



Six Points Innovation Center is open as a virtual school hub. We are supporting some of the students from John Marshall High School but others are welcomed. The center helps to provide positive and appropriate socialization with peers and adults.



*DECEMBER 2020 EDITION*

Do you believe it's December already! The end of the year and what a year it has been! We've found ourselves stuck in seasons where we can't share times with our loved ones, enjoy those well - needed vacations, or being able to enjoy some of our most enjoyable summer and holiday activities. Although we have had to change a lot about what we do, we have not been stopped by this catastrophic global pandemic.

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### Youth Empowerment thru Eviction Research (YEER)

The research question the youth have been working on all year is: what is the relationship between eviction, mental health challenges and the chance of committing a crime. They finished their surveys and community interviews and now they are working on analyzing their findings. This program is over at the end of this year but we hope to start another class next year.

*happy holidays*

## STUDENT HIGHLIGHT



### Congratulations to Hope!

Hope has been accepted to her number 1 choice of colleges, Longwood University.

Another SOY student has been accepted into Virginia Tech. Several other students have applied to various colleges with acceptances pending. Hopefully, by Christmas they will all be accepted into their colleges of choice.

## STUDENT HIGHLIGHT



Yaya came to 6PIC almost 3 years ago after she first heard of a new community center was opening in her neighborhood. Yaya is currently a high school senior who wants to be an entrepreneur. She is currently participating in one of our programs to help her achieve her dream.

Yaya's advice for others? "I want to tell other people to always believe in yourself and do better for yourself. Don't give up."



## Welcome Liseth

We are excited to welcome Liseth Rubio as the new Resource Mentor at 6PIC! Liseth will work to support youth through a strengths-based approach and trauma-informed lens. A graduate from VCU's School of Social Work, Liseth has a passion for advocacy and local social justice initiatives.

*"I am very excited to come on board as the new Resource Mentor at 6PIC. Having previously volunteered/interned here for 2 years, I've been able to witness the amazing growth and development of both the youth and the organization. I believe in the power of collaborative relationships based on authenticity and trust, and that is our strength here at 6PIC. We've been able to create a space that fosters openness and challenge, empowering youth to find their strengths, build networks of support, and develop a foundation of skills to thrive. I am honored to continue the work I've started here, in creating a positive environment where youth feel supported in their journey of becoming community leaders." —Liseth Rubio*



We always appreciate and thank our sponsors, donors and other supporters.

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Today we want to welcome 2 new corporate sponsors.

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*Thank you for helping to give our youth a fighting chance.*

## JOBS FOR LIFE



### Meet Corey

As a participant in the Jobs for Life Program, which we do in partnership with Boaz & Ruth and the Northside Outreach Center, Cory was determined to make the most of his time in the class. After reworking his resume in class Corey decided to reapply for a job he had applied to previously but didn't get. After sending in the new resume, Corey got a call the next day to schedule an interview and he got the job!

Not only was Corey motivated, he was committed. On his way to class one day he was chased by a dog and fell down, but made it to class. He walked in the door scared and bruised because he was determined to not let anything stop him. Thank you, Corey, for all your hard work, positive attitude and being a model for your classmates. We know that you are going great places.

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### Thank You Quinzella

Quinzella is one of our Jobs for Life participants who got hired at Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield this year. Thank you Quinzella for the donation and such a beautiful card. The card reads: Some people knock on the door of our lives, come right in, make themselves at home in our hearts, and we're better – so much better for having them there. (Inside) you have a very special place in my heart. We have shared together the blessings of God. Philippians 1:7 NLT. That's God's gift of you in my life.



## THE YOUTH WE SERVE

A child raised in 23222 is more likely to be raised in poverty, to live in a household where one or more adults is unemployed, and to attend a school where indicators show many students are lagging behind on literacy, attendance, and graduation. Your donations can give youth with these circumstances better opportunities for a better future.

To donate to Saving Our Youth VA, go to [www.savingouryouthva.org/donate](http://www.savingouryouthva.org/donate) or scan the barcode below.



### Message from the Executive Director

Whew, what a year it has been! Protesting, riots, monuments coming down, and COVID, along with all of our normal everyday issues, has made it a year to remember, or what I hear from a lot of people.... a year not to remember.

When I look forward to 2021, my primary thoughts center around finding resources and strategies to better help the students in the mist of this pandemic which will probably span the rest of the school year. We were able to continue most of our programs, but, outside of Virtual School, our open-door policy had to be cancelled. We look forward to being able to reopen our doors in that manner.

From all of us here at Saving Our Youth VA, Happy Holidays and a Festive New Year to you and your family!

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