

UP ON THE HILL

Newsletter of the Peter Paul Development Center Winter 2008



Welcome to the latest edition of the Peter Paul Development Center's newsletter "Up On The Hill". We have renamed it to reflect what happens in Richmond's East End and the ever growing community of Peter Paul. Please share it with others who may not know who we are or what we do. We also welcome four new board members: Mrs. Carol Dickinson, Mr. Craig Johnson, Mr. Alex Slaughter, and Dr. Peter Wilbanks. We welcome our new Board Chair, Mr. Ronald Carey, Jr., who will be a great asset to our work here in Richmond's East End. This edition also celebrates the hard work and leadership of the Rev. Dr. David Anderson who has served as Chair for the last five years and Mr. Charles Tilley, Vice Chair, who oversaw the construction of our beautiful new facility. We look forward to seeing you "Up On The Hill."

Gratefully,
Rev. Lynne E. Washington,
Executive Director



Letter from the Chairman of the Board

Dear Fans of PPDC,

I cannot imagine more joy in one place than there was at both the consecration and then the Grand Opening of the John Coleman, Jr. Building of the Peter Paul Development Center. Jesus taught us so that our joy might be complete, and maybe, just maybe, we got enough right in all the efforts of so many to open a new place for the creative, redemptive, transformative Spirit of God to be alive in our city.



Lives are changed. Opportunities are created. Partnerships and collaborations are formed. People from all walks of life are meeting, joining forces, and dreaming new possibilities. Devoted staff members, dedicated board members, hard-working volunteers, generous-hearted individuals, caring foundations, and community-minded corporations are pooling time, talent, and resources. Children, teenagers, senior citizens, and their families are at the center of it. Our founder, John Coleman, gave us a legacy of establishing long-term relationships of practical care and genuine love, and of bringing everyone - across races and economic lines and all

other divides - to the table for the betterment of all. This is at the heart of our efforts.

Over the past few years, it has been an overwhelming privilege to serve as the Chair of this Board. I cannot thank enough all our supporters for the encouragement, the guidance, the patience, the trust, the hope, and the love that has brought us to this point. I look with delight at the next level of challenges and opportunities for the Center. To expand our programs, to enhance our academic, social, spiritual support for the children, to broaden our seniors' programs, and to deepen our collaboration with like-minded non-profits and agencies - these are daunting tasks. It is with absolute confidence and deep thankfulness that I look to our Executive Director, Lynne Washington, her staff, and to our Board for steady guidance as we move into this exciting new dimension of service to the youth, families and community served by Peter Paul.

Please continue to follow closely all PPDC is doing; please pray for all who come to the Center and to all who contribute to it; please offer your gifts for this joyous ministry. In all gratitude,

The Rev. David T. Anderson

What's Happening?



The Center's flagship program is the Youth Program which now serves 110 youth ages 8 to 18 in the After School program and the new program for middle school youth, Bridging the Gap. The After School program runs everyday from 2:30 to 6:00. The Center provides a safe place to be after school; help with homework; continual practice with on-line SOL tests; reading and storytelling activities, and supervised games and activities. Our primary focus remains on academic achievement. Our program has been intentionally designed not as a drop-in program, but one with clear expectations of attendance, academic performance and good behavior in school, at the Center and in their community. The students highlighted on this page have excelled academically and we recognize and congratulate them on their progress. On the left are the photos and names of those who have made the honor roll at their respective schools. Those students who are making notable progress on their report cards are our "Kids on A Roll". We salute these students and offer our congratulations! Way to Go!!

Honor Roll

3.5 GPA

Ramone Thomas, 4.0

Fairfield Elem., 5th

Elizabeth McGee, 4.0

Fairfield Middle, 7th

Lance Johnson, 4.0

Fairfield Middle, 8th

Ariel Barlow, 4.0

Armstrong High, 9th

Dezarae Murchison, 3.8

Fairfield Elem., 5th

Alissa Barlow, 3.9

Armstrong High, 9th

Kids on A Roll

3.0

Alexis Davis, 3.3

Ginter Park, 5th

Lorin Johnson, 3.3

Fairfield Elem., 4th

Emerald Jordan, 3.0

Fairfield Elem., 3rd

Kiyamar Oliver, 3.0

Fairfield Elem., 3rd

Jasmine Ross, 3.3

Ginter Park Elem., 5th

Iyanna Weathers, 3.0

Fairfield Elem., 3rd

Ayshawn Whitaker, 3.0

Highland Springs Elem., 3rd

Kichelle Day, 3.0

Binford Middle, 6th

Jared Hamp, 3.0

MLK, 8th

Demetryia Simmons, 3.0

MLK, 8th

Traequan Christian, 3.3

Rolfe Middle, 6th

Lamisha Johnson, 3.4

Fairfield Middle, 7th

Parrish Hodge, 3.4

Armstrong High, 9th

Meet our staff

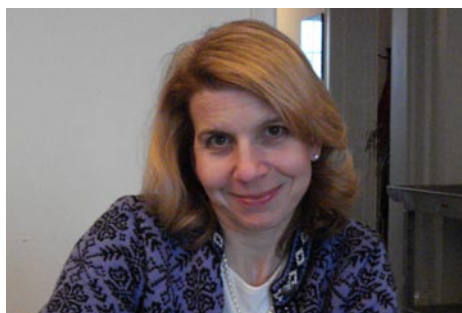
Volunteer Spotlight



Mr. Andrew Piretti

is a former employee of the Sony-BMG Music Entertainment Group, at which he held dual positions in administration and event planning. Upon leaving his position after almost 44 years, Mr. Piretti retired to the Richmond area to pursue a “second career” in real estate development. He has become a valuable member of the Peter Paul Development Center’s family, as a fourth year tutor/mentor, even serving on the Center’s committee to plan the recent opening ceremony. Mr. Piretti also serves on the Board of Directors for SPARC, is a co-historian for the Fan District Association and guides an Arts Program with the University of Richmond which introduces children and youth to theater, dance and music. On behalf of the Peter Paul Development Center, we would like to thank Mr. Piretti for all that he does for the youth and young children of Richmond’s East End.

We are pleased to announce the addition of two new staff members to the Peter Paul Development Center. Ms. Laurie Rogers our Development Director, and Ms. Sue Houdyshell our acting Director of Education. Both individuals have given of their time initially as volunteers. Laurie has assisted us for many years in our fundraising efforts, and, Sue has been our chief tester for our academic assessment. We welcome both with open hearts!



Laurie Rogers joins the staff as the part-time Director of Development. Laurie has been working with the Peter Paul Development Center since the summer of 1995, raising funds from local foundations, the faith community and corporations who have graciously supported the mission of the Center. After the excellent work of Lighthouse Counsel, which positioned the Center to successfully raise the funds for the Calling All Angels capital campaign, Laurie steps in to raise funds for the new and expanded program offerings, the annual fund and the remainder of the capital needs. She has been a successful grant writer for a number of Richmond’s small non-profit agencies for the past 13 years, working to secure program funds, annual funds and capital funding.



Sue Houdyshell, M.Ed. has joined the staff at Peter Paul Development Center as their Acting Educational Director. She has thirty years of experience working with special needs children, recently retiring from the Richmond Public School System. Over the past two years, Ms. Houdyshell has taught at Virginia Commonwealth University as adjunct faculty in the Education Department and supervised student teachers from VCU. She has also been involved with several research projects funded through the education and psychology departments at VCU to improve reading skills, behavior management and teacher skills in the public schools. Ms. Houdyshell will focus on developing educational programs which increase skills as well as support the ongoing academic requirements of Peter Paul Children.



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New Board Members

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Dr. Peter Wilbanks

Update on Calling All Angels Comprehensive Capital Campaign:

The Peter Paul Development Center is nearing the end of a \$3.75 million comprehensive capital campaign. Enthusiastically chaired by Carol W. Dickinson, the Center has raised more than \$3.3 million from Richmond's generous individuals, foundations and corporations. The campaign has provided for the construction of the fabulous new Center, the purchase of new vans, computers and other major equipment and allowed us to serve more than 100 youth ages 8 to 18 through an extensive program expansion. We are grateful for the support of so many angels who have heard and answered this call. Thank you.