

# Atlanta Chapter Newsletter

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As a new school year begins, we are excited for what lies ahead – and filled with gratitude for the role each of you play in supporting our programs. Each of the kids we serve receives something more...more people cheering them on, more information, or more resources they need.

For many of our kids, it is a chance to return to a space where they feel safe, seen, and supported. It's a time to reset, refocus, and reimagine what's possible.

We are proud to share for the third year in a row, the kids in our programs achieved a 100% graduation rate for seniors eligible to graduate. That is the result of consistent mentoring, relentless encouragement, and the belief that every young person deserves the chance to succeed.

Your support continues to open doors, change stories, and make futures possible.

With appreciation,  
Kelly Fields, Executive Director



# New Year, New Faces!



Please join us in welcoming Kamari Young-Williams to the Atlanta team! Kamari brings experience from her previous work in Human Resources and is currently working toward her B.S. in Sociology. This semester, Kamari will jump into a mix of projects – getting a feel for the work happening in schools while also lending a hand with the behind-the-scenes pieces that help everything come together.

*“I’m excited to join StandUp for Kids this semester and look forward to learning, serving, and making a positive impact in our community”*

## Calling North Fulton Potential Mentors!

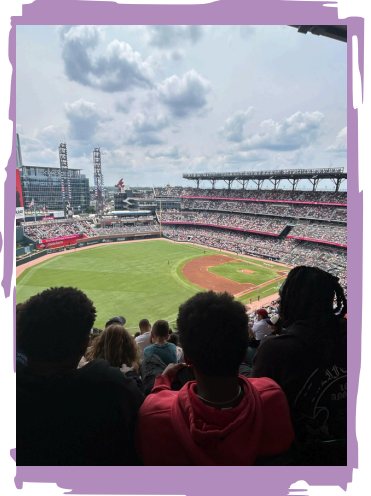
If you have been a mentor, thought about being a mentor, or know you really should be a mentor, then we have news for you! We have a need for additional mentors for this school year at Roswell High School and Independence High School. Interested? Reach out to Kelly Fields or Laurie Tinc to learn more about becoming a mentor this school year! Email – [kellyf@standupforkids.org](mailto:kellyf@standupforkids.org) or [lauriet@standupforkids.org](mailto:lauriet@standupforkids.org)



# Hyundai Hits It Out of the Park!



A huge thank-you to Hyundai for helping us create an unforgettable summer experience for our students! Thanks to their generous support, we were able to take a group of kids to an Atlanta Braves game. It was an exciting day full of pizza, baseball, and making memories that will last well beyond the final inning.



## Packed with Care – Thanks, Hormel!



We're incredibly grateful to our partners at Hormel for their donation of over 300 bags of food, all packed with care by their team this summer. These bags are already making their way to the schools and families we serve. We couldn't be more thankful for Hormel's time, effort, and support.

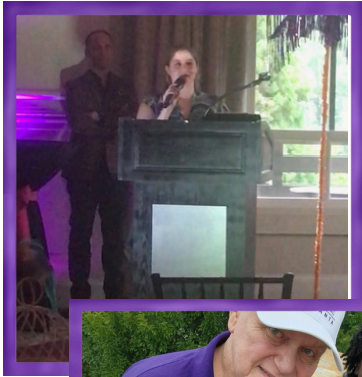




# Serving Up Support!



Thank you to the Country Club of Roswell for hosting the Pro-Am Gala and Tennis Tournament and for selecting us as one of the benefitting charities. It was a fantastic event filled with energy, generosity, and community spirit.



## Austin Adventures with Alpha Xi Delta



We had the incredible opportunity to attend the Alpha Xi Delta National Convention in Austin, Texas this summer. We were able to connect with inspiring sisters and leaders from across the country!

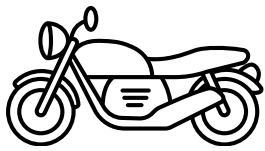




# We Love Our Community!



We're so thankful for the amazing community partners who continue to show up and support our work in big and small ways. Thank you all for being part of this journey!



A big thank-you to the Georgia Motorcycle Clubs for inviting us to be a beneficiary of their annual VP Cookout and Charity Ride. We're honored to be included and deeply appreciate your support and generosity.

We're so grateful for the continued support of Method Q! Their team recently jumped in to help us prep for the start of our mentoring sessions. Thank you for being such a reliable and thoughtful partner.



Method Q



## Support Opportunities All Year Long

Make a difference all year long! Through donations, fundraisers, or simply spreading the word. Go to our website to learn more!



Help us set students up for success with essential supplies and gear

In mid to late October, we are gathering items to provide holiday meals to families



Help us spread some joy in late November with festive bags filled with treats and winter essentials



We share the love in January with fun goodie bags for the students



In April, we celebrate milestones and prep students for summer with packs of useful items



Not a hands-on person? You can still **make a big difference** by contributing to our **scholarship fund** and supporting a rising college student on their journey.

# Volunteer Spotlight

*Learning doesn't stop at the classroom door*

The Vemulapalli family generously donated 50 backpacks filled with school supplies for Fulton County students in need. But this gift was about more than just supplies. It was about teaching their two young children the power of kindness, generosity, and caring for others. From choosing the supplies to packing the backpacks, their kids were involved every step of the way, learning firsthand that even small hands can make a big difference.

We are so grateful for the Vemulapalli family's generosity and for the example they are setting – not only for their children, but for all of us!



Help us grow - **share our newsletter** with your friends and colleagues! Your support and spreading awareness are essential to achieving our mission.

**Ending the Cycle of Youth Homelessness  
Starts with Keeping Kids in School**

# THANK YOU!