaborate on projects small and large.



**Our 125
volunteers
logged over
4,500 hours
in FY25 for a
value of over
\$112,500!**



10 Years of Volunteerism

“By ensuring that students have access to basic needs, the support room helps reduce stress and anxiety related to lack of food, appropriate clothing, or essential supplies. This enables students to engage more fully in their education, improve attendance, and perform better academically.” - Network School Staff, 2025

It is our volunteers and community that makes our work possible.

A few of the community drives and events this year included:

- Constellation Energy- Back to School Drive
- WMAR2- Stock the Shelves
- The United Way's Caw to Action
- Food Drives from MCES, Loyola-Blakefield, Chatterleigh Circle, Hunt Valley Station, Broadmead Community
- Traveler's Insurance weekend food bags
- Hygiene Drives and Donations from Loyola Blakefield, Carrol Manor Elementary, Carefirst, United Way MLK Day of Service, West Towson Elementary, Invidisble Baltimore County, Sankofa's Choice, St. John's Properties, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta, and Kappa Alpha Psi Alumni.



Celebrating Our History



2015

The Network was started by Dr. Laurie Taylor-Mitchell at Loch Raven High School to support students living in poverty with food and essential items. From 2015-2020, we grew from 1 to 14 schools.

As we celebrate 10 years of service to students in need, we are looking back to remember how far we have come together!

Our Partner Schools Join the Network

2015	Loch Raven High
2017	Parkville High
2018	Pine Grove Middle
2019	Loch Raven Technical, Dumbarton Middle, Halstead Academy, Owings Mills Elementary
2020	Battle Monument, Cockeysville Middle, Owings Mills High, Pine Grove Elementary
2021	Baltimore Highlands Elementary, Mars Estates Elementary, Stemmers Run Middle
2022	Carney Elementary, Dundalk High, Featherbed Lane Elementary, Sheppard Pratt School in Glyndon, Woodlawn Middle, Woodlawn High
2023	Padonia Elementary



2020

The Network partnered with government and community groups to distribute \$7.2 million in food and essentials to families in need at 3 BCPS schools during the Covid-19 pandemic. 23.5 million meals were served during the Covid lockdown.



2020

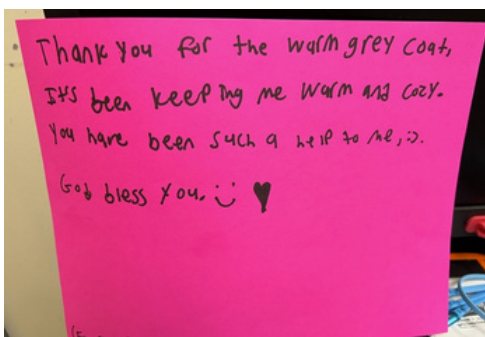
The Network held its first annual back to school drive and provided hundreds of new backpacks to BCPS students in need.

2022

The Maryland Department of Education awarded \$1,000,000 in federal funding to the Network to purchase and distribute basic necessities to students in need and their families.

2022

The Network received a grant from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and purchased over 2,300 winter coats for students.





Moving Forward Together:

A Night for the Network Sponsors



Your neighbor.
Your guide.
Your bank.



Kate Fleming with Paul Palumbo
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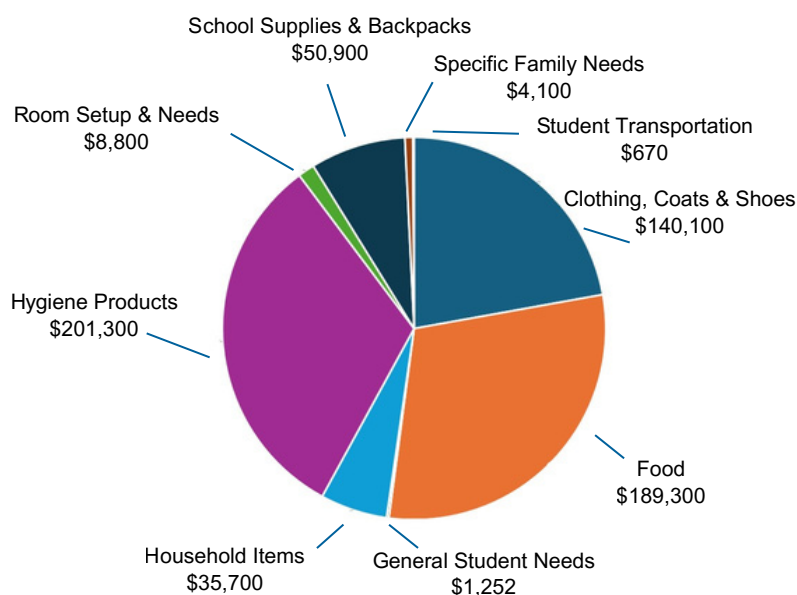
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Investing In Students

Thank you to our Grantors

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 Key Bridge Restoration Funds
 Baltimore County Government DHCD
 BD
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 Maryland State Department of Education
 Mt. Moriah Charitable Foundation

The pie chart below displays the allocation of items distributed through Rooms of Support in FY25.



2024-25 Revenue

Direct Public Support	
Monetary Donations	\$300,528
In-Kind Donations	\$344,279
Program Income (Grants)	\$361,711
Investments & Other Income	\$29,638
Total Revenue	\$1,036,157

2024-25 Expenditures

Program Services	\$764,042
Management & General	\$189,741
Fundraising Expenses	\$55,869
Total Expenditures	\$1,009,652

*Unaudited at the time of publication.



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How To Help

*Thank you to our donors, partners, and volunteers!
Please share our work with your friends and family!*

Contribute

The following items are always needed at Network schools. Personal care items should be larger than travel-sized, so they will last a student more than one or two uses, but small enough to fit in a backpack. All items should be new.

We invite deliveries to The Hub, our storage space, on Mondays: 8:30-10:30am, Tuesdays: 11am – 1pm, Wednesdays: 4:30pm – 6pm, Thursdays: 11am – 1pm and Saturdays: 10am – 11am

We moved!

The new hub is located at:

1954 Greenspring Drive, Suite LL22
Timonium MD 21093

Personal Care Items

Shampoo & Conditioner
Soap (no Irish Spring, please!)
Body Wash
Body Lotion
Toothpaste & Toothbrushes
Deodorant

Food

Rice	Canned Tuna
Peanut Butter	Mac & Cheese
Jam or Jelly	Boxed Cereal

Advocate

Join our Advocacy Committee to help create systemic change to benefit students! Reach out to us at the email below to express your interest.



Volunteer

The Student Support Network runs on volunteer power! Join our dedicated team for a one-time or ongoing volunteer role. Visit studentsupportnetwork.org to complete our Volunteer Interest Form, and we'll get to work matching your skills, interests, and availability with an opportunity to serve.

Give

The Student Support Network depends on the generosity of our local community -- individuals, businesses, and foundations -- to fund our mission. We never charge for our services, so charitable contributions are absolutely essential! Visit our website to learn about giving and sponsorship opportunities. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

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