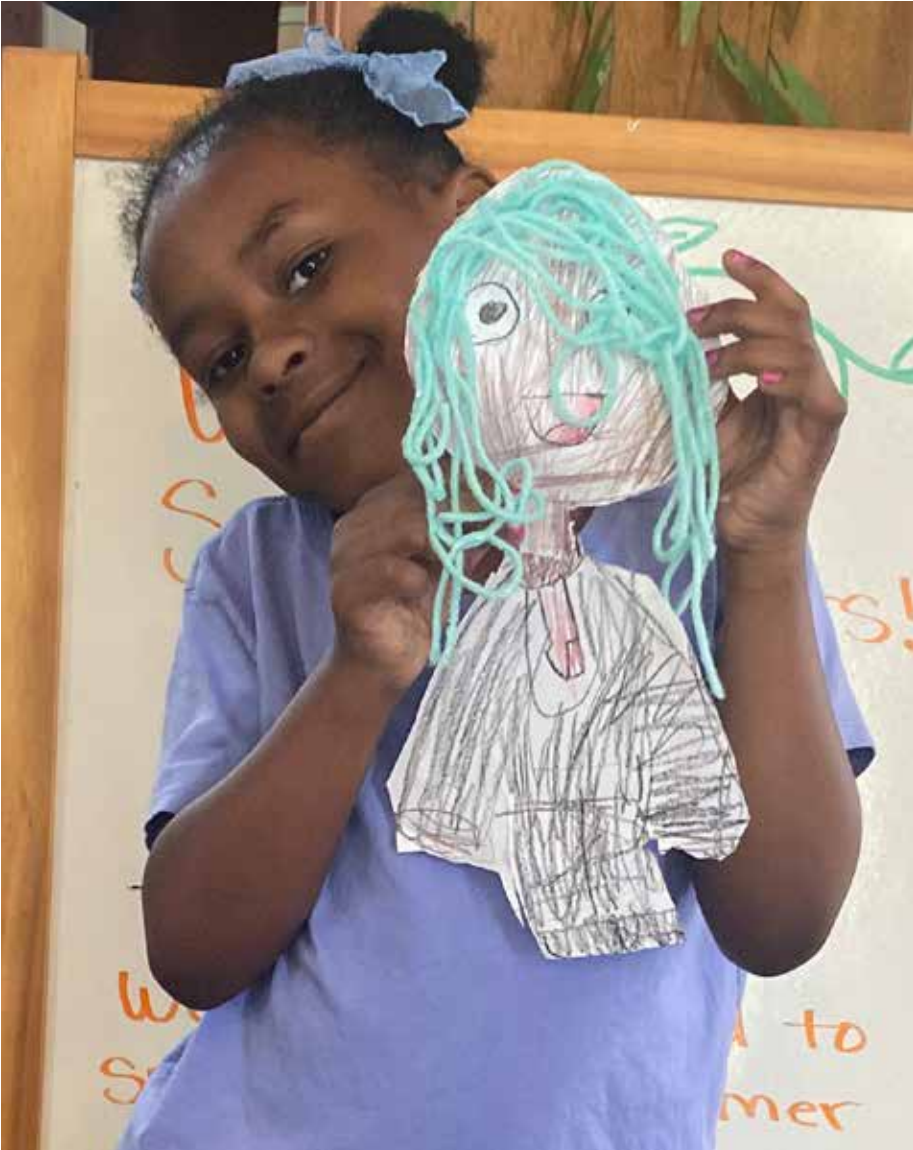


THE PLAINS COMMUNITY LEAGUE

ANNUAL REPORT 2025





LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

ERICA YOUNG, DIRECTOR
The Plains Community League

Dear Neighbor,

Every day at the John Page Turner Community House, I'm reminded just how lucky I am to do this work. As Executive Director, I have the privilege of seeing firsthand how your generosity transforms lives. I get to see the amazing things that happen here—our programs growing, families and neighbors connecting, and kids smiling the moment they walk through the door.

It's such a joy to watch new friendships form and to see our incredible volunteers show up with heart and enthusiasm. Most of all, I love knowing that everyone who comes to TPCL feels welcomed and supported.

And it's all possible because of you—our donors, our friends, our champions. Because of you, every day truly feels like a good day. Thank you for helping make our community such a special place. I hope to see you soon at one of our events.

With gratitude and joy,

THE PLAINS COMMUNITY LEAGUE: HISTORY, PROGRAMS & SUPPORT

ORIGINS & EARLY EFFORTS

The Plains Community League (TPCL) was founded during the Depression era by a group of women who recognized that some students at the local school (now a harp-sichord workshop run by Barbara & Tom Wolfe) had no lunch to eat. To address this, these women approached farmers and merchants in the area for vegetables and meat, gathering to prepare soup for the children's lunches. As the group grew, they became organized, naming themselves The Plains Community League, creating a constitution and bylaws, incorporating, and applying for 501(c)(3) status with the IRS. The organizational mission statement, "Neighbors Helping Neighbors," truly represented the League's activities.

A CAMPUS OF OUR OWN

As TPCL evolved, monthly meetings moved from local homes to community facilities. In 2006, TPCL took over ownership of The John Page Turner Community House from Grace Episcopal Church. It is now a permanent campus for the League on Main Street in the center of town. The building and grounds house virtually all TPCL programs – Tutoring, Summer Camp, year-round social activities open to the whole community – and provide space to fellow nonprofit organizations such as the Windy Hill Foundation.



Tutoring student at the Community House



GROWTH and COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

As the League began, so it continues. Simple soup lunches to support school children became an after-school tutoring program, begun by volunteers Mr. and Mrs. Gant and now administered by our paid Executive Director and staffed by volunteer tutors. TPCL continues to give groceries for a Thanksgiving meal to anyone in Town who is in need, and ensures that all children enrolled in Tutoring and Summer Camp are fed. The League has increased the number and value of scholarships to local graduating seniors pursuing further education. TPCL continues to host celebrations such as A Day in The Plains and Christmas and Easter parties featuring



Making connections with circuits at Tutoring

photos with Santa and the Easter bunny. Other events throughout the year help bring our community together, neighbors meeting neighbors for a fun, social time.

In 2023, a new, ambitious program was launched – Free Summer Camp for families that could not afford summer childcare or conventional camps. It has taken off in popularity, expanding each summer, with so many applicants that we are now planning two summer sessions in 2026 so that more children can have a camp to go to that ensures a safe place to spend their days, nutritious lunches and snacks, a chance to experience classic camp activities like swimming, crafts, and field trips, and an environment that fosters social and academic growth.

In addition, our Tutoring program is bursting at the seams on Tuesdays and Thursdays. TPCL would love to accommodate every child on our wait list, so we are seeking more volunteer tutors to support additional weekday afternoons, allowing more children the invaluable academic attention that grows success.



Volunteers provide spring landscaping help



The entire Summer Camp says "Thank You!"



Scholarship winners on the Community House porch



The LOVE sign has become a perennial photo op



have ideas about adding or expanding programs?
we'd love to hear from you!

You can reach the League at the email PCL20198@gmail.com or
send snail mail to PO Box 432, The Plains VA 20198

**SPECIAL THANKS TO
THESE GENEROUS
INDIVIDUALS &
COMPANIES.**



OUR WONDERFUL DONORS

All TPCL programs are provided free of charge. As you can imagine, TPCL's yearly budget is significant and TPCL's continued operation relies on "Neighbors Helping Neighbors", with support coming in many forms.

Donations are as varied as our neighbors.

FINANCIAL DONATIONS

Funding is essential for maintaining the John Page Turner Community House, covering utility bills, and providing a salary for Executive Director Erica Young, who leads program excellence. Contributions from local and family foundations, as well as individual donors, form a significant part of TPCL's annual income. You can help with a donation of any size: \$10 can purchase stationery supplies for the tutoring program, \$50 will cover a complete Thanksgiving dinner for five from turkey to pie, while \$500 can buy a laptop or pay for eight weeks of swim passes for a dozen campers.

VOLUNTEERING

Over 70 volunteers donate their time, enthusiasm, and skills to support TPCL's programs. They serve as tutors, gardeners, event helpers, and more—hanging flags, dressing up as Santa and Mrs. Claus, packaging meals, teaching camp classes, opening local businesses for field trips, and assisting in so many other ways.

IN-KIND DONATIONS

TPCL is grateful to restaurants, businesses, and individuals who provide supplies and services. These contributions include items from the Amazon wish list, skilled labor and administrative advice, equipment for the house, and food for events, tutoring snacks, and summer camp meals. Here is a list of the generous folks who gave in-kind just this past summer so that we could offer our Summer Camp without any fees for the families to pay.

2025 SUMMER CAMP IN-KIND DONORS

4Imprint.com (custom caps)
2Kyles (meals)
Adams Custom Services
(bus driver and skilled labor)
Anthony's Pizza (camp lunches)
Ash Salon
(back-to-school haircuts for the campers)
Bistro at the Front Porch (automatic soap
and paper towel dispensers)
David Newquist, Nuke Art Gallery
(pottery classes)
El Agave Restaurant (camp lunches)
Ellen Richmond-Hearty (ASL classes)
Fauquier FISH (supplemental groceries)
Fauquier Fresh (books)
Gallagher Family (A piano and lunch pick-up)
Girasole Restaurant (camp lunches)
Lisa Vella, Baileywyck Antiques
Marshall Methodist Church (use of their bus!)
Monica Fleischer & family (decorating)
Oak Springs Garden Foundation
(botanical classes)
Oak View Bank (digital cameras for
every Camper)
The Middleburg Community Center
(swimming)
The Potter's House (snacks galore)

The Town of The Plains
(use of town property)
Viva Community (art classes)
Wakefield School (sports camp)
Windy Hill Foundation (van and driver)



EL AGAVE

El Agave has been serving Mexican cuisine to customers in The Plains since 2011. Juan Villaseñor says, "we are a local restaurant and like to help the nearby schools and organizations."



ANTHONY'S PIZZA

Anthony's Pizza in Marshall, Virginia, has been open since 2023. The staff is just great and has been very enthusiastic about providing us with camp lunches. Thank you so much, Anthony's.



GIRASOLE RESTAURANT

Girasole, a fine dining restaurant serving authentic, regional Italian cuisine, is beginning its 22nd year in The Plains. When asked why they have provided lunches to our campers Lou Patierno said, "Because it's the right thing to do."



THE PLAINS COMMUNITY LEAGUE

THE YEAR IN PICTURES



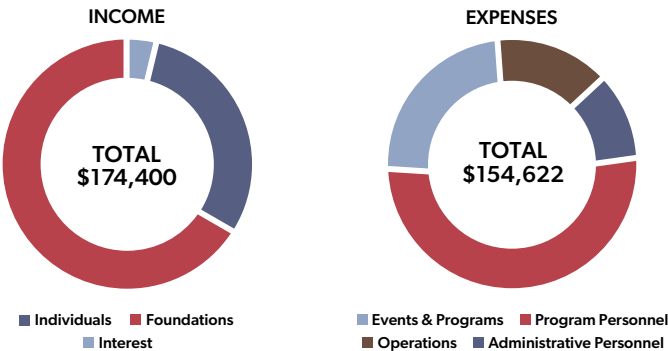
THE PLAINS COMMUNITY LEAGUE FINANCIALS

FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025

Through the generosity of individuals and foundations during the past year, The Plains Community League was able to offer The Plains community all of our planned programs including our ever-growing free summer camp. While the camp has proven to be a huge success, it is a major financial commitment to provide the entire experience free of charge to our lower-income families. In-kind donations and volunteer help make things possible, but ultimately monetary donations and grants are needed to cover operating costs, house repairs, salary for an executive director and camp counselors. Erica, our director, is the reason TPCL can offer the substantial and complex Tutoring and Summer Camp programs. She's the heart and soul of the John Page Turner Community House and is worth every penny we pay her.

She is maintaining TPCL flagship programs and increasing our reach to more members of our community. Erica makes all the difference, and we hope you think so too, and will consider a generous donation to help her keep our programs alive.

TPCL kept to budget and spent no more than we collected in donations and grants. The organization keeps a cash reserve of approximately one fiscal year of operating costs, about \$100,000, to ensure we can keep the John Page Turner House open and our programs running until new funding is found. This reserve is invested in CDs to keep it working for us while remaining relatively liquid.



A SPECIAL NOTE OF APPRECIATION TO THE INDIVIDUALS AND FOUNDATIONS THAT HAVE DONATED IN THE PAST FISCAL YEAR:

Donations and Grants \$500 to \$999

Bradley Davis
Charles Mackall
Charles Wright
Dun Foundation
Larkspur Services, Inc.
Lynn Wiley
Michael Morency
Nicole Watson
Peter Rich
Town of The Plains

\$1,000 to \$4,999

Ben Graham
Brian Thomas

\$1,000 to \$4,999

Bryon Fusini
Craig William Voss Memorial Fund
David Bachetti
Earl Douple
Horns & Hens Farm
John Coles
Mark and Nicole Siess
MRC Full Circle Foundation
Roberta Jeffries
The Hall Family Foundation
The McGhee Foundation
The Van Metre Family Foundation, Inc.
The William M. Backer Foundation
Tom Rice
Zohar Ben-Dov

\$5,000 to \$9,999 and up

Alexander Brady Foundation
Andrea Currier
Anonymous
\$10,000 and up
Jacqueline B. Mars
Northern Piedmont Community Foundation
Path Foundation
The Jesse and Rose Loeb Foundation
Vanguard Charitable Endowment Program
Wise Foundation

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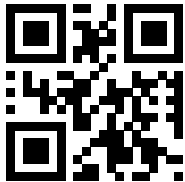
At The Plains Community League, our mission is simple yet powerful: to enhance the lives of individuals and families in The Plains by providing opportunities for education, connection, joy, and care. You can join us in helping neighbors help neighbors.

Donate: Help us continue our vital work, such as our Free Summer Camp, Thanksgiving meals, and Tutoring.

Volunteer: We are especially looking for Tutors this school year with the goal of adding two more weekday afternoons. No special skills needed!

Stay Informed: We're happy to add you to our email list to keep you updated on activities and volunteer opportunities. Completing the donation form and returning it with or without a donation will get you on the list.

To donate by PayPal or Credit Card, please go to our website at www.tpclva.org and click the donate button. Or scan the QR code to donate via PayPal. **TAX ID# 52-1231763**



The Plains Community League is a publicly supported 501(C)3 non-profit tax-exempt organization. No goods or services are provided in exchange for this donation.

Name _____

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YES!
I'D LIKE
TO
DONATE
TODAY



☐ I cannot donate at this time, but would like information about upcoming activities

☐ Do not add me to your email communication list.

OUR NEIGHBOR'S TABLE – Favorite Recipes from The Plains, Virginia



The Plains Community League is offering our cookbook of local recipes for \$15. You can pick up your copy at The John Page Turner Community House at 6473 Main Street in The Plains. Erica, our Executive Director, can accept cash or check. To pay by PayPal or Credit Card, please go to our website at www.tpclva.org and click the donate button.

If you'd like to receive the cookbook in the mail or send it as a gift, we will send it through U.S. mail for a total of \$23 per copy which includes postage and handling. If it's a gift, we are happy to wrap the cookbook and include a card with your greeting written on it. Please write your instructions in the donation message box during checkout as shown here:



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Visit our website at tpclva.org to learn more about our organization and find out how you can get involved.

Call us at **540.253.2119** for any inquiries or to discuss volunteer opportunities.

Email us at PCL20198@gmail.com if you have any questions or would like more information. TAX ID# 52-1231763

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