



MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE ONE WEEK LEFT FOR DONATIONS

The 2020-2021 school year is well underway, and once again this year, the Chamber's Workforce Development Committee is sponsoring a school supply drive to help students in our many Chamber member schools. Although Baltimore County Public Schools will be holding online classes this term, students still need school supplies to use at their homes. Examples include backpacks, binders, dividers, pens, pencils, erasers, crayons, colored pencils, scissors, rulers, glue sticks, highlighters, markers, composition books and paper.

Donations of school supplies and cash donations for the purchase of supplies are welcome. If making a cash donation, please send your checks payable to Chesapeake Gateway Chamber of Commerce to the Chamber office (405 Williams Court, Suite 108, Middle River, MD 21220) and indicate that the money is to be used for school supplies.

We would like to receive all donations at the Chamber office no later than October 2. Please email Sharon Kihn (Sharon.kihn@chesapeakechamber.org) to set up a drop-off time at Chamber office. We want to ensure that someone will be at the office when you are ready to deliver your donations. Thank you, in advance, for helping with this request for much needed school supplies.

PASSION FOR PARTNERSHIPS OCTOBER 21, 4:30-6:00 P.M. ON ZOOM

If you are a business leader or educator, join us for this special program highlighting partnerships between businesses and our local schools.

Businesses Need:

- Qualified and dedicated employees.
- Knowledge of industry specific training programs for the trades, automotive, medical, financial, etc.
- Visibility and publicity for their businesses
- New customers
- Programs which address their interest in serving the community

Schools Need:

- During virtual learning: online guest speakers, volunteers for online mock and informational interviews.
- When students return to classrooms:
 - ♦ Sponsors for field trips, refreshments, events, and incentive programs.
 - ♦ Volunteers to participate in mock and informational interviews and speak to classes.

- ♦ Donations of products and services for school projects, incentive rewards and refreshments.
- ♦ Real world experiences for students.

This valuable program will give you a chance to network, learn about current issues and opportunities, hear partnership case studies and best practices, and form win-win relationships which will help you meet your organization's goals.

In addition to hearing from some of our top local leaders in business, education and government, attendees will be able to select three breakout sessions in which to participate. Session options include:

Apprenticeships & Internships

- Overview of current programs available
- Best practices for apprenticeships and internships
- Case studies

Jobs of the Future: Environmental Sustainability

- Green job opportunities
- Local business examples
- Partnering with schools: K-12
- Case study: Veterans' compost

Jobs of the Future: Health Careers

- Projected growth in healthcare occupations
- Meeting the need through education
- MedStar's partnerships with local schools and colleges

Championing Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion

- Ensuring equal opportunities for disadvantaged and disabled individuals in the workplace and the classroom
- Incorporating community and family into our classrooms, through guest speakers, career days, field trips, etc.
- Building trust and relationships through creative opportunity development, specialized training, and empowerment

Entrepreneurship

- Encouraging the entrepreneurial spirit
- Mentoring future business owners
- Business Plan Competition, a Shark Tank type event
- Student success story

Rallying Champions in Our Community

- Establishing & growing strong partnerships
- Increasing effective use of partner resources
- Connecting with partners during the

pandemic & beyond
Tickets are \$15 for Chamber members and \$20 for non-members. Please see the Chamber's website for additional details.

SALUTE TO HOMETOWN HEROES

In the 13 years since our Salute to Hometown Heroes event began, never before has it been more important than it is this year to honor our local heroes. The Chamber is pleased to announce that, while the format will be different this year due to COVID restrictions, we will again celebrate our Hometown Heroes, who put their lives at risk for us every day. We truly appreciate the men and women who serve our community and are excited about the opportunity to recognize their efforts.

In mid-November, we will honor local fire, police, hospital, and military personnel, as well as citizen nominees who have shown courage in the face of COVID-19 or another disaster or emergency.

As we finalize the exciting details of this celebration, we are writing to ask if you would please consider being a sponsor to help ensure the success of the program. We sincerely hope that you are in a position to help us thank these heroes for their hard work. They deserve our recognition and our profound gratitude. In addition to receiving the satisfaction of knowing that you are supporting a good cause, sponsors also will receive a robust package of benefits for their contributions.

Should you wish to become a sponsor of the event, please contact me at the Chamber office, 443-317-8763, or by email at sharon.kihn@chesapeakechamber.org no later than October 30, 2020. Thank you for your kind consideration.

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVES

Eastpoint Mall, Chesapeake Gateway Chamber of Commerce & Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center will hold Community Blood Drives on October 13, November 11 & December 23, from 1:00 – 6:30 p.m. at Eastpoint Mall, Former Sears Building (Enter directly from North Point parking lot entrance)
7839 Eastpoint Mall, Baltimore, MD 21224

Please schedule your lifesaving donation by visiting www.redcrossblood.org and entering Sponsor Code: eastpointmall

-Sharon Kihn
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