

DANNY'S STORY

Danny lived in a foster home and had to move out when he turned 18. He moved in with a friend because he couldn't afford to live on his own. Danny was referred to CIS for some personal hygiene items, but stayed to talk to our site coordinator, Amy. He told Amy that living independently and paying half of the bills wasn't easy as a full-time student. He needed financial security to improve his attendance. Amy reached out to a friend in her network and learned about a grant that was available for students that had been in the foster care system. Amy helped Danny complete and submit his paperwork. We're excited to share that Danny's application was approved! Now that his basic needs have been met, Danny has been able to shift his focus back to school.



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2020-2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Our annual report chronicles the barriers faced by our students and highlights the success CIS-TN achieved during the previous school year. Last school year, CIS-TN served **over 19,000 students** in **40 schools** across **16 counties**. During a time of great uncertainty, our students and families knew they could count on CIS-TN. Our site coordinators helped households figure out virtual school and technology issues and made sure families had food to eat and a roof over their heads. CIS-TN was there with them and our school partners every step of the way.

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TOGETHER FOR THE HOLIDAYS



This past week our team from across the state had the opportunity to gather for the first time in almost two years, and it was so great to be together!

Annual tacky holiday sweater contest

Our team brought some extra holiday cheer with their tacky sweaters this year! Below are the winners.



Ugliest/Tackiest = Mandi



Funniest = Tequilla



Most Creative/Original = Kalea

CIS-TN IN THE NEWS

Communities In Schools program at Wayne County High School makes a real difference

Jamie's enthusiasm about her students is obvious to all those around her, especially the teachers and support staff at WCHS. "Having a representative from Communities In Schools, especially given the circumstances of the past 18 months, has been invaluable to Wayne County High School and its families," said Jenilyn Sipes, WCHS Counselor. "There are so many individual children that I could point out to you that have benefited from Ms. Jamie's contributions. Children with food instability, no electricity, no glasses, or countless other unmet needs that affect their ability to learn. Jamie has the ability to connect with these families and build relationships one-on-one."

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IN MEMORY

Alice Pearson Chapman

Last month, we unexpectedly lost our friend Alice Chapman. Alice was instrumental in launching CIS-TN. She was part of the founding task force that launched CIS in 2012 and then served tirelessly as chair of the board for eight years. She was kind, compassionate and committed to the success of CIS and the students and families we serve. We will remember and honor her **legacy**.



UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES



Holiday Basic Needs Supply Drive

When a student's basic needs aren't met, they cannot focus in school and may become chronically absent. You can help eliminate this barrier by purchasing items from our **Amazon wishlist!** All items will be distributed to students and families across the state who need them most.

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BINGO + Bourbon

Tickets now on sale for Bingo + Bourbon!

When: Thursday, February 24, 2022 at 6:30pm

Where: Sinema Bar and Restaurant (2600 8th Ave South, Suite 102, Nashville, TN 37204)

Parking is available on the street or in the property's lot.

Enjoy a night out for a great cause while playing bingo, winning great prizes, bidding on some unique bourbon and whiskey, and most importantly, helping CIS-TN raise funds for the important work we do with students across the state.

Tickets are \$75 and include heavy hors d'oeuvres as well as beer and wine. There is a full bar available to purchase other drinks for an additional charge.

For an **additional \$40**, guests can enjoy our Bourbon Tasting hosted by Sinema's beverage director, featuring unique choices from their award-winning selection. The first tasting will take place at 6:55pm and the second at 8:15pm.

There are a limited number of tickets available, so get your tickets today!

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