

The Loch Raven and Parkville Networks

Annual Report 2017

- **2017 Monetary Contributions and in-kind donations to Loch Raven and Parkville Networks: \$64,525**
- **Number of volunteers now associated with Loch Raven and Parkville Networks: 235** (includes couples) – does not include anonymous drop-offs of donations
- **Churches, businesses, schools, and other civic groups** contributing to Loch Raven and/or Parkville Networks: **30**
- **New Website for Loch Raven Network:** design donated by Social Red Dog; Joe Fino still doing some updating upon request
- **Community Outreach:** presentations to groups on poverty and food insecurity in schools; research; outreach to local businesses; new partnership with Empower4life; fall drive with Goucher College

The Loch Raven Network: Drives and Projects funded at Loch Raven High School, 2017

January to early Feb. caps and gowns at reduced fees for graduating seniors in need

March-April – help with reduced fees for AP testing for students who cannot afford them: \$1362 (donated by donors specifically interested in this issue)

April Spring Break - \$100 in grocery store gift cards for homeless students and families, about 23 homeless, Friday April 7 to Tuesday, April 18

June - For graduating low income seniors – gift cards for college/employment

June Summer Break: grocery cards to families in need and gift bags for homeless seniors

August – backpack project 25 backpacks (St. Thomas)

Drive sponsored by Empower4life – donations divided between LRHS and Parkville HS

October: clothing drive for mock employee interviews (enough donations for 3 schools)

Late October – Fundraiser (as in 2016) – St. Thomas’ Church Fellowship Hall

November – Thanksgiving drive for homeless students and families and others in great need

Nov.- Dec. - Drive by students of Goucher College: items divided between LRHS and Parkville HS

Adopt a Family Program for Holidays (32 families assisted with gifts and grocery cards)

SignUpGenius: periodic updating of site and e-mails sent out by Chris Diehl

Requests from LRHS staff funded by Loch Raven Network

- Assistance for field trips for 5 students who could not afford fees
- Food stocked in main office, guidance offices and SRO offices
- Toiletries stocked in guidance office
- Yearbook fees for 5 homeless seniors who could not afford yearbooks
- Gym uniform for student who could not afford one
- Prom tickets for two homeless seniors
- Assistance with college deposit for low-income senior
- Basketball gear for low-income student
- Room of Support: organized and stocked by Chris; funding for Room about \$400-500 per month to replenish items in high demand

The Parkville Network: Drives and Projects funded at Parkville High School, 2017

March 2017: initial food drive – donations from food pantry, St. Ursula’s church (Society of St. Vincent de Paul) – establishes the Pantry

April – August – cleaning out of space for Pantry for additional items, purchasing of clothing racks and shelving; organizing donations

August – Huge drive for Parkville HS sponsored by Empower4life stocks Pantry w/toiletries, food and clothing

September – December – organizing space and inventories of continuing donations

- **Visits by students and their families to Pantry accompanied by school staff are increasing**
- **\$750 in gift cards** distributed to students and families in need for Thanksgiving dinners

- **Adopt a Family Program for December Holidays:** Parkville Network helping 9 families (another two are being adopted by AVID program and five by Ascension Lutheran for Food for Thought) – total of 16 families adopted.
- **Continuing donations from Empower4life** as they receive items are being distributed to Parkville HS

Requests from Parkville HS staff funded by Loch Raven Network, 2017

- AVID program – funds for academic field trips for students who could not afford them
- Coats for homeless students and others in need; shoes for a homeless student whose family was burned out of their apartment
- Grocery cards, emergency food for family in great need
- Digital thermometers stocked in nurses office for homeless students to monitor illnesses after school hours
- Food stocked in 10 school offices and the Parkville Pantry
- Toiletries and School supplies in guidance and behavioral specialist offices
- 250 deodorants to PE offices
- “Grab and Go” toiletry kits distributed from Health Suite
- Toiletry kits and food bags offered to all members of basketball teams and wrestling teams (eventually all teams will be offered these items)