

Path To Shine®

May 2015

Thanks for a Great Program Year



As we finish the last few weeks of the semester, we cannot help but rejoice in the accomplishments of our children and mentors alike. Below, you'll read updates from three of our affiliates. It's because of your support, whether it is a "like" on our Facebook page, donated school supplies, or a financial gift, these stories are able to unfold. And the stories are not over. Vacation Bible Schools and Science Summer Camp are on the horizon over the summer, and before you know it, we'll be gearing up for the next program year of growth and exploration. One more thing on the horizon: early registration is officially open for Ugly Pants, our Annual Charity Golf Tournament with St. Benedict's Episcopal Church on October 5th. These are just a few of the ways you are helping to inspire hope-filled dreams!

Fund the Gap Campaign

In the fall of 2014, Path To Shine established a scholarship fund to support exceptionally bright Path To Shine students who are accepted into independent schools. Although schools offer scholarships to students in need, there are other expenses families incur, including uniforms, books, transportation to and from school, meals and student activity fees. Our aim is to offer one student \$1,000/\$1,500 per year to help offset some of these incidentals. Presently, we have one Path To Shine alumni attending St. Benedict's Episcopal Day School. In order to make the opportunity available to other promising students, we are in the process of raising \$50,000. Please help us fund this gap. Visit our website for more information.



Enrichment Trip in Columbus



Path to Shine Columbus had a busy April. After reading Eric Carle's "The Tiny Seed" they began talking about recycling, their neighborhood and what they could do. The program started to work on the Boxwood Recreation Center Community garden. It has been very wet, but the children pulled some weeds and planted

some seeds. They also talked about water recycling, and the first Saturday in May they went to the Columbus Water Works with three CVEM Infusion volunteers, and Path to Shine mentors to take a tour and see how water is cleaned to drink. Then the children enjoyed ice cream, jumpy house, inflated slide, train and many more fun activities .

Ugly Pants 2015 Save the Date!

Oct. 4 Brunch & silent auction at St. Benedict's Episcopal Church. Oct. 5 Ugly Pants Golf Tournament.



Prizes for good golf and ugly pants. It's a lot of fun so register at our website www.pathtoshine.org

North Atlanta



The North Atlanta program has spent the spring enjoying a variety of life enrichment opportunities. At the end of April, the program had a visit from the firefighters of House #81 along with their hook and ladder truck. The children learned about the various equipment, were able to climb into the truck, and wear an official firefighters hat. They also went to see a Braves game on Sunday, May 3rd. They elected to have pizza and an ice pop at the game. A good time was had by all!

Norcross

Eleven students joyously received their Path to Shine Certificates of Completion on Sunday, April 19, at the Hispanic service of Christ Church Episcopal in Norcross, surrounded by family, friends and clergy. The certificates and several books were given to each student by the ten mentors and coordinators who served so faithfully for the past eight months. Deacon Lesley-Ann Drake was present, arms full of free books donated by supporters of Path To Shine. Rector Rev. Ceci Duke presented a beautiful new banner, designed and sewn by Sewing Guild member Nicki DeVillier. And a mother of two of the students spoke about how much the program meant to her, and her children, both of whom received school awards for the first time.



Science Summer Program in Marietta



This summer, the children in Marietta will learn about the world through the eyes of a scientist! With books, experiments and craft projects, the kids will explore the human body, ecosystems and outer space. Want to help? Visit the Marietta page on the Path To Shine website, and see if there is anything you can donate. Or consider donating some of your time and talents as a volunteer. You could bring joy to a child's summer, and eat a s'more out of a solar powered oven! For questions or to sign up, email our Road Fellow, Ciara at ciara.rowley@ymail.com

You Can Help

- Volunteer: Be a weekly tutor. Previous teaching experience is *not* necessary.
- Be a Guest Speaker: Share the story of the challenges you overcame as a child.
- Fund the Gap: Help a Path To Shine student of promise attend an independent school.
- Golf: Compete in this year's Ugly Pants Golf Tournament Monday, October 5th.
- Tell our friends about our work. Perhaps they would like to get involved

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