



# PARTNERSHIP 4 KIDS

## STUDENT SUCCESS REPORT

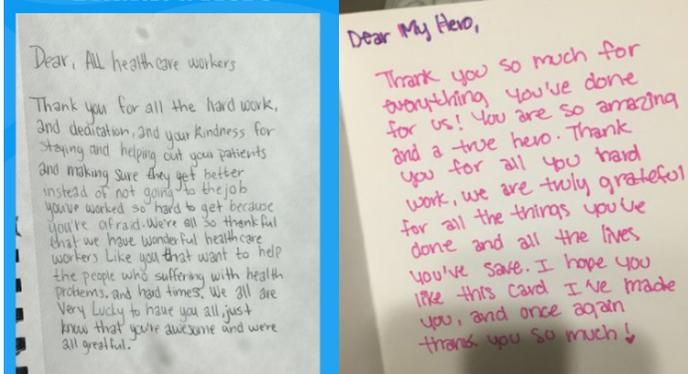
Unprecedented times call for unprecedented action. When Omaha Public Schools made the decision to extend spring break, which quickly evolved to ending the school year early, P4K took immediate action to modify programming, ensuring our students received the support they critically needed. Within a week, programming became virtual and new priorities were set to address safety, food/housing insecurities, and emotional wellbeing. Our priority was to ensure our students were safe, above all else. From the onset, we knew programming needed to shift slightly to meet our new reality, but the mission would remain the same. We continue to engage, inspire, and support our students to help them strive for their dreams, education, and future. For each of you who walked this journey with us – we are extremely grateful.

### Book Buddy Goes Virtual

Our twice monthly Book Buddy visits for pre-k–3rd grade were no longer an option by March due to COVID-19. To still connect with and serve these kids, P4K staff worked quickly with OPS to deliver the remaining 7,000 books to students. Then for the rest of the school year and summer, P4K Book Buddies stepped up and recorded virtual read-aloud sessions for kids to follow along with at home!



### “Thank a Hero”



### Virtual Middle School Summer Fun Challenge

To help mitigate academic backslide and disengagement over the summer, one activity P4K staff provided was the “Summer Fun Challenge” as part of our regular summer programming. The Summer Fun Challenge included a month of daily, productive activities. One of these was “Thank a Hero” where students created a card thanking healthcare workers for their service during the pandemic. A P4K 7th grader didn’t know any healthcare workers personally, so they sent their card to another P4K student’s mother, who works as a CNA and has been working many 10-hour shifts. The mother was deeply touched and asked P4K to thank the young student because the thoughtful gesture brought tears to her eyes.

### Socially-Distanced College Basket Delivery

The P4K graduating class of 2020 was the largest in over 30 years of agency history which is certainly cause to celebrate! Every year with the help of generous donors, P4K provides freshman college students with necessities like toiletries, bed sheets, laundry detergent, and more — all bundled into their own laundry basket. These meaningful gifts help students start college on the right foot with the supplies they need. This year, P4K staff hand-delivered these baskets to each high school graduate. Our students’ accomplishments were still celebrated, but with social-distance practices.





# CELEBRATING THE CLASS OF 2020

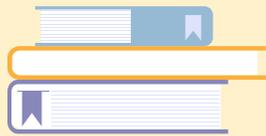


# 94

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

# 74

START COLLEGE IN THE FALL



APPROX.

# \$318,188

AWARDED IN P4K SCHOLARSHIPS TO COLLEGE FRESHMEN



# 22

COLLEGE GRADUATES

# 18

bachelor's degrees

# 3

associate's degrees

# 1

professional certificate



## DEGREES ATTAINED:

English, Education, Business Admin, Social Work, Theatre, International Studies, Accounting, Psychology, Nursing, Graphic Design, Aesthetics, Emergency Management, and more!

STAFF

# SPOTLIGHT

“ I’m passionate about the work I do at P4K because of the relationships I build with the families. I serve their children and connect them to so many resources from the Omaha community. In this I feel like one of the strongest pieces of a student’s support system because of the way P4K helps them discover their strengths and reach goals. I also introduce new concepts and challenges to the students to step up in the community, and my P4K groups never fail to make me proud.

In my time at P4K, I’ve worked with multiple sets of siblings at McMillan and I can tell how much the families appreciate the consistency P4K Program Coordinators provide. Parents count on me to push their kids and hold them accountable; I do it with love because I was once just like our students. I just didn’t have P4K or a mentor back then.



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