

Atlanta Chapter Newsletter

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Happy Holidays!



'Tis the Season to be grateful, and I want to express our deepest gratitude to all of you who support us, whether through your time, your generous gifts, or by cheering us on.

We are incredibly fortunate to have a small but mighty staff and dedicated volunteers who show up for kids regularly. This time of year offers our kids a chance to reset, regain stability, and reimagine what's possible for their futures.

Your support continues to open doors, create vital connections, and make futures brighter. Thank you for giving boldly and standing with us as we work to ensure that every young person has the safety, care, and encouragement they deserve.

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

With appreciation,
Kelly Fields, Executive Director



Punting for a Purpose



We were thrilled to be selected by Pittsburgh Steelers punter Corliss Waitman for this year's My Cause My Cleats campaign! This marks the third time an athlete has chosen StandUp for Kids for this program. His support helped raise awareness and resources, giving youth experiencing homelessness the tools and encouragement they need to thrive.



Give Boldly This Season



Temperatures are dropping and the year is coming to a close -- but the needs in our community are growing! Many of the youth we serve are in urgent need of coats, blankets, warm clothing, and basic essentials to stay safe this winter. We are also seeking sponsors for our students to ensure they have consistent support—academic, emotional, and practical—through the months ahead.

Your generosity at the end of the year helps fill these critical gaps and reminds every young person that they are not facing these challenges alone.



Big Things Ahead

More Students. More Support. More Opportunities.

Thanks to the generous support of the Joe Barry Carroll Family Foundation, we are thrilled to announce we are expanding our mentoring program into Decatur High School! Joe Barry Carroll - former NBA All-Star, award-winning author, artist, wealth advisor, and (luckily for us!) philanthropist – has made this expansion possible through his foundation's commitment to our youth. This grant allows us to provide more students with the guidance, encouragement, and resources they need to succeed both in and out of the classroom.

JOE BARRY CARROLL FAMILY FOUNDATION



As we grow into this new campus, we're looking for mentors in the Decatur area to join us and help make a meaningful difference in students' lives. Your time and support can help shape their path toward a brighter future.



Booked and Busy



We were proud to participate in the 20th Annual Decatur Book Festival this year! Our team spent the day sharing information about our programs, raising awareness, and connecting with community members. Our StandUp for Kids bookmarks were a hit – a small way to keep our message in readers' hands.





We're grateful to have received a grant from The Catholic Foundation of North Georgia, Inc.! Their support fuels our mission and helps ensure that youth experiencing homelessness receive the care, stability, and connection they deserve.

Alumnae in Action

On November 15, Alpha Xi Delta chapters across the country took part in the sorority's national Day of Service. Here in Atlanta, the Atlanta North Metro Alumnae Association joined us in our office to help sort, organize, and refresh our space. In just three hours, they accomplished nearly a week's worth of work. We're so grateful for their dedication and the care they brought to our team.



Alpha Xi Delta



Giving Thanks, Giving Meals



Thanksgiving spirit was in full swing at Tri-Cities High School! We had a fun dessert buffet with our students and sent home over 20 stuffed

Thanksgiving meal bags. We're thankful for everyone who helped make this holiday a little brighter for our students.

Happy Thanksgiving





Grateful for Your Support!



We are grateful to FHLBank Atlanta for their ongoing support and partnership. Their generosity helps StandUp for Kids provide essential resources and opportunities to youth experiencing homelessness in our community.



A big thank you to Bombas Socks for their thoughtful support! Their donation of socks brings comfort and care to our youth, helping meet a basic need that can have a big impact on daily life.



We're thankful to MTech Systems for their generosity and support! Their donation of school supplies helped students start the year prepared to learn, and their contribution of children's books from the Decatur Book Festival brought joy to youth served by another local nonprofit.



We're excited about Amazon's ongoing partnership! Their support allows us to keep our schools' SAFE Centers stocked with essential items, ensuring students and the broader community have the resources they need to thrive.



Here's how you can help. Share our story, please forward this newsletter to *one* friend or colleague. That's how we will grow and in turn will have the ability to serve more kids in more schools.

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

THANK YOU!