



Student Support Network, Inc.

Annual Report 2018

- **2018: Monetary contributions to Network: \$66,547**
- **2018: In-kind donations: approximately \$56,923.00**
- **Total amount of monetary and in-kind donations: \$123,470.00**

- **380 volunteers and donors associated with Student Support Network**
 - does not include anonymous drop-offs of donations
- **80 families** at Network schools assisted through Thanksgiving and Holiday Programs
- **73 Businesses, Churches, Schools, and Civic groups** have contributed to Student Support Network (listed below)
- **\$15,000 in monetary and in-kind donations, over 500 volunteer hours** for Big Spring and Fall Drives for students in need at 20 schools around the County
- **Community Outreach:** presentations to groups on poverty and food insecurity in schools; outreach to local businesses; partnerships with Goucher College faculty and staff including student research in statistics courses; research and advocacy with BCPS on food access and increasing support staff in schools; information to additional schools interested in joining Network and/or learning about the model

Student Support Network News/Events, 2018

- **January: Drive for Coats in partnership with Empower4life** brings in hundreds of coats, gloves, hats and scarves, distributed to 10 schools
- **March:** New storage space for donations to Network schools at St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, lead organizers can now "shop" for their schools, saving funds
- **April:** Big Spring Drive helps students in need at 17 schools County-wide, over \$7,000 in monetary and in-kind donations

- **April:** Parkville Network and Student Support Network honored for programs in Parkville High School by Baltimore County Board of Education
- **June:** Mt. Moriah Charitable Foundation donates \$12,000 to Student Support Network
- **August:** Student Support Network chosen as beneficiary of donations from National Night Out event in Towson, and of major drive of food and toiletries organized by Mission Committee, Maryland Presbyterian Church
- **October:** Network receives recognition in Annapolis: Laurie Taylor-Mitchell, President, receives Community Activist of the Year Award for Student Support Network at Maryland Food Access Nutrition Conference
- **October:** Fundraiser for Student Support Network sells out raises \$31,000 for Network, surpassing original goal of \$20,000
- **November:** Big Fall Drive helps students in need at 19 schools County-wide, over \$8,000 in monetary and in-kind donations; 300 hours given by volunteers
- **November:** Students at Goucher College working with Professor Phong Le present results of research on food access in catchment areas of Loch Raven High School and Parkville High School



Selected Projects and Events in 2018: Loch Raven Network
Lead Organizer: Chris Diehl

January: Network covers costs of caps and gowns for graduating seniors in need and clothing for a job interview for a student in need

March-April: assistance with reduced fees for AP testing for students who cannot afford them: \$1880 (donated by volunteers specifically interested in this issue)

June: For graduating low income seniors – gift cards for college/employment; Network contributes to payment of deposit for a homeless senior so that he can go to college

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

August: Backpack Project, 25 backpacks again provided by St. Thomas Episcopal Church

September: Major expansion of space for “Loch Raven Haven” makes it largest of all Network school rooms of support: with the purchase of additional clothing racks and shelves, the space has now been transformed into a true "store" for our students and parents, with food, toiletries, school supplies, bedding, towels, room accessories and numerous racks of clothing including socks and underwear, shoes, purses and belts. The Loch Raven Haven also has donated prom dresses, suits and dress clothes appropriate for student (or even parent) job interviews.

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

Adopt a Family Program for Holidays: with permission from 10 families, volunteers deliver their holiday requests to them, a very emotional experience for both the volunteers and the recipients! Volunteers adopted 28 families this year. The main items requested by most families are food and personal care items.

SignUpGenius Site set up by Chris Diehl for donations to Loch Raven Haven:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0f4ba9ac23a75-loch>

Requests from LRHS staff funded by Loch Raven Network – continuing:

- Assistance for academic field trips for students who cannot afford fees
- Shoes and clothing for students who cannot find their sizes in the “Loch Raven Haven”
- Gym uniforms for students in need (cannot participate w/o them)
- Food assistance for homeless students (\$1900)
- Food stocked in main office, guidance offices and SRO office
- School supplies stocked in main office
- Toiletries stocked in guidance office
- Funding for “Loch Raven Haven” organized and stocked by Chris;
- Chris has also coordinated the Network’s participation in the Loch Raven HS Community Day on March 9, 2019



Selected Projects and Events in 2018: Parkville Network

Lead Organizer: Cheri Pegues

February: Parkville Network receives \$7,000 from Cook Family Trust, designated for AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) academic program, equipment for JROTC Program, Parkville Athletic Programs, and Parkville Pantry

April: Parkville Network receives award from Board of Education at Spring Recognition Awards Ceremony (nominated by staff of Parkville High School); funds college visit to University of Maryland for AVID program

May/June: Parkville Network provides \$3000 in assistance for 30 students and their families in great need who face food insecurity over the summer months

September: Parkville Network increases food quantities for offices of School Resource Officers (SROs); their offices are stocked weekly. This successful program has increased communication between students and SROs; decreased disruptive behavior, and improved attendance.

Hundreds of bags of school supplies and 50 backpacks with school supplies for students in need are distributed to AVID program, ELL (English Language Learners, former known as ESOL) program, and through counseling and behavioral specialist offices.

October: Network assists AVID program with stylus sets for laptops and with visit to Goucher College. We also provide emergency funds and food for homeless student and family facing eviction from a hotel, and continue to provide food for athletes in need of food for away games and tournaments. The Network donates a bicycle and helmet to a student for transportation to a new job to support his family so he has more time to study. Cheri sets up a Sign Up Genius Site for donations to the Parkville Pantry: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080f4da9ad2da75-donations>

November/December: the Parkville Network provides assistance for 25 families at Thanksgiving (\$1250) and for 30 families identified for Adopt a Family Program for the December Holidays (\$3000); and donates funds for other families adopted by AVID program. Three Network volunteer families respond quickly to adopt a homeless family of eight people (including several students, living in a hotel) and provide weeks of food, clothing, supplies, and gifts.

Requests from Parkville HS staff funded by Parkville Network, 2018

- AVID program – funds for academic field trips for students who could not afford them and school supplies, including stylus pens for composition books
- ELL teachers (formerly ESOL) receive school supplies, backpacks, headsets for language testing, and food and clothing as needed
- Coats for homeless students and others in need
- Grocery cards, emergency food for family in great need
- Emergency housing assistance (hotels) for families facing eviction
- Digital thermometers stocked in nurses office for homeless students to monitor illnesses after school hours
- Food stocked in school offices as requested
- Toiletries and School supplies stocked in guidance and behavioral specialist offices



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Selected Projects and Events in 2018: Pine Grove Network (our newest school) Lead Organizer: Christina Pumphrey

April/May: under Christina's leadership (she is also PTSA President), the Room of Support ("The Grove") at Pine Grove MS is organized and donations are accepted of accept donations of

food, toiletries, school supplies, etc. Students begin to visit The Grove with staff, and visits are increasing. The guidance and nurse's office are provided food and grab and go toiletry items and these have been hugely successful. In addition to receiving \$500 from the Network for initial funding, The Pine Grove Network also received \$300 worth of grocery store gift cards, which were provided to needy families for use over the summer. Early specific requests included funds for gym uniforms and purchasing new shoes for a student in desperate need of shoes (he had been wearing shoes that were 2 sizes too small).

August/September: Shoppers collected donations for Pine Grove and the principal at PGMS designates the donations for distribution from The Grove.

A parent hosted a collection at her place of employment and collected school supplies.

The Pine Grove Network set up a table at the first annual Community Festival held at Pine Grove. Christina provided information to families, collected names for the Network's e-mail and volunteer lists, and collected school supply donations. Retired teachers from PGMS have a group on Facebook, and after publicizing the school supply drive, received both in-kind and monetary donations from teachers.

November: Christina's employers, Silverman, Thompson, Slutkin and White, host a collection from Attorneys and staff for the Big Fall Drive. They collected items needed for The Grove and also made a generous monetary donation to the Student Support Network. After learning about the Pine Grove Network from Christina, the director of the Pre-School Fun and Sun Learning Center hosted a food drive and gave the donations to the Pine Grove Network. This is how we grow!

The Pine Grove Network partners with the SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving) Club at the school to host a food drive and provide 25 families with boxes of food and grocery store gift cards for Thanksgiving; food assistance also provided by the Maryland Food Bank.

December: Again working with SADD, the Pine Grove Network donates boxes of food and \$2500 in grocery gift cards to 25 students and their families in need, and some supplies from The Grove.



Businesses and groups supporting Student Support Network and our Network Schools

Rosedale Federal Savings and Loan
The Whiting-Turner Contracting Company
Weber-Messick Accounting and Wealth Management
Silverman/Thompson/Slutkin/White, Attorneys at Law and Staff
SocialRedDog
Creative Print Group LLC
Hollenshades Auto Service
2nd Gear
Rheumatology Associates of Baltimore
MD Eye Care
Home Organizing Made Easy (H.O.M.E.)
Eastern Savings Bank
Tom Ritter, DDS
J. Gunnar Fisher, DDS
Kim Ford, DDS
Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens
Nelson Coleman Jewelers
McFauls Ironhorse Tavern
Bluestone Restaurant
Bread and Circuses Restaurant
Savers
Shoppers
Giant Food Stores
Target, Towson and Cockeysville Stores
Binetti Political Strategies, LLC
Hampton Inn
Hilton Hotel Ocean City Staff
Mayfield Consulting

Community Groups

Freemasons, Mt. Moriah Lodge Charitable Foundation
Baltimore Community Foundation
Brian P. Healy Foundation
The Lilacs Group
The Steel Pigeons
Tiny Toppers
Girl Scouts Cadette Troop #10175
Girl Scout Troop #1152
Girl Scout Troop #2455
Girl Scout Troop #1412

Brownie Troop #1745
Holy Cross Lutheran Preschool
Generosity Feeds (C3 FEEDS)
Greater Loch Raven 4-H Club
MOMS Club of White Marsh/Perry Hall/Parkville
Kiwanis Club of Loch Raven, Inc.
Empower4Life
Fun and Sun Learning Center
Campus Hills Community Association
No Kid Hungry

Churches

St. Thomas Episcopal Church
City Light Chapel
Maryland Presbyterian Church
Babcock Presbyterian Church
Church of the Redeemer, Baltimore, J2A Class (Journey to Adulthood)
Church of the Messiah
Glen Mar United Methodist Church
Divinity Lutheran Church

Food Pantries

Agape Church/Food Pantry
Can Can Make a Difference
Maryland Food Bank

Education Institutions and Affiliated Groups

Goucher College: Office of Community Based Learning and Students, Faculty, Staff and Alumni
Faculty and Students of Towson University
Students of Archbishop Curley High School
Law and Public Policy Group, Towson High School
Knit for the Needy Group, Towson High School
Student Government Association (SGA), Parkville High School
SADD Club, Pine Grove Middle School
Carroll Manor Elementary School PTA

Assistance with advocacy for students in poverty, Baltimore County Public Schools

League of Women Voters of Baltimore County
NAACP, Maryland State Chapter
PTSA Council of Baltimore County
New Pathways Staff
No Kid Hungry
Maryland Hunger Solutions
Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future Staff

