



Covid-19 “Herd Immunity” is a goal we can reach! We’re doing our part by encouraging area residents to be vaccinated as soon as possible. To help with that effort, we organized community vaccination event on May 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>. About 80 people received their first vaccine, and got scheduled to receive their second dose in three weeks.



*2<sup>nd</sup> QUARTER – Apr-Jun 2021 EDITION*

In the spring of 2021, we found ourselves continuing to chafe under Covid restrictions and their resulting challenges. We continue to adapt as protocols change, and we look forward to the day when our programs can return to a more “normal” schedule.

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**TUTORS: We Couldn’t Have Made It Without Them!**

As a Virtual Hub location, we had students ranging from 4<sup>th</sup> grade to high school seniors – and we quickly realized just how difficult it has been for the students to advance in their studies. Many days, they weren’t even able to sign into their classes, much less understand the lessons and do the work assigned to them. Almost all of them were extremely behind in all their classes!

Helping to meet this challenge were some incredible tutors from VCU! These young men and women worked patiently with students, one-on-one, and helped them catch up and finish the school year. THANK YOU, Aanchal, Mannat, Gilpin, Sarah, Tahia, Deema, Samuel, and Erika. You have been a wonderful gift to those you served!



For students that are getting behind in their classes, we are there for them. At Six Points Innovation Center (6PIC), at 3001 Meadowbridge Rd., we have a Virtual School Hub where we assist students catch up with their classes. We make sure they get the tutoring they need and make sure they catch up with those missing assignments.

*Video*

<https://www.savingouryouthhva.org/virtual-school-hub>



## Welcome Kai

Kai Banks was hired to take Jackie Washington's position after Jackie left to work for the Richmond Health Department. Coming from a lived experience and diverse perspective with a passion for community service, Kai possesses significant community engagement and collaborations. As a highly dedicated and resourceful social services professional in both "for profit" and "non-profit" organizations, she can apply a stellar track record of community involvement in the fulfillment of missions for a variety of programs. As a graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University, Kai has a strong educational and professional background. We Welcome You Kai!

## Welcome Laura!

Join me in welcoming Laura Monroe, our new Administrative Assistant. Originally hailing from Staten Island, New York, Laura Monroe joins our team with over 20 years of experience in accounting and office management. Laura is the proud grandmother of four, loves spending time with her family and enjoys actively participating in her local church. While her background is in financing, in recent years Laura has spent her time working with nonprofits dedicated to supporting the needs of a wide array of Virginia's community members. She has experience working with big Companies like Comcast and AT&T and small companies like Siddall and The Way. Laura has a passion for helping people.



## Message from the Executive Director

### **A message to our graduating seniors from the Executive Director:**

I want to take this time to congratulate our youth who are graduating from high school this year. You made it through a hard year and now you are focusing on what's next. You are achievers and you have made us all proud. You've worked hard to achieve your goals and now you're on your way to seek new vistas, dream new dreams, embark on who you are, embrace life with passion and keep reaching for your star. As you cherish the fruits of your hard work, we wish that success keeps following you in everything that you do. The sky is your limit so spread out your wings and soar high. This is just the beginning; you are stars in the making. Shine on!



## Congratulations Graduates!

*Jo White*  
*Executive Director*

## 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 donation can give a youth with these circumstances a better chance 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.



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

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