

SYSTEM Afterschool Program

On December 9th, the SYSTEM (Strengthening Youth through Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) program, along with Partners In Ministry, visited the Scottish Pines Nursing Center to spread Christmas cheer. Youth participants, their parents, and staff members Ms. Y. Hines and Ms. W. Woods brought smiles, hugs, and gratitude from the residents, along with 116 donated hygiene kits.



Youth Voices has been active at Partners In Ministry (PIM) for three years, promoting community engagement among middle school students in grades 6-8. These experiences equip children with the tools and resources to become community leaders and achieve success in their future endeavors.

UPCOMING

SYSTEM/ELISS

Discovery Place Science Museum Charlotte, NC January 3rd

CLOSED

Martin Luther King Jr. Day January 20th

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North Carolina Central University Julius L. Chambers Biomedical and Biotechnology Research Institute January 21st

<u>Upward Bound</u>

Duke University January 21st

Upward Bound High Point University January 25th

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The program was wellattended, with sixty-five parents and members of the community. Rep. Garland Pierce, North Carolina House of Representatives member for the 48th District, also attended to support our youth.



SYSTEM Afterschool Program cont.

SYSTEM students, staff, and parents gathered at Franklin Chapel AME Zion Church, under the leadership of Rev. James Hayes, on December 20th, for the grand presentation of the HIT drama, "The Birth of Christ." To everyone's delight, the 4th and 5th Grade Choir performed beautiful Christmas selections, including "Joy to the World," "O Come All Ye Faithful," "Emmanuel," "This Christmas," and "Go Tell It On the Mountain." Ms. McClain, the 4th Grade Teacher, skillfully directed the choir, while Mr. Barnes, the Partners In Ministry Director of Music, played the keyboard, filling the church with inspiring melodies.

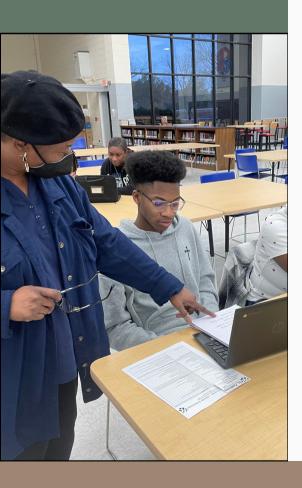


SYSTEM students represented Partners In Ministry in the annual Laurinburg Christmas Parade on December 7th.



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FAFSA Night for UB students & parents was held on December 10th. This gave students heading for college a chance for any financial aid assistance.



Upward Bound Program

On December 7th, Mrs. Williams took the UB participants to Guilford College, where they enjoyed a tour of the private school and lunch at the authentic Mediterranean restaurant, Cava.



UB students ended the month with a Christmas Party on December 20th, filled with games, gingerbread house decorating and snacks.



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In-House Events

The elementary and middle school students in PIM's SYSTEM Afterschool program had a fantastic time with the delightful T&L Characters on December 20th! Our special guests included Mickey and Minnie Mouse, Gracie, Bluey, JJ from Cocomelon, and the infamous Mr. Grinch. All of the kids and our visitors enjoyed the experience! Be sure to check out our YouTube channel for an exclusive look at their performance.



PIM Staff members celebrated the holiday season with a Christmas dinner early on December 20th. Everyone participated in music, games, and even providing the delicious meal items. A few of our PIM Board Members were able to attend, as well.



Following the T&L
Characters' performance,
the students were given
holiday treats for their
participation.



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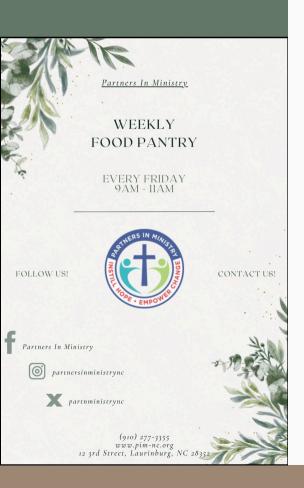




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Food Pantry - Every Friday!

Even with the Food Bank being closed Dec. 27th for the holidays, we were still able to serve many people from the surrounding communities once we returned to business. Don't forget to stop by every Friday morning between 9AM and 11AM to be a happy receipiant of our donated goods!





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