

# Patchworks

WINTER 2024

THE CABBAGE PATCH SETTLEMENT HOUSE



Dear Friends,

As the holiday season approaches, I'm reminded of the warmth and kindness that fill The Patch every day. Because of your steadfast support, we've been able to open our doors wider than ever to serve and uplift more young people. This year, we've provided more focused academic support, engaging activities, and, most importantly, a place where every child is encouraged and loved. Our goal remains simple but powerful: to foster a sense of belonging in each young person who walks through our doors.

This school year has been an exciting one, marked by fresh partnerships and enriching new programs. For instance, we've partnered with West End School, which has brought positive new dynamics to our work. We're also ensuring nutritious meals daily through Dare to Care Food Bank, and we've expanded our offerings for our teens—giving them their own space in a dedicated Teen Club, Career Prep on Tuesdays, and Entrepreneurship Classes on Thursdays. Each initiative is thoughtfully designed to support our youth in discovering their potential and envisioning a brighter future.

The impact of these programs is already evident. Just in the past three months, we've welcomed over 100 new youth members along with their families. Each of these numbers represent a life touched and a future inspired, bringing us ever closer to fulfilling our mission in a lasting way.

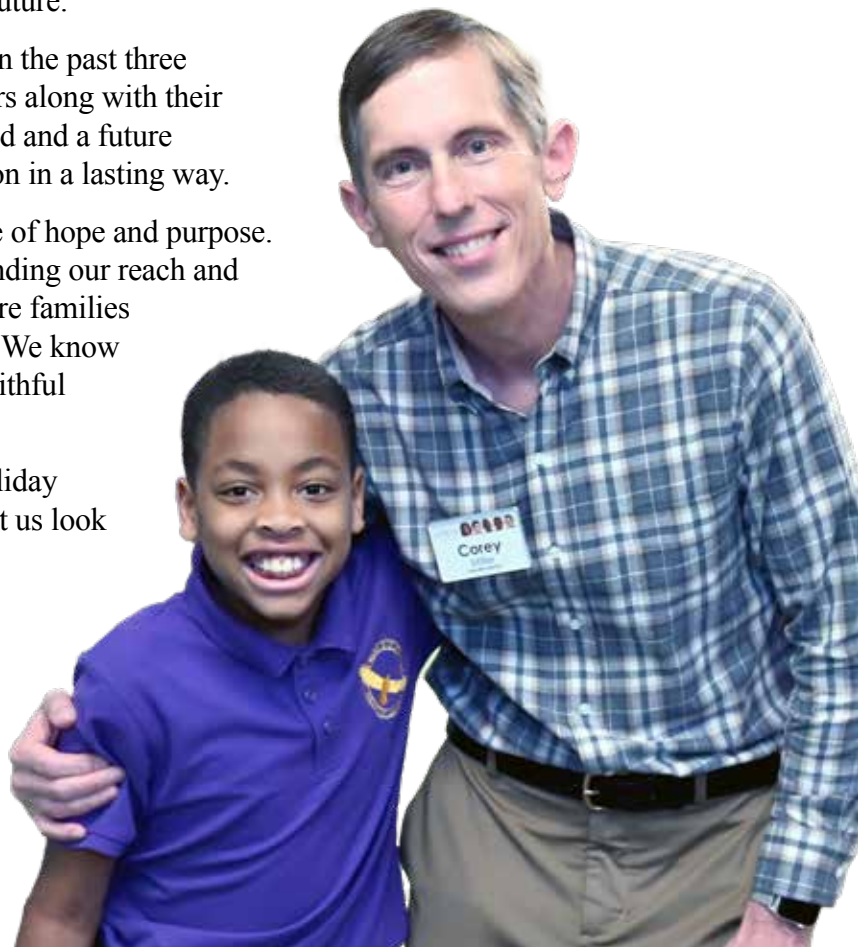
As Christmas nears, we are filled with a renewed sense of hope and purpose. With faith as our foundation, we look forward to expanding our reach and impact even further in the coming year, supporting more families and deepening our connections within the community. We know that none of this would be possible without you, our faithful supporters.

Thank you for standing alongside us. We pray your holiday season is filled with Peace, Joy, and Hope. Together, let us look forward to all that God has in store for 2025.

With gratitude and hope,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Corey G. Miller".

Rev. Dr. Corey G. Miller  
Executive Director



## West End School Partnership: A New Chapter of Growth at The Cabbage Patch

Every day at The Patch, we see our members learning, growing, and thriving in a space designed to nurture their development. Recently, we had the opportunity to expand our mission through a partnership with West End School, a private independent school serving boys in grades K–8 in Louisville’s West End.

This partnership, initiated through our connection with a cherished friend of The Patch, Walt Kunau, grew out of the school’s desire to extend their students’ learning beyond the classroom. They recognized The Patch’s excellence in after school programming and saw an opportunity for their students to further develop academically, socially, and emotionally.

Dr. Gregory E. Ross, President - Head of School at West End School, shared, *“Partnering with an organization that wraps its arms around a young person and sees them through to becoming successful adults mirrors our goals and passions. Our students who are new to The Cabbage Patch are excited about this extension of their learning and the many opportunities it provides.”*

At West End School, students recite a powerful daily credo instilling values of dedication and responsibility. One line declares, *“I understand with each privilege comes responsibility... it is my choice to learn or not to learn, but I must be willing to accept the consequences of that choice.”* These principles perfectly align with The Patch’s mission to build self-reliance and self-confidence in the young people we serve.

Together, we are creating a stronger foundation for these students to grow into their full potential.



## Empowering Exploring: Adventure and Safety at The Patch!

This summer, Recreation and Youth Development Managers Ryan Lovelace and Liliara Pappaterra led 12 Cabbage Patch kids on an unforgettable Travel Camp adventure in the Great Smoky Mountains. Alongside Travel Camp, The Patch hosted several other outdoor adventure camps, making summer an exciting season for exploration and growth. But our commitment to outdoor programs doesn't stop when summer ends—these activities are woven into the fabric of what we do, continuing to enrich young lives throughout the school year.

These adventures are grounded in a commitment to safety, thanks to our staff's exceptional training. Ryan and Liliara hold Wilderness First Responder (WFR) certifications, a demanding 90-hour course that prepares them to address medical situations in remote settings. This expertise allows Patch kids to explore confidently in a safe and supportive environment.

In November, Ryan and Liliara renewed their WFR certifications at the Nantahala Outdoor Center, further strengthening their skills. Reflecting on this training, Lili shared, *"These essential skills are used daily at The Patch, from handling minor scrapes to managing serious situations. Our training ensures the safest environment for our kids to grow and thrive."*

This unparalleled training empowers our staff and opens doors to life-changing opportunities for our youth. Looking ahead, this foundation of safety and preparedness allows us to expand our current offerings—introducing more outdoor adventures during spring break, summer camps, and beyond.

Thanks to your support, we can continue to build a safe and adventurous space where every Patch kid is free to dream, explore, and thrive!



## COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

### Nourishing Success: Dare to Care Partnership

Our partnership with Dare to Care Food Bank is transforming the lives of youth at The Patch. Since launching our evening meal program in September, every child now receives a balanced dinner. This consistency has led to a noticeable decline in behavior issues, showing the profound impact of nourishment.



Due to high demand, we have already increased the number of meals provided. This program is about more than food; it builds a foundation for success, helping kids focus, thrive, and approach each day even more ready to achieve success.

On a recent evening, Aveen, one of our teen leaders, helped serve meals, embodying the community spirit of The Patch. Teen leaders like him not only assist but also mentor younger kids, as Aveen says, guiding them "on the right path."

We are deeply grateful to Dare to Care for their partnership. Thanks to their support and leaders like Aveen, Patch kids are thriving—one meal at a time.

## Faith in Action: The Cana Sunday School Class' Enduring Witness

For many years, the Cana Sunday School Class at Christ Church United Methodist has been a steadfast partner of The Cabbage Patch, faithfully answering God's call to serve. This dedicated group provides crucial support to Patch families during Thanksgiving, ensuring they can celebrate the holiday with a full meal.

Their involvement began with Walt Kunau, a former Cabbage Patch Board Member and Cana Class member, who inspired the class to support Patch families by providing Thanksgiving meals. This act of service allows Patch families, who often face financial instability, to enjoy a special holiday meal while easing their financial burden.



The class has perfected this ministry over the years. Each fall, they fundraise in October, shop for groceries in early November, and gather on the Sunday before Thanksgiving to assemble the meals. During this meeting, members work efficiently in two assembly lines, packing bags filled with all the items for a Thanksgiving meal. A quality control lead ensures nothing is missed.

Once the bags are ready, they are delivered to The Patch, where some families personally thank the class for their generosity.

This year, the Cana Class provided an impressive 85 meals! Yet, they remain humble, focusing on meeting needs rather than seeking recognition. As Walt said, the class is full of "good people in our church that do good things very quietly."

"We're so grateful for their support," shared Doug Holm, Family Development Manager at The Patch. "The Cana Sunday School Class embodies what it means to be a good neighbor, and their kindness inspires us all."

Volunteers like the Cana Class are a blessing, and for them we are very thankful!

### NAMED FUND SPOTLIGHT

## Longfield Fund Carries on Family Tradition

The family connection started four generations ago and has endured for decades. When The Patch began its formal organization, Ida Maney Thompson was asked to join The Cabbage Patch Board of Directors by its founder Louise Marshall. Since then, two more generations of the family, Louise Farnsley Gardner and her son, Charlie Farnsley, have followed in their grandmother's & great grandmother's footsteps by serving on the Board. Louise's sister, Kathy Cary, founded Seed To Table, the popular gardening and cooking program that has been a fixture at the Patch for the past thirty years.

A tradition of being involved in your community, putting your faith into action, and being good stewards of the gifts entrusted to you runs deep. In 2022, the family established the Longfield Fund at The Patch which honors four generations of family support and contribution to their beloved Cabbage Patch.



If you are interested in learning more about how to establish a named fund, you can contact Jennifer Scott at 502-743-4446 or [jscott@cabbagepatch.org](mailto:jscott@cabbagepatch.org) to talk about how to make this possible.

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