



NEWSLETTER

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CKAR RECEIVES NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT FROM THE STARBUCKS FOUNDATION



CKAR received a Neighborhood Grant for \$2,500 from The Starbucks Foundation on October 14, 2020. A Starbucks partner nominated CKAR for this award based on our record for having programs and services that support racial equity, and that promote more inclusive communities.

According to The Starbucks Foundation, the Neighborhood Grant is awarded specifically to nonprofits. Eligible organizations must be Black-led and or serve Black and Indigenous communities and are dedicated to promoting economic mobility and opportunity, health and social services, and youth. A total of \$1.5 million in Neighborhood Grants were awarded to more than 400 nonprofit organizations across the USA for 2020.

The Starbucks Foundation strengthens humanity by transforming lives across the world, with a focus on enabling community resiliency and prosperity, and uplifting communities affected by a disaster. Established in 1997, The Starbucks Foundation is a Section 501(c)(3) charitable organization under USA Law.

We are proud to have been recognized, nominated, and awarded this grant. We are committed to providing programs and services for the residents and businesses in our communities that result in better lives, better communities, and better businesses. Our primary focus is on community and economic development, workforce training, environmental sustainability, business retention, and advocacy.

CKAR PLANNING GROW GREEN WITH TREES EVENT AT LOCAL STARBUCKS



Our local Starbucks, located at 8498 Annapolis Road, New Carrollton, MD, has partnered with CKAR to hold a Grow Green with Trees event at their location. Representatives from CKAR will be available to provide information about the benefits of having trees in our neighborhoods and also how residents may obtain up to 3 free trees. Each tree recipient will receive their trees, professional planting services, and a lighting kit that includes an assortment of light bulbs and a power strip. Stay tuned for more information about this event.

GET YOUR TREES—FREE!

Download the Tree Request form and submit it to our office in one of three ways listed in the box below:

ckarcdc.org/community-resources/

There is a limit on the varieties offered, and they will be distributed on a first-come-first-served basis. 🌳

Fax: (240) 770-4938

Email: dipadilla@ckarcdc.org or aprabu@ckarcdc.org or dkholland@ckarcdc.org

Mail: CKAR CDC/Grow Green Trees
6801 Kenilworth Avenue
Suite 203
Riverdale Park, MD 20737

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GRC/ROCC UPDATE

We have increased our Goal and are currently at:

\$58,342 out of \$100,000 as of 10/30/2020

Thanks to our generous donors!

There are three ways to give:

- 1) GoFundME:**
www.gofundme.com/greater-riverdale-cares
- 2) Our office:**
CKAR CDC
6801 Kenilworth Avenue
Suite 203
Riverdale Park, MD 20737
[Note GRC or ROCC]
- 3) Our website:**
www.ckarcdc.org

GRC/ROCC PARTNERS

Prince George's County Council
DISTRICT 3
Together Strengthening Our Community
Council Chair
Dannielle M. Glaros



NINTH-GRADER'S BUBBLE TEA PROJECT RAISES \$200



Anya Vedantambe

Anya Vedantambe was sipping her favorite drink, bubble tea, when she had an idea. A ninth-grader at Sidwell Friends School, she wanted to respond to distress caused by the coronavirus pandemic. She learned about the Greater Riverdale Cares & Route One Communities Care project from her mother, a professor at the University of Maryland. "Oh," she thought, "I can combine my love for cooking and my hope to help out. I can make and sell bubble tea!"

Anya explains that bubble tea originated in East Asia, and includes tapioca pearls boiled just to the right consistency—the hardest part—added to tea of various flavors.

In order to sell the tea, Anya created a menu with photos of drinks and various topping options. She included information about GRC/ROCC, and a link to the website, and sent out the email to friends and their families—all within driving distance, since her parents would help her deliver the tea. With a two-drink minimum per house, Anya sold 22 drinks at \$5.00 per drink, and some of her buyers made additional donations. Her parents, Ashwini and Shankar, donated the supplies. All in all, Anya raised \$200 for GRC/ROCC's food pipeline, doubling her original goal.

Asked if she has any ideas "bubbling" for other young folks who might want to raise funds, she gave an emphatic "Yes!" Her suggestions: for those with artistic talent, create and sell art or crafts like jewelry and clothing; do a virtual charity walk or a virtual music or dance performance; offer to do yard work for neighbors or online tutoring, with your compensation donated to GRC/ROCC.



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"Think of things you like and you're good at," she advises. It certainly worked for her.

THANK YOU, ANYA, and thanks to your parents for their support!



Story contributor: Deborah Rosenfelt, GRC/ROCC Committee Member

Celebrating Our COMMUNITY LEADERS



A Master Social Worker, Keri A. Pugh's career in Community Outreach spans over the course of eight years. Presently, Keri serves as a Community School Coordinator for Prince George's County Public Schools at Woodridge Elementary School.



Keri provides a family-centered approach that allows her to use her instinct and advanced knowledge to provide services to the students, families, and the community. She aims to create a safe space within Woodridge and the community that allows families to feel understood, supported, and open to receiving help and resources. Well educated and dedicated to her work, Keri is often praised for her ability to understand the unique challenges individuals and families face. She's most recognized for her exceptional work with students and families.

Aunt Emily's Dolls

**6220 Rhode Island Avenue
Riverdale Park, MD 20737**

**Your 'One Stop' Doll Shop
for 28 years**

Specializing in
**Archival Doll Restoration
Circa 1700's thru 2020**



For Sale: New and Old Dolls, Clothing, Dishes, Miniatures, accessories

Youth Classes:

- Doll design and artistry - age 7 and up
- Emily's Youth Entrepreneurs in Fine Art (a 501C3 project)
- 10" wood/cloth painted faced doll making
- Hand sewing
- Historical research (Era 1700 - 1900)
- Marketing strategies



58 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

*Currently reorganizing
classes for Zoom learning
Volunteers needed and
appreciated*

Phone: **301-864-5561**

Email: **ourdollmom@aol.com**

Web: **auntemilysdolls.com**

OTHER CKAR HAPPENINGS

nextdoor

YOUR NEIGHBOR, CKAR CDC, IS ON NEXTDOOR PROVIDING DAILY UPDATES ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES!

VOLUNTEER



If you are available during the day to help with any of our programs and services, please sign up using our volunteer form on our website. Some volunteer positions receive a stipend. A program manager will contact you once your information is received.

<https://ckarcdc.org/volunteer/>

Sarvis Café & Empowerment Center

Coming Soon!



DONATE NOW!

CKAR CDC is a non-profit organization; therefore, your donations are fully tax-deductible under current tax laws. Your donations go towards the cafe's renovation completion and are indeed needed. Make your donation now by clicking this link:

<https://app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/CentralKenilworthAvenueRevita/embeddonate.html>



CKAR CDC'S MISSION

Promoting social, environmental, and economic development of Greater Riverdale Maryland.

Transforming our communities:

Better Lives



Better Communities



Better Businesses

**Rendering of the Future
Edmonston Road Rain Garden
Located at 5200 Edmonston Road**

PROUD RECIPIENTS OF



THE STARBUCKS FOUNDATION



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NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

CELEBRATING NATIONAL HISPANIC
Month September 15 to October 15



CKAR celebrates the diversity of art and culture that Latino residents and business owners brought to our communities. Over 17% of District 3 population has roots in Mexico, Spain, Chile, El Salvador, Guatemala, and many other multiculturalism nations.

Thank You.

The 2020 Census is complete in Prince George's County with a 70.0% response rate surpassing the last census. The state of Maryland has a 71.2% response rate.

For other results go to:
www.census2020.gov



BLACK LIVES MATTER

The Board of Directors of the Central Kenilworth Avenue Revitalization, CDC stands up in solidarity against injustice. We are devastated by the senseless death of Mr. George Floyd, and many other victims of injustice who came before him. We hope the day will come soon when despicable actions like these are a thing of the past, and everyone can live with the weight of injustice lifted off their shoulders. We support the peaceful protests that help to bring change while we condemn violence of any kind.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS

Love Doesn't Hurt

Need Help?
Call 911 Emergency



Overcoming abuse doesn't just happen, it takes positive steps everyday. Let today be the day you start to move forward."
-Assunta Harris

Available Resources

The Prince George's County Family Justice Center
(301) 780-8008

Community Crisis Services, Inc.
(301) 731-1203

Prince George's County Office of the Sheriff
(301) 780-8500



Angela D. Alsobrooks
County Executive

COMMUNITY DRIVE

for
William Wirt and Riverdale Elementary School Families

OCTOBER 15 THRU NOVEMBER 15

Accepting any size gently used coats
and new diapers sizes 1 - 5

DROP OFF AT EITHER SCHOOL ON
Mondays and Wednesdays
from 8:30 am - 3:30 pm.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Grab & Go
Groceries/Meals



Prince George's County will be distributing groceries/meals to go at the following locations. Groceries/meals will be distributed Friday at 12:30pm while supplies last. One (1) box per car. Please remain in your car.

~ Friday, November 6 Locations ~



St. Paul Church
8419 Marlboro Pike
Forestville, MD 20747



Beltsville Seventh Day Adventist
4220 Amundale Road
Beltsville, MD 20705



The First Baptist Church
of District Heights
7234 Lansdale Street
District Heights, MD 20747

