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Greetings Friend of Charleston Promise Neighborhood!

The holidays are here and CPN has a lot to be thankful for this year! Expanded Learning Time (ELT) afterschool program participants are preparing to share their newly learned skills for their parents, and our KidsWell School Based Health Centers have aided in life-saving situations. This past month, we received even more exciting news that one of our supporters has generously offered to match all donations between now and December 31st! 'Tis the season to give, and now [your gift](#) can be doubled! From all of us at CPN to all of you who help keep the Promise, Happy Holidays!



Middle School Students Spread Their Wings at Camp Blackbaud

CPN's friends at Blackbaud rolled out a pilot program for middle school students this month.



A team of Blackbaud employees and middle school students work to design and build robots.

On November 15th and 16th, middle school students from Sanders-Clyde and James Simons participated in the first Camp Blackbaud for Middle School. For two days, hand-selected students were immersed in the tech-world as they were taught through experiential learning how to build, program, and operate their very own robot! CPN is excited about this continuum of the original Camp Blackbaud (originally for 5th graders, now for 6-8th graders), and know these unique opportunities can create a spark for STEM-focused careers for our students. To read more about Camp Blackbaud: Middle School Edition, [click here](#).

Inspirational Pathways: Leading Students to Art and Success

A special group of 4th-8th grade students from Sanders-Clyde,

the "IP Scholars", began their journey with Redux Contemporary Art Center for the third year of the Inspirational Pathways outreach program. These students will visit Redux Contemporary Art Center twice, interview 4 unique local artists, present their findings to their student body, and have the entire school vote on which artist will be commissioned to create a custom piece of art for the Sanders-Clyde school lobby. This opportunity allows the IP Scholars to sharpen their art appreciation skills, public speaking techniques, and foster leadership abilities. This is also a terrific way for our students to experience the world and culture of art and all it has to offer!



An IP Scholar learns about texture in art during the Inspirational Pathways tour of Redux Contemporary Art Studio.

CPN and YWCA Partnership

CPN and the YWCA have teamed up to offer an innovative afterschool club for female students at Sanders-Clyde who want to learn how to code! This computer coding club is dedicated to breaking the gender and racial stereotypes that accompany the growing tech-field. Helping our students become college or career ready is at the core of our mission here at CPN, and empowering this group as young women is an added bonus! To read more about our Girls Who Code, [click here.](#)



Day of Caring Brings 100+ to Join the Promise

Trident United Way's Day of Caring took place on Friday, November 18th! Charleston Promise Neighborhood hosted more than 100 volunteers at three of our Neighborhood schools (Chicora, Mary Ford and Sanders-Clyde) as well as Burns Elementary. Volunteers came together from Blackbaud, Leadership Charleston, Sustainability Institute, Cummins and University School of the Lowcountry. Projects ranged from creating a peaceful playground, to planting a garden, to teaching about college-bound culture. It was an amazing day, packed full of enthusiastic volunteers who were equally as touched as the schools we served. To read more about Day of Caring, [click here.](#)



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