

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### The Big Payback

**We're ONE WEEK away from the Big Payback!** Make sure you're following us on our social media channels to learn more about our work and help our students finish the school year strong by making a gift to CIS-TN! The online event **kicks off at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 5 through 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 6!**

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## IN SCHOOLS AND BEYOND

*Below are some examples from this quarter of how our site coordinators have supported students and families across the state.*

### All in for Student Success in Wayne County

Jamie Blurton, *Site Coordinator in Wayne County*

In November, Jamie and her team realized many students were failing and in need of additional academic support. Jamie partnered with school leadership to develop an administrative case management program. "I have been able to provide more consistent services to my students," said Jamie "and our Principal, Assistance Principal, and School Counselor are all providing case management services to students identified as high risk for academic failure now, as well."

Jamie also partnered with the school's Math Department to develop a Math Club and began peer to peer tutoring on Wednesdays. By March there were 30 participants, and many began making tremendous progress in their Algebra and Geometry courses. The program continues in growth and success each week!

### Feeding Families Through Community Partnerships

Dave Cleary, *Site Coordinator in Nashville*

I was delivering food to families as part of the partnership we have with Feeding Nashville. I had tried contacting one family by phone all day to make sure they knew I was coming. I never could get a hold of them. I drove by the home anyway and knocked on the door. Someone inside called out, "Who is it?" I replied, "Mr. Dave. I have food." The mom opened the door and I could see the expression on her face change. She smiled and her shoulders relaxed and she said, "I was just trying to figure out how we were going to get food tonight. I called my uncle to see if he had any more food stamps. Thank you so much."

### Potential is unlocked when communities come together for students

Tania Ward, *Site Coordinator in Lauderdale County*

One afternoon I was called to the main office to assist a family that needed internet services at home. When I got to the office, I saw two women sitting. One was a mother and the other a concerned citizen named Sherry. Sherry had witnessed the mother's child walking to Walmart or McDonald's to use their free wi-fi to do schoolwork. Sherry was in tears as she stated that she and some other concerned neighbors were trying to find a way to help the student and his mother.

Sherry said they had been given my name and told I was helping students/families to get free internet services. I told the mother that CIS could pay the startup fee. The mother could not afford the monthly fees, so I referred the family to the school board who was providing free hotspots for virtual students without home internet service. It is a pleasure when CIS can help with such situations and knowing that others in the community are concerned means a lot to me and the family too.

## DONOR SPOTLIGHT

We are incredibly grateful to our donors who have enabled us to continue providing critical resources and support to more than 18,000 students across the state. **Thank you!**



## CIS-TN IN THE NEWS

### 4/22/21 | The Expositor

[Communities In Schools program helps students with their needs](#)

Learn more about our program in Van Buren County.

### 4/14/21 | Morgan County News

[CIS Site Coordinator of the week: Coalfield](#)

Get to know Kalea Derry and her program at Coalfield School in the first of three articles that highlight our site coordinators work in Morgan County.

### 4/2/21 | Southern Standard

[School Spotlight: Allison Dodson \(CIS\)](#)

Learn more about Allison Dodson, CIS site coordinator at Van Buren County High School, in this Q&A published in the Southern Standard.

### 4/1/21 | Grundy County Herald

[Providing community program keeps students in schools](#)

Learn more about our Grundy County High School program from our site coordinator, Jan Foehring.

### 3/18/21 | The Lauderdale County Enterprise

[CIS Plans To Aid Students](#)

This article highlights our programs at Halls and Ripley High School.

### 3/11/21 | McNairy County News

[Communities In Schools programs well represented at county high schools](#)

Learn how our site coordinators Terrell Beene (Adamsville) and Amy Rhymer (McNairy Central) shifted their focus from attendance to basic needs support when the pandemic hit.

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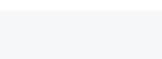
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