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Greetings Friend of Charleston Promise Neighborhood!

As CPN's fiscal year comes to an end, I want to thank each person, business and foundation that generously supported CPN this year! Check out our updated [Investors page](#) on the website to see who helped provide afterschool programming for more than 350 students, medical care for nearly 500 children, and countless parent and community member engagement opportunities.



School may be out for the summer, but we are still hard at work here at CPN! Our summer program at Mary Ford is in full swing, while back at the office, staff has been working hard finalizing plans to make the 2016-17 school year even better for our students. Don't forget to follow us on our new Instagram account [@CharlestonPromiseNeighborhood](#), and keep up with us in real-time on our new blog www.chspromiseblog.wordpress.com.

Summer Learning Programs Kick Off at Mary Ford Elementary

On Monday, June 20th, CPN and CCSD kicked off the 21st Century Summer Bridge program at Mary Ford Elementary. This summer program is filled with intensive reading remediation, enrichment activities, and field trips. Many students who participate in the 21st Century after school program at Mary Ford will continue receiving academic support through

this program, in addition to field trips and other enrichment experiences that they otherwise would not be getting this summer. With the strong academic component we have planned, we anticipate significantly reducing summer learning loss for participating students.

In addition to academic support, high-quality summer programs like this provide excellent opportunities for children to develop social and personal skills. Our hope is to also create lasting relationships among staff, children, and families that carry over throughout the school year and help support the social and emotional development of our students. CPN is also

pleased to partner with Metanoia and provide additional reading support to students participating in their Freedom School at Mary Ford. Through this partnership, we will serve more students, offer a full day experience, and provide more opportunities to address the needs of the whole child!



First graders take a "brain break" after a morning of literacy enrichment.



Fourth and Fifth graders learn about healthy lifestyle and food choices.

Comm{Unity} Event

Wednesday, June 15th, Charleston Promise Neighborhood Residents gathered at St. Julian Devine Community Center for Comm{Unity}: An Upper Peninsula Initiative Event sponsored by BoomTown! and co-hosted by Charleston Promise Neighborhood, The Sustainability Institute, Enough Pie, and Loving America Street. The weather was hot, but the grill was hotter as CPN resident Mr. Townsend served up a delicious dinner that rivaled the best restaurants in town! Games and activities kept children engaged, while CPN CEO Sherrie Snipes-Williams spoke about CPN's work in the neighborhood. It was a fun night and a great way to bring together residents, businesses and other non-profits for the betterment of our city!

[To read more about Comm{Unity} click here...](#)

[To view a video of the evening click here...](#)



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YouthPromise GIRLZ Get Inspired at Spoleto

On June 8th the YouthPromise GIRLZ program had a night out on the town to celebrate their last group event of the school year. This CPN youth leadership program for Middle School girls attending Sanders-Clyde School, is made possible by the support of the Spaulding-Paolozzi Foundation. The GIRLZ began the special evening by dining at Mellow Mushroom with CPN CEO Sherrie Snipes-Williams, and CPN supporter Margie Morse. Margie is a retired Nuclear Physics Engineer and engaged the girls in interesting conversations about the importance of engineering and chemistry in our everyday lives through products such as iPhones, cosmetics, and medicines. After dinner, the Spoleto Festival USA treated the girls to a Spoleto performance, the highly acclaimed hip-hop dance performance, "Opposing Forces," at Memminger Auditorium. The show's theme played perfectly into the GIRLZ core message of female empowerment, and left them all with a better sense of understanding gender stereotypes and how to overcome them. The cherry-on-top of a terrific night was the GIRLZ being brought on stage to meet the choreographer, Amy O'Neil, and some of her dancers. The evening was fun, inspirational, and a great way to begin the summer!



Margie Morse dines with our YouthPromise GIRLZ.



The GIRLZ with performers from "Opposing Forces" on stage.

Congratulations to our recent graduates!

On Wednesday, June 1, Mary Ford and Sanders-Clyde held graduation ceremonies for rising middle and high school students. Recognizing the accomplishments of these students served as a great way to send them off to the next chapter in their education with confidence. Our students looked impeccable in their "Sunday Best", and CPN smiles abounded! Ensuring these students are on track to graduate high school is part of our Promise, and this was certainly an exciting step towards that goal!



Burke High School students marched through Sanders-Clyde on May 27th in their caps and gowns to inspire elementary and middle school students to graduate! It was a powerful moment, with CCSD Executive Director of Early Childhood and Elementary Learning Community John Cobb providing the Graduation March on his sax!

[To watch the video of the Burke High School Senior's Graduation March through Sanders-Clyde, click here...](#)

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