



February 2020



Creating Smiles Through Partnerships

For the last 13 years the **Leesburg Police Department** has sponsored a Thanksgiving celebration for the families and children in our Spanish-language educational groups. Every November, not only do our parents and children look forward to a great evening, but also see the Chief of the Police and many officers and volunteers serve dinner in full uniform, take pictures with them and make time to build friendships. This partnership has allowed for INMED to help build trust and understanding between the two groups.

Some other shout-outs are in order:

The student volunteers of P.A.S.T.A. (Peers and Students Taking Action) threw a Secret Santa party with goodies and gifts for the kids in our after-school program.

The United Methodist Church of Sterling's Women's Group collected gifts and held a sumptuous holiday dinner for 51 children and parents in our educational group program.

Unity Works (of Prince William County) collected gifts for 60 children enrolled in the Healthy Families Loudoun program through an "adopt-a-child" campaign.

The Holiday Coalition opened its holiday store to 117 of our program participants to shop for toys, clothes and personal items for free, while **Women Giving Back's** store provided 14 of our families with free toys, clothes and home accessories.

Northwest Federal Credit Union Foundation (NWFCUF) donated scholarships to our after-school academic enrichment program and held a backpack and clothing drive for our Opportunity Center families.

Open Blooms collected hundreds of coats and warm clothing for our Opportunity Center families.

Weichert Realty of Ashburn held a scholarship drive for our after-school academic enrichment program for children whose families cannot afford the minimal monthly tuition.

Mary Kay consultant Dorothy Gandy donated more than two dozen gift packages from her Adopt-a-Mom campaign to mothers in our Healthy Families Loudoun program for a third year.

Best Runners, led by super-volunteer Manoj Bisht, donated books to all our after-school kids for winter-break reading.

We are so grateful for the generous support of our community partners and volunteers. If your organization or company would like to get involved, please contact **Yahaira Hanon**.



Opportunity Center Programs Director Maria Vasquez (left) distributes a Mary Kay gift to one of our moms



The Sterling United Methodist Church Women threw a great Christmas party for our families.



Volunteer Manoj Bisht of Best Runners organized a book drive for winter break reading.



NWFCUF Executive Director Kaycee Childress delivers backpacks to our kids.



Linda Kasulis of Open Blooms with 1st batch of donations from coat drive.



After-school kids learn which P.A.S.T.A. volunteer is their Secret Santa.

#LeapofKindnessDay Book & Diaper Drive



Did you know that Saturday, February 29 is #LeapofKindnessDay? The Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce is encouraging businesses, schools, clubs and individuals to do something kind on Leap Day—such as donating books and diapers to our Healthy Families Loudoun program, serving at-risk, first-time parents.

On February 29 from 9 am - 12 pm, we will have a drop-off bin for books for children age 0-3 and diapers of all sizes at our Family & Youth Opportunity Center at 21630 Ridgetop Circle, Suite 130, Sterling, VA. Register for Leap of Kindness Day by clicking on the button below.

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Thankful for Our Advocates in Richmond

Every year, the Healthy Families Loudoun (HFL) team travels to Richmond to visit with the Loudoun representatives at the General Assembly to advocate for funding for child abuse and neglect prevention home visiting programs. On January 22, we visited seven of the 10 legislators who represent our county (Senators Bell and Boysko, and Delegates Reid, Delaney, Gooditis, Subramanyam, and LaRock). They welcomed our team and the opportunity to be informed and updated about our program goals and the outstanding ranking we hold among the top top-performing sites in the state.



Del. Reid with Opportunity Center Programs Director Maria Vasquez & HFL Family Support Specialist Yesenia Guevara



Sen. Boysko with US Programs Director Jennifer Smith & HFL Family Support Specialist Nancy Ordonez



Del. LaRock with Jennifer and Nancy



Del. Bell with Maria and Yesenia



Del. Subramanyam with Maria and Yesenia

SAVE THE DATE!

THE HAMILTON MURDERS

Written and Directed by Terry Smith

Produced by Jerri Wiseman



DINNER & SHOW

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

6 PM

StageCoach Theatre Company

20937 Ashburn Rd., Suites 115 & 120, Ashburn, VA

Tickets: \$75/person

Join INMED USA for an evening of great food and entertainment to support INMED's mission of building pathways for vulnerable children and families to achieve well-being and self-reliance in Loudoun County. Dinner to be served by the talented teens of PosAbilities Academy, an alternative learning environment for youth with varying abilities.

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