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How we've been supporting 600 teen girls and their families during the COVID-19 Pandemic

Right now we are 100% focused on providing support to ensure the safety, stability, emotional well-being and agency of our 600 girls.

On May 5, 2020, we participated in **#GivingTuesdayNow**, a global day of unity and giving. We are grateful to be in a position to help provide some relief for our girls and their families during these uncertain times.

We appreciate our Crittenton community greatly helping us in reaching our goal of **raising a total of \$10,365!** These funds have gone a long way in helping our teens and their families during this crisis. Right now, the girls we serve are facing some of the greatest obstacles they've ever had to deal with; adjusting in the midst of a global pandemic.

**You can still help support our teen girls
and their families.**

**Donation opportunities can be found
[here.](#)**

Highlights of the 2nd Quarter



Virtual Town Hall for Youth of Color

On April 16, 2020, we co-hosted The COVID-19 Virtual Town Hall for girls and gender fluid youth of color with Black Swan Academy, YWCA National Capital Area and DC Coalition for Girls. We learned so much from Dr. Mariam Savabi, MD MPH and Necole D. Martinez, MBA, Ph.D. and, especially, all the girls and gender fluid teens who were honest about their challenges and insightful about solutions. Learn more about what the teens had to say and watch the recording [HERE](#).



Crittenton & Partners COVID-19 Emergency Care Package Giveaway in East Montgomery County

On May 5th, Crittenton Services, Street Outreach Network- S.O.N Safe Space, Victims' Rights Foundation, Small Things Matter and Gandhi Brigade Youth Media executed a COVID-19 Emergency Care Package Giveaway in East Montgomery County. We delivered much needed groceries and hygiene products to 100 families.



Crittenton & Partners Mother's Day Giveaway in East Montgomery County

On May 10th, in partnership with Street Outreach Network- S.O.N, Safe Space and Cherry Glade Mennonite Church, we delivered 60 make your own pizza kits, flowers and cards to some very special moms for Mother's Day yesterday, including 15 of our SNEAKERS and PEARLS moms!

Crittenton in the News

Combating Racism & Inequity: A Call to Action for Teen Girls and Their Families

By: Siobhan Davenport June 5, 2020

Crittenton Services of Greater Washington, an organization focused on the well-being, safety, equity and bright futures of our 600 mostly Black and Brown girls living in DC and Montgomery County, MD.

... I am also a Black woman and mother of a Black teenage daughter and son and the issues of racism, inequality, and police brutality against Black and Brown people that are now so publicly discussed are also deeply personal. I fear for my children's safety as they perform mundane and daily activities – going for a run in our mixed race community, wearing a hoodie while running errands or bird watching in one of the beautiful parks – all innocent activities that, with just a phone call to the police, can become dangerous and life threatening. [Read more..](#)

Who does home care fall on? Girls of color stepping up for their families & communities during the COVID-19 Crisis

By: Siobhan Davenport
April 17, 2020

Undoubtedly, the COVID-19 crisis has shaken us all up. The very fabric of life as we know it has been transformed into a new, less favorable normal. As the dynamics of our country have changed with lockdown and stay-at-home orders, so too have the dynamics of home life. Parents are working from home, furloughed, or newly unemployed. With school closures, children—from daycare to college-aged—are home too. Families are juggling the tall task of finding a new balance, with limited resources, and heightened anxieties.

[Read More Here..](#)



Crittenton's {Virtual} Talk With A Teen Girl High Tea 2020



Davenport, and Panel Moderator Necole Martinez.

We held Crittenton's first ever Virtual Talk With A Teen Girl High Tea. Our Crittenton Girls Advocacy Group chose, "Teen Mental Health Matters!" and spoke about how adults can partner with them on this important topic.

It is community leaders, like you, that help keep our mission of focusing on the well-being, safety, equity and bright futures of our 600 mostly Black and Brown girls living in DC and Montgomery County.

This year, teens had the opportunity to share their honest thoughts on Teen Mental Health, the challenges they have recently experienced and even shared insightful solutions.

Mental health challenges with the COVID-19 pandemic, heightened racial tensions, cancelled graduations, interrupted social interactions, distance learning and unanticipated struggles within their families, are impacting our teens. These kinds of challenges set the stage for elevated fears, increased anxiety and countless uncertainties that if left unchecked – stand to derail positive progress toward a bright future. But when it is possible for caring adults like you to come together with our Crittenton teens, listen and learn from them, it's a powerful moment.

**Mark Your Calendar for our 132nd
Anniversary Celebration!**



This year Crittenton will be celebrating our 132nd anniversary of empowering teen girls!

The celebration will take place on Thursday, October 22nd, 2020 at 6:30 pm

This event also has a special purpose. The money we raised will go to Crittenton's
"Stand Up For Teen Mental Health" campaign

Learn more about this special event with this link here: [Crittenton's 132nd Anniversary](#)

Donor Spotlight

Celebrating our Crittenton Champion, Stephanie Saturni, President of the V&S Foundation



Crittenton Board Member, Kymber Menkiti, Crittenton's Board Secretary, Aaron Myers, Crittenton Champion, Stephanie Saturni of the V&S Foundation.

We asked one of our Crittenton Champions, Stephanie Saturni the President of the V&S Foundation, how she became a part of our Crittenton family and why she supports our organization.

Why did you first give to Crittenton? Why do you continue to support us?

I was introduced to Crittenton by another nonprofit that raises money for charities that work with women and children in the local community. I was incredibly impressed by their programs and I knew immediately that I wanted to be part of the Crittenton family. I continue to support Crittenton because the work they are doing has a profound impact on the girls they are serving.

Why does our cause of empowering teen girls matter to you? Why now in particular?

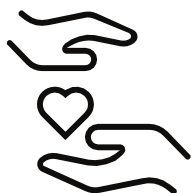
I had a challenging and poor childhood so I can relate to these young women on many levels. It is very important to me to support them in any way that I can. Life is hard on a normal day...it's even harder now with COVID.. These young ladies need Crittenton more than ever.

What are you most passionate about? Why?

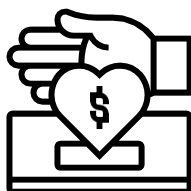
My passion is working with and providing support to charities that work with undeserved youth, homelessness and childhood trauma to name a few. I am passionate about these areas because children are our most vulnerable in society and cannot advocate for themselves.

Without You, Our Teen Girls and Their Families Would Struggle

We appreciate your ongoing outpouring of support with monetary gifts, much needed supplies and volunteer hours. There are a variety of ways in which you can continue to support the mission of Crittenton Services and ensure each teen girl has access to programs that empower her and position her for success.



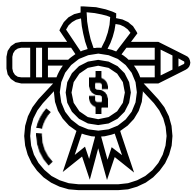
Online – make a one-time donation to support the work of Crittenton Today with our donate link [here](#).



Recurring Donations – Recurring gifts ensure continuity in the delivery of our programs and keeps you engaged in our work.



Amazon Smile – Did you know you can make purchases on Amazon and support Crittenton at the same time? Do your shopping with our link [here](#).



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