



Student Support Network, Inc.

Annual Report 2019

- **2019: Monetary contributions to Network: \$143,000**
 - **2019: In-kind donations: approximately \$73,985**
 - **Total amount of monetary and in-kind donations: \$216,985**
- Four new schools join the Network: Loch Raven Technical Academy, Dumbarton Middle School, Owings Mills Elementary School, and Halstead Academy**
- **Over 11,700 visits and distributions of items from rooms of support in schools (does not include holiday family programs)**
 - **137 families** at Network schools assisted through Thanksgiving and Holiday Programs
 - **Over 140 Businesses, Churches, Schools, and Civic groups** have contributed to Student Support Network (listed below)
 - **Over \$30,000 in monetary and in-kind donations, over 530 volunteer hours** for Big Spring and Fall Drives for students in need at 22 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, 2019

- **January:** Carroll Manor Elementary School PTA holds fundraiser to benefit Student Support Network
- **March:** New School, Loch Raven Technical Academy, joins Network;
- **April:** Big Spring Drive helps students in need at 22 schools County-wide, over \$ in monetary and in-kind donations
- As part of advocacy mission to support school staff and providers throughout the County, the Network donates \$1,000 to Baltimore County Office of Communications to fund internship to update the Emergency Resources Guide, not updated since 2013.
- Network receives \$35,000 grant from Hackerman Foundation for hiring of an Executive Director

- **May:** Students in Statistics class at Goucher College, under supervision of Professor Le Phong, present research on food access and food quality in catchment areas of Loch Raven High School and Parkville High School, based on Healthy Food Availability Index (HFAI) developed by Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future

- \$1100 donation from an anonymous donor in grocery cards distributed between four Network schools - items purchased for all rooms of support

- **June:** Perry Hall, White Marsh, and Parkville chapter of MOMS Club holds Camp Chapel Community Yard Sale with all profits donated to the Student Support Network
- **Dumbarton Middle School** officially joins the Student Support Network after recruiting volunteers
- Network hires an Executive Director, Jessica Wodarczyk
- Articles run in the *Baltimore Sun* and *Sun/Towson Times* about the Student Support Network: <https://www.baltimoresun.com/maryland/baltimore-county/towson/ph-tt-student-support-0403-story.html> and <https://www.baltimoresun.com/maryland/baltimore-county/towson/ph-tt-dumbarton-0619-story.html>
- **June-July:** Caroline Patterson, a student at Goucher College, is hired as an intern in the County Executive's office with funds from the Student Support Network to update the Emergency Resource Guide for Baltimore County

- **August: Owings Mills Elementary School** becomes the first elementary school to join the Network
- **National Night Out** held at Community Hall of St. Thomas' Episcopal church designates Student Support Network as beneficiary for all donations

- **Maryland Presbyterian Church** holds second Summer Drive for Student Support Network; this large donation restocks the storage space for beginning of school year, and church members donate over \$1,000 to the Network
- **Rachel Carey** donates 50 backpacks with school supplies to the Network
- **Epiphany Episcopal Church** donates hundreds of insulated lunch bags to the Network
- **September:** Ascension Lutheran Church of Towson donates all profits from their weekly Food Trucks Wednesdays “on the lot” food sales at Ascension Lutheran to the Student Support Network (\$1200)
- **October:** Annual Fundraiser at Goucher College raises over \$70,000 for Network programs, well exceeding \$50,000 goal; grant of \$12,000 from Divinity Lutheran Church funds food programs at Parkville High School for two years; in addition to their Lead Sponsorship of Annual fundraiser, Mt. Moriah Lodge donates \$12,500 to Network; Pinewood Elementary School holds donation drive
- **November:** **Halstead Academy** joins the Network; the Fall Drive helps 19 schools in need, Helen Murphy Blue designates Network as beneficiary of a drive, resulting in nearly \$4000 in donations
- **December:** Emmert Hobbs Foundation donates \$3000 to the Network, Carroll Manor Elementary holds Family Movie Night requesting donations on behalf the Network



Selected Projects and Events in 2019: Loch Raven Network
Lead Organizer: Chris Diehl, frequently assisted by Barb Carden

January: Network covers costs of caps and gowns for graduating seniors in need

March-April: beds, frames and bedding provided for previously homeless family of four that had acquired housing but had no beds – our biggest donation project ever

April-May: Students from Goucher College and Towson University visit the Loch Raven Haven, confer with staff and Chris Diehl, and interview volunteers as part of classes with Community Based Learning component. Professor Phong of Goucher College continues research with students in statistics classes on food access in catchment areas of Network high schools and Towson High School.

July:

August: Backpack Project, providing 40 backpacks, 30 of which filled with school supplies

September: Gym uniforms for students who could not afford them; assistance with field trip fees

October: LRHS Class of '79 donates to the Loch Raven Network; emergency assistance for already homeless family at risk of eviction from hotel

November – Thanksgiving drive providing fifteen \$50 gift cards for homeless students and families and others in great need

Adopt a Family Program for Holidays, coordinated by Mary Beth Protzman, assists twenty-seven families with gifts, with some delivered by Network volunteers

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

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

Ongoing Requests from LRHS staff funded by Network:

- 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
- 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 also coordinated the Network’s participation in the Loch Raven HS Community Day on March 9, 2019



Selected Projects and Events in 2019: Parkville Network

Lead Organizers: Cheri Pegues and Lori Levinson, frequently assisted by Jeff Dorsey, Joe Goodman, and Vicki Vestrich

February: Network provides bright yellow emergency bags for every classroom in the school, for emergency information, class information, and first aid supplies

March: Spearheaded by Kelsey Bardoff, a counselor at Parkville HS, new access to Pantry through discrete requests (also provided in Spanish) from students so that staff can pack bags of food, toiletries and school supplies and deliver to students in great need. Kelsey's innovative flyer distributed to other schools.

March: the Parkville Pledge for 600 is a huge success and Parkville Network receives over \$1200 in monetary and in-kind donations for Annual Spring Flea Market and Craft Fair – table donated by Athletic Boosters, who sponsor the event at Parkville HS

April: Visit to Frostburg University for AVID students through support from Network

May/June: Network volunteers attend celebrations for Honor Roll students in AVID program and additional support provided; Parkville Network assists with food and supplies for a student and family previously living at a homeless shelter but had no resources between paychecks. The Network and a donor provide shoes for Parkville HS students attending an ROTC leadership camp after learning the students did not have any athletic shoes for the camp.

July: Anonymous donor donates \$1,000 for English Language Learners at Parkville

September: Jeff (a Parkville volunteer) and Susan Dorsey donate \$1200 for programs at Parkville

October: Emergency food and gas assistance for homeless family; air mattress, bedding and emergency food assistance for a homeless senior sleeping on the floor

The Network begins a partnership with **Pressley Ridge**, a non-profit assisting disconnected youth trying to stay in school. Pressley Ridge is funding housing and support from a case

manager for two homeless students attending Parkville High School; the Network will provide food for the first few weeks before food assistance becomes available, and then as needed from the Pantry for these homeless students. Cheri and Bob Pegues have also donated funds for this food.

With major support from the Network, 180 students in the ELL (formerly ESOL) program participate in a field trip to Annapolis as part of the “My Maryland” education unit; Network supports AVID program through a field trip to Goucher College

November: Divinity Lutheran Church awards a grant of \$12,000 for food programs at Parkville High School, specifically funding distribution of food by Student Resource Officers at school for two years; 30 families provided with cards for Thanksgiving

December: 30 families are assisted through grocery gift cards for the winter break. Purchase of dryer and refrigerator for a family in need through private donations to the Network.

Selected Requests from Parkville HS staff funded by Parkville Network, 2019

- AVID program – funds for academic field trips for students who could not afford them and school supplies,
- ELL teachers (formerly ESOL) receive school supplies, backpacks, and additional 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
- Gas cards for homeless parents to transport their children to school
- Emergency housing assistance (hotels) for families facing eviction
- Emergency bags for all classrooms in school
- Digital thermometers stocked in nurse’s office for homeless students to monitor illnesses after school hours
- Food stocked in offices of Student Resource Officers – approximately 150 visits a week from hungry students to Officers for food
- Clothing and shoes for two students and parents of students who received an internship and got a job but could not afford clothes and shoes for positions
- Visits on Fridays to Parkville Pantry increase to 150-220 students



Selected Projects, Events in 2019: Pine Grove Network
Lead Organizer: Christina Pumphrey

May: The Network funds the fees for students in need for a field trip to the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., and provided financial assistance for a medical need.

June through August: school staff and Network volunteers packed 8 boxes of non-perishable food and toiletries, distributed to families in need over the summer

September: Donated items collected at PTSA meeting on behalf of the Grove.

October: Collections held at Linden Heights and MedStar benefiting the Grove.

November: The Love and Sun Learning Center collects food for the Pine Grove Network, which will help over 20 families with food for the Thanksgiving holiday

The Pine Grove Network partners with the SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) Club at the school to host a food drive and provide 8 families with boxes of food and grocery store gift cards for Thanksgiving; food assistance also provided by the Maryland Food Bank.

December: The Network assists school staff, the UNITED and SADD clubs, with providing gift cards and Christmas dinner for 17 students in need and their families.



Selected Projects and Events in 2019: Loch Raven Academy Network

Lead Organizers: Stephanie Goldstein and Barbara Leeper

The Loch Raven Technical Academy joined the Student Support Network in March of 2019

Loch Raven Academy is the first Network school with the capability to distribute perishable food to students in need, through the previously donated refrigerator and freezer, and the training received by Ms. Genna Kranitz from the Maryland Food Bank for distributing perishable food.

March: with the help of volunteer Linda Burns, Can Can Make A Difference donates perishable food to the “Loch Raven Center” – the Social Worker, Genna Kranitz, runs an open pantry once a month for students and families in need at the school and can now give out nutritious fruits, vegetables, and other perishable food.

April: upon a request from school staff, the Network provides emergency transportation from school for a student in crisis

May-June: Network provides additional supplies for the monthly open pantry for Loch Raven Academy students and their families; provides seven families with \$75 grocery gift cards to begin the summer months to alleviate food insecurity

July: Network provides emergency food assistance for family displaced by house fire; Loch Raven Center pantry is staffed by volunteers for a day for families in need

August: Open pantry held for students and families in need

Examples of urgent student needs funded at Loch Raven Academy include eyeglasses replacement for student whose family could not afford repairs and could not see in class;

Sept/Oct/Nov: open pantry visits rise for students and families in need, new shoes and messenger bag provided for a student in need.

December: \$800 worth of grocery store gift cards provided to families in need over winter break

Joined July of 2019: Dumbarton Middle School



Lead Organizers: Shannon Carney, Linda Mathias and Emily Parks

August: Dumbarton volunteers assemble 30 backpacks with school supplies for the beginning of the school year

September: Donation of \$2,000 made from Jeremy Talman at the Mid Atlantic Wireless Association on behalf of the Dumbarton Comfort Closet, gym uniform and locker lock provided to students, gift card to family in need of school clothing for older sibling. Ascension Lutheran Church designates the Dumbarton Middle Network as the beneficiary of their food truck proceeds for month of September.

October: A family hosts a Halloween Party and collects many donations for the Network at Dumbarton to support the Comfort Closet; Student field trip costs sponsored by Network

November: assistance with part of heating bill for a family in great need; neighborhood drive for food, school supplies and linens for the Comfort Closet

December: Network volunteers provide gift cards to 10 families in need for the holidays and Network funds will erase lunch card debt at the school for students in need, collections raised on behalf of the Comfort Closet from a student at Calvert School, the organization Hons on a Mission and the Maryland Department of Health.

Joined August of 2019: Owings Mills Elementary School



Lead Organizers: Susan Katz, Nora Linstrom and Vicki Almond

August: Jewish Volunteer Connection donates 75 backpacks to Owings Mills Elementary

August: Owings Mills Elementary School becomes the first elementary school to join the Network, and our first school in the northwest area of the County. Initial project is 30 cases of Pencil Pouches – one pouch for each child in the school.

August: Jewish Volunteer Connection donates 75 backpacks with school supplies to OME.

The Owings Mills Network provides pencil cases for all students in the school; school supplies for the 4th grade, requested supplies for the Nurse; Susan Katz. Lead volunteer, attends Northwest Chamber of Commerce meeting and presents information on needs at OME

September: Vicki Almond, Lead volunteer, attends Glyndon Women's Club meeting to discuss Network programs at OME; Sally Shapiro Gould, President and CEO of Northwest Chamber of Commerce, meets with Network volunteers and begins to publicize Network and activities at OME

October: Consolidated Insurance & Risk Management in Owings Mills designates OME as the beneficiary of its Fall Food Fest and two other drives, and drops off donations at the Annual Fall Drive; the Network purchases books for literacy program; Kindness Closet Club Members (students at school and team leaders) organizes its first Family Night food and clothing give-away event and assist 20 families in need.

November: Success of the food and clothing give-away event generates decision to have these events on a regular basis, provided emergency financial assistance to a family facing eviction, coordinated donation of food including frozen turkeys to 25 families in need and/or experiencing homelessness.

December: following a request from 5th grade teachers, whose students eat lunch at 10:30 a.m. and do not eat again until after school (after 4:00 p.m.), resulting in hunger and difficulty with

focusing in the classrooms, the Network will provide snacks to alleviate hunger during the afternoon school hours. Lead Volunteers and Network President donate funds for four rocking chairs for lobby of school – currently there is no place to sit and wait with children.

Joined November 5, 2019: Halstead Academy



November: Halstead Academy volunteers and staff liaisons begin planning for re-organizing and stocking room of support there (near Health Suite), named the “Care Closet”



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

Red Dog Agency

Creative Print Group LLC

Hollenshades Auto Service

2nd Gear

Rheumatology Associates of Baltimore

MD Eye Care, LLC

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

Leap Day Media, LLC

Mayfield Consulting

Shabby Button Consignment, Kingsville

Mattress Firm, Towson

Staples, Towson and Pikesville Stores

Greenberg Gibbons Commercial, on behalf of:

Foundry Row and

Reisterstown Shopping Center,

St. Thomas Shopping Center,

Hunt Valley Towne Centre,

The Shops at Kenilworth

B&B Antiques and Consignments

Modell's Sporting Goods

Wear It's At, Reisterstown

Orchards Tennis & Fitness Club

Rosendorff's Bakery, Pikesville

Repeat Performance, Pikesville

Trader Joe's, Towson and Pikesville

Consolidated Insurance & Risk Management, Owings Mills

Mariner Finance, LLC

Venable, LLP

Glen Meadows Retirement Community

Rachel Carey Photography, LLC

Seasons Pizza, Owings Mills

Costco, Owings Mills
Baltimore Museum of Industry
Bits of Clay, Inc.
Maryland Science Center
McAllen's Truffles
Outlets Ocean City
Towson Tavern
Weber's Farm
WJZ-TV Baltimore
Maryland Financial Advocates
Koko's Pub
Easy Movers, Glyndon
A Friendly Bread, Baltimore
Aldi's, Cherryvale
Sprouts Farmers Market, Owings Mills
Goldsborough Independent Insurance Services, Towson
Pizza Hut, Owings Mills
Smith Studio
Green Valley Marketplace, Timonium
Safeway, Owings Mills

Community Groups

Freemasons, Mt. Moriah Lodge Charitable Foundation
Corinthian Lodge #93 A.F.&A.M.
Baltimore Community Foundation
Baltimore County Police & Community Relations Council, Inc., Precinct 8 PCRC
The Hackerman Foundation
The Emmert Hobbs Foundation
Brian P. Healy Foundation
Matthews Children's 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 Jacksonville Optimist Club
Greater Loch Raven 4-H Club
MOMS Club of White Marsh/Perry Hall/Parkville/Rosedale
Kiwanis Club of Loch Raven, Inc.
Empower4Life
Fun and Sun Learning Center
Campus Hills Community Association

No Kid Hungry
Manna House Baltimore
Parkville Senior Center Council
Jewish Volunteer Connection
Weekend Backpacks for Homeless Kids
Northwest Chamber of Commerce
Orokawa Y in Towson
The Franklin Police Station
Covenant Guild, Inc.
Project You Members

Churches

St. Thomas Episcopal Church
City Light Chapel
Maryland Presbyterian Church
Babcock Presbyterian Church
Grace Fellowship Church
Church of the Redeemer, Baltimore, J2A Class (Journey to Adulthood)
Church of the Messiah
Glen Mar United Methodist Church
Divinity Lutheran Church
Linden Heights United Methodist Church
Ascension Lutheran Church
Epiphany Episcopal Church
Mount Vernon Methodist Church
Loch Raven United Methodist 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
Pine Grove Middle School PTSA
Pinewood Elementary School Students and Staff
The Teachers and Staff of Owings Mills Elementary School
McDonogh School
Loch Raven HS Class of '79
Notre Dame of Maryland University, Renaissance Institute
Love and Sun Learning Center

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

Pressley Ridge Staff (formerly New Pathways, Baltimore County)

