



INMED USA Introduces Permaculture to Paxton

As plans for the INMED School at Paxton Campus in Leesburg continue to develop, plans for an outdoor classroom environment are already taking shape. With the introduction of permaculture, the site of INMED's school will become a sustainable ecosystem, in line with Paxton's new campuswide environmental sustainability programs.

Permaculture is a system for designing agricultural landscapes that work with nature. It's guided by a set of ethics, which include:

1. Caring for the Earth
2. Caring for People
3. Sharing the Abundance

INMED USA's permaculture project at Paxton will include food forests, butterfly gardens, nature trails and sensory habitats that both students and the surrounding community may explore and enjoy. Ultimately, we hope that permaculture will create an abundance of resources that can be reinvested into our community by fostering food security, skills development, sustainable livelihoods and self-reliance—key objectives of the INMED School.

CLICK HERE to learn more about permaculture and the INMED School at Paxton Campus.

An Outpouring of Support for Families in Need



Jeff and Yolanda Shi of Quantum Assurance International have donated 1,000+ face masks to our COVID-19 efforts.



Joanna Ormesher of ArtsHerndon has become a regular donor of art and activity kits for children and adults.



Susan Mullen of NOVA Diaper Bank and Kaycee Childress of the NWFCU Foundation are the dynamic duo of diaper donations.



Jill Stilwell and the Tin Cup Fund are always the first to respond when a need arises—from diapers to food to hygiene supplies.

What a month it has been at our Opportunity Center in Sterling. We continue to receive an outpouring of in-kind donations to help families struggling to cope with unemployment and the coronavirus. There seems to be no end to Loudoun's generous spirit.

In just the last several days, we have received more than 1,000 face masks from Jeff and Yolanda Shi of Quantum Assurance International, a new community partner. The masks are being distributed to HealthWorks' satellite COVID-19 testing sites in Leesburg, Sterling and Herndon. We've also received numerous donations of diapers from the NOVA Diaper Bank, Northwest Federal Credit Union Foundation and the Tin Cup Fund. Our families really count on our regular supply of diapers, which are an expensive necessity for low-income households.

A special thank you goes out to Joanna Ormesher of ArtsHerndon for her regular donations of art activity kits for disadvantaged children and adults. She's a firm believer, as we are, that art has mental and spiritual healing powers, especially for those in crisis.

We are grateful to all our faithful supporters, who are helping us bring well-being and self-reliance to families in need in Loudoun County.

Thank you, Belmont Living!



charity spotlight

INMED PARTNERSHIPS FOR CHILDREN

A Community Lifeline for Families in Need

By Nancy Baker, Communications Director, INMED Partnerships for Children

Serving the Community

Aurora, a young mother of two, is relieved to hear her phone ring. It's a call from INMED Partnerships for Children, and her family support specialist has good news. INMED's Opportunity Center in Sterling has just received a donation of food bags—each with enough to feed a family of four for a week. Aurora schedules a time for curbside pickup.

INMED's Opportunity Center is known as a hub for free and low-cost community resources, but the global



community resources, Healthy Families Loudoun equips families to build a foundation of self-reliance, leading to healthier communities and children who enter school ready to learn and succeed.

INMEDITY announced this model following a federal

We were thrilled to be the center-spread feature in the May issue of Belmont Living Magazine. Special thanks to publisher Cathy Tulloch for helping raise awareness of INMED USA's COVID-19 response activities as well as our ongoing efforts to support at-risk parents via our Healthy Families Loudoun program.

Belmont Living is committed to giving back to the community in numerous ways, one of which is by featuring a different Loudoun nonprofit each month in its Charity Spotlight section.

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Community Partner Spotlight: The Tin Cup Fund



Time and time again, The Tin Cup Fund has stepped in to fill the greatest needs of vulnerable families in our community and has allowed us to help more of our neighbors. A grassroots, all-volunteer nonprofit led by Jill Stilwell and Melissa Fox, The Tin Cup Fund seeks to fill the gaps to help impoverished families in Northern Virginia live dignified and self-sufficient lives.

"The Tin Cup Fund has repeatedly saved the day during our COVID-19 response," says Jennifer Smith, INMED U.S. Programs Director.

"When we had no diapers in sizes 5 and 6 to give to our families, Jill was there immediately to fill the need. We've lost count of all the diapers, wipes, hygiene products, food and other essentials The Tin Cup Fund has donated to our Opportunity Center. Their passion and compassion are contagious," Smith adds.

If you would like to learn more about or support The Tin Cup Fund, please visit <https://www.thetincupfund.org/>.

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