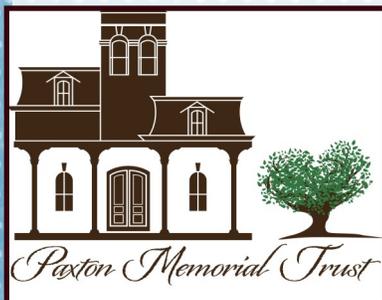


The Paxton Trust

HOLIDAY NEWSLETTER

This time of year, we all enjoy spending time with our families and reflecting on the joys of the past year. At the Paxton Trust, we are grateful for the time we have spent building a stronger community so that EVERY child may thrive in Loudoun County! With your support, our initiatives “Kids in Business” and “What’s Your Word” build brighter futures by empowering at-risk teens. We provide stability and safety to the children living in the emergency homeless shelter during the summer months by partnering with the Loudoun YMCA to send every kid to camp. Our emergency fund provides shoes, school supplies, hygiene kits, and clothing, to make sure the children in our community have the basic necessities. Our #Socktober cold weather clothing drive strives to keep every child in Loudoun warm and dry this winter. Building community, we partner with 31 other organizations - like Mobile Hope, helping children who are homeless; and we work with Backpack Buddies, making sure no child goes to bed hungry. We provide educational opportunities with INMED Opportunity Center and Educando con Amor so that every child has the chance of a bright future. We served over 1,200 children throughout Loudoun BECAUSE OF YOU! Together, our children can TRUST that our community is here for each of them. Thank you for making Loudoun County a better place for ALL of our children! Best wishes for the New Year!

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2018



Plans for the New Year!

Although 2018 was a pretty amazing year, we plan to expand our reach and serve even more kids in need in 2019!

UPDATED WEBSITE: We have a new and improved website with A LOT of awesome news and information about the Trust and its activities. www.paxtontrust.org

EVENTS: Our first ‘For the Children’ event of 2019 will be a New Year’s Day Oyster Roast and Jazz Brunch in Leesburg and will benefit hungry children. See our website’s “Events” for more info and to RSVP.



The Trust held a back-to-school supplies drive and donated 37 backpacks and boxes of supplies to local schools and education centers, including the YMCA (above), Educando con Amor and All Ages Read Together.

We love it when a Community Comes Together

Community is such an important word. It means: *a feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests and goals.*

This past year, the Trust has seen this community at its finest. From our **For The Children** events to benefit local programs that improve kids' lives, to hosting a free **Fun on the Fourth** party on the Paxton Campus property for kids to enjoy the Fourth of July; our community has certainly come together for the sake of doing good things for our community's kids! The Trust has been serving kids in need in Loudoun since 1922, and this year was no different. There are so many non-profits in Loudoun that need community support.

We hosted a pub crawl-style fundraiser in Leesburg in June called **Paxton's Taste of the Town** and proceeds went to sending kids in the local homeless shelter to the **YMCA summer camps**. We worked with the **Ryan Bartel Foundation** to bring awareness to teen suicide

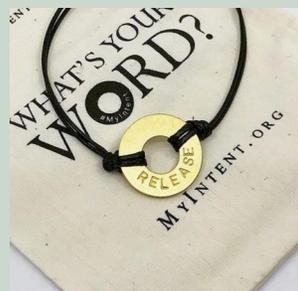
prevention in October; and volunteered alongside the **Mobile Hope** bus in December to bring some holiday cheer to kids and their families. We have been assisting **Summit Dog**, a newly-formed non-profit organization, to provide therapy animal assistance programs to more kids here in Loudoun.

Without each other, there is no community. Without our supporters, sponsors, donors, and volunteers, there is no community. Community Outreach allows the Trust to create a common goal; a community that is prosperous, child-focused and supportive. A community where children **TRUST** that we are here for each of them. **Won't you be a part of this journey, too?**



How can YOU help us make a difference in a child's life today!?

- * Make a tax-deductible donation to the Trust at: www.paxtontrust.org/donate.
- * Volunteer at one of our many outreach events or fundraisers like the Paxton *Taste of the Town* pub crawl in June! www.paxtontrust.org/volunteer
- * Collaborate with us! Do you own a business or a non-profit that can use some partnership? Let's talk!
- * Purchase a 2019 Calendar for a \$20 donation. www.paxtontrust.org/donate



What's Your Word? - A unique and meaningful way to support the Trust's mission.

Host a 'What's Your Word' workshop in 2019, and proceeds will fund another workshop for us to host for at-risk teens.

It's a perfect activity for a teen get together, a mom's night in, a family with teen children, or a social club gathering.

A Trust rep will bring all of the items needed for your group of 6—8 people in order for each guest to make a special 'My Intent' piece of jewelry or keychain. After some guidance and reflection, you will end up with YOUR WORD and stamp it onto the metal disk. It's a powerful experience you won't soon forget.

Please contact: Meredith@paxtontrust.org for more info and pricing.



The Trust's "Socktober" Winter Clothing Drive gathered several dozen bags of new, warm clothing that was then delivered to kids in need at local schools and non-profit organizations.