

THE CISofHR CONNECTION



EXPANDING HORIZONS: NEW SCHOOLS AND GENEROUS SUPPORT FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR

Communities In Schools of Hampton Roads is thrilled to announce our expansion into four new schools: Diamonds Spring Elementary, Point O' View Elementary, Rosemont Elementary, and Green Run High School. This exciting growth allows us to extend our reach and provide crucial support to even more students and families in our community.

We're also incredibly grateful for the generous donations of school supplies from USAA and GEICO, which have been instrumental in our efforts. Their support has helped us serve over 300 students, ensuring they have the tools and resources needed for a successful school year.

With the backing of our community partners and the expansion of our programs, we're ready to make a significant impact in these new schools. Here's to a fantastic school year ahead, filled with growth, success, and the continued support of our incredible community!



CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS: VIRGINIA COMMENDING RESOLUTION

The Virginia House of Delegates commended CISofHR for giving students in Hampton Roads the tools and support they need to stay in and succeed in school. We are grateful for the House's recognition of the positive difference we make in the community.



This commendation would not have occurred without the hard work of our team and the support from our volunteers and partners. It motivates us to continue our mission of providing essential resources and mentorship to students.

We are grateful to everyone who has contributed to our success. Your involvement has been key in helping us achieve this milestone and advance our mission. Thank you for your continued support!

Support CISofHR through the CVC

Make a difference in the lives of local students by supporting Communities In Schools of Hampton Roads (CISofHR)! We surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life.

CVC Code:
201444

Every donation helps us provide critical resources like school supplies, mentoring, and counseling services to students in need. There are **three** ways you can donate to your favorite charities, through **Payroll Deduction**, **Credit Card**, and **Direct Giving**.

Together, we're #AllInForKids. Donate today and make an impact that lasts a lifetime.

"Programs don't change people, relationships do."

Bill Milliken

Upcoming

October 1 - 31
National Bullying Prevention Month

October 1 - December 31
Target Circle Community Giving Program

October 2
CVC Campaign Kickoff
CVC Code: **20144**

October 20 - December 13
CISofHR Holiday Giving Tree Program

DONATE TODAY



CISOHR BEING PRESENT MATTERS: SUCCESS STORIES

At CISofHR, we know that showing up is the first step to success. When students are present—physically, mentally, and emotionally—they are better positioned to learn, grow, and thrive.

Join us in supporting the CIS National "Being Present Matters" campaign and help ensure every student has the resources and encouragement they need to be present and engaged. Together, we can make a difference, one student at a time!

Read our success stories below to see how being present in school makes the difference!



TRIGGERED BY TRAUMA: SARAH'S JOURNEY TO SUCCESS

Communities In Schools of Hampton Roads (CISofHR) is present every day for students at Portsmouth's Manor High School. Tenth grader Sarah faced a significant barrier to academic success due to a strained relationship with one of her teachers. The teacher's communication style reminded Sarah of the harsh tones she regularly experienced at home, triggering emotional responses from Sarah and leading to combative conversations. This created a challenging classroom environment and affected Sarah's academic performance.

The CISofHR Site Coordinator stepped in to create a safe space for Sarah to express her concerns. Through open dialogue, the coordinator helped Sarah identify the connection between the teacher's tone and her home life experiences. Together, they worked on coping skills to handle these triggers. The Site Coordinator also mediated discussions between Sarah and the teacher, helping to rebuild trust and communication.

The CISofHR Site Coordinator was present each day to work with Sarah. As a result, Sarah's relationship with her teacher improved, and she felt more comfortable in the classroom. Sarah's grades in that class also improved, showing the power of personalized support and conflict mediation in overcoming challenges.

RELATIONSHIPS REALLY MATTER: MARK'S STORY OF TRUST AND TRANSFORMATION

Communities In Schools of Hampton Roads (CISofHR) is present every day in Portsmouth's Victory Elementary School. Mark, a 5th grader, transferred from Newport News to Victory and struggled to adjust to his new environment. Mark was misbehaving on the school bus, raising concerns among school staff. However, building a strong relationship with Mark quickly became the key to his success.

First, the CISofHR Site Coordinator along with the school's security guard talked with Mark about behavior expectations and offered reassurance that he had support at his new school. The CISofHR Site Coordinator was present to high-five Mark each morning and met with Mark regularly, building a sense of belonging and trust. The Site Coordinator also learned about challenges Mark was facing at home and was able to provide him emotional support.

As the school year progressed, Mark's behavior improved. One morning, instead of his usual high-five, Mark surprised the CISofHR Site Coordinator with a big hug, symbolizing the trust they had built. Mark's story is a reminder of how positive relationships can be the foundation for a student's success.

"Being Present Matters"— 15 million kids aren't making it to class. But when CIS is present, 99% of our students show up prepared and ready to learn.

CISofHR Giving Tree Program

Help make a difference this holiday season by sponsoring a family in need through the CISofHR Holiday Family Sponsorship Program. By providing gifts, food, and essential items, your support will bring joy and relief to low-income students and their families across Hampton Roads. Once gifts are received from sponsors, the students' families will wrap the gifts, allowing them to feel connected to the gift giving. Join us in spreading holiday cheer and ensuring that every child feels cared for during this special time of year!

Key Dates to Remember:

Sponsor Registration Deadline: November 15

Gift Collection Deadline: December 13

Gift Wrapping Events: December 18-22



Contact Joseph Jones at
jjones@cisofhamptonroads.org
to become a sponsor today.

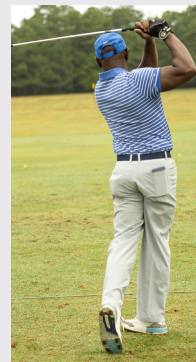
DONATE A GIFT OR MAKE A
CONTRIBUTION TO BRIGHTEN
A CHILD'S HOLIDAY!

Annual Event Review

The CISofHR Annual Golfing For Kids Tournament held on **September 18, 2024**, at **Riverfront Golf Club** was a day of golf and camaraderie, all while supporting Communities In Schools of Hampton Roads.

With 108 golfers and 31 generous partners coming together to support Communities In Schools of Hampton Roads, the event was a huge success. Despite the rainy weather, participants stayed the course and played through to the end, showing their unwavering commitment to our cause.

All tournament proceeds benefited our programs, helping us provide essential support to students and families. Many thanks to all of our partners, supporters, and players.



TARGET CIRCLE COMMUNITY GIVING

We are excited to announce that CISofHR has been selected to participate in the Target Circle Community Giving Program! This incredible opportunity allows our organization to be featured at Target stores in the Virginia Beach market and online, raising awareness throughout the Hampton Roads community for the important work we do.

How It Works

Target Circle members can earn and cast votes for a selection of local nonprofits, including CISofHR, every time they shop in-store, online, or via the Target mobile app. These votes help determine how much funding each nonprofit will receive from a grant pool that is distributed every 90 days.

Impact on CISofHR

As a featured nonprofit, CISofHR will not only benefit from increased exposure but will also receive a percentage of the grant pool based on the votes we collect. These funds will help us continue to support students and families in Hampton Roads, ensuring they have the resources needed to thrive.

How You Can Help--VOTE for CISofHR

Joining Target Circle (if you have not already) at target.com/circle, shopping at your local Target to accumulate available votes, and cast your votes for CISofHR! Each vote helps CISofHR make a greater impact in the community.

We are grateful for this partnership with Target and the opportunity to reach more people who believe in our mission. Thank you for your continued support, and we hope you'll cast your vote for CISofHR through Target Circle!

Voting ends on December 31st

