

PROVIDENCE PROMISE

A PATH TO HIGHER EDUCATION

Providence Promise promotes high educational aspirations and more equitable opportunities for Providence Public School students by advocating for college savings accounts and family engagement, increasing financial literacy, and reducing the financial burden of higher education

PVD Promise Summer 2020

August Fundraising Challenge

The world has changed over the last couple of months, and all of us have been adapting to the new everyday reality. While Providence Promise families have been deeply impacted by the global pandemic, they have continued to prioritize education and engagement. Participation in our Parent Council has grown from 15 to more than 30, and our recently organized Youth Council has grown to 10 students. To respond to this pandemic, we are now engaging with parents and students weekly, as opposed to monthly. In addition, our families are still saving and they have now collectively saved **more than \$300,000 for higher education** in their 529 college savings accounts.

As our students and parents prepare for a very uncertain and unprecedented "back to school", we ask you to join us in supporting our families by making a contribution to our ["Back to School Fundraising Challenge"](#), which will last through the month of August. These funds will help us bring Care Packages to students, provide incentive deposits to build their 529 College Savings Accounts, and support our staff in delivering consistent, high quality family engagement services.

Enrollment

On March 30th, Providence Promise started offering **Virtual Enrollment**. Since then, we have enrolled **40 new students**, bringing our **total enrollment to 387!** Recently, we welcomed two-month-old twins, Kairo and Kyrie (right), to the PVD Promise family!



Family Engagement

Participation in our family engagement program continues to grow through workshops, Parent Council meetings, and Youth Council meetings. Providence Promise has **moved from monthly to weekly engagement opportunities**. In addition to Council meetings, recent virtual engagement has consisted of financial literacy for youth, professionalism, fitness classes, career exploration, and a Q&A session with CollegeBound Saver.

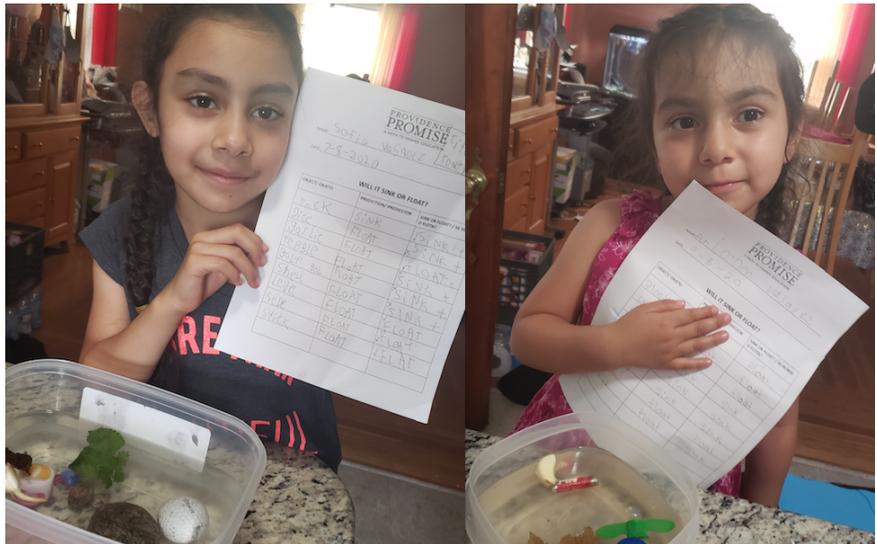
Incentive Program

Participation in the Incentive Program has grown significantly in the last couple of months: **55 families with 110 children** are now actively earning extra money for their college savings accounts. In June and July alone, **families earned nearly \$3,800!** For example, Sofia and Ariana (below) earned **\$150 each** for their college savings accounts during the month of July by completing book reports and participating in nearly every workshop offered!

Providence Promise is currently facilitating its normal [Incentive Program](#), and a special [Summer Incentive Program](#), which provides incentives for participating in programs such as the Passport to Summer Learning, KidsBridge through Inspiring Minds, PASA's Inside Out Camp, and more.

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"It is excellent (the Incentive Program), it is what inspires my daughters to continue to be involved in their education despite school vacations." -Providence Promise Parent



Feature in Providence Business News

At the end of last month, Providence Promise Parent and [Board Member](#), Torrell Mola, was interviewed by PBN to discuss the challenges of distance learning, the other difficulties in communicating with the Providence Public School Department, and the role that Providence Promise has played in support of her family.

You can read the full story [here](#).



Skills for RI Interns

This summer, Providence Promise has been lucky to host two college interns through [Skills for RI](#), Sheila Bautista (left), a rising senior at the University of Rhode Island, and Night Jean Muhingabo (right), a rising senior at Rhode Island College. Sheila and Night have spent the last couple of months developing and refining Providence Promise's new College Access Program, creating and facilitating workshops for the Youth Council, helping to establish new partnerships, and more.



Family Spotlight

Moraya (right) has been a member of Providence Promise since she enrolled her son, Macari (center), in December 2017. Then, in February of this year, her now one-year-old son, Hakeem (left), joined the program.



Over the last few months, Moraya has become an active member of the Parent Council, and helps both of her boys participate in the Incentive Program by reading with them and helping Macari create projects based on what he learned. Just through Providence Promise's Care Package Program, Moraya and her boys have read 20 books! Moraya explained that the Incentive Program "is a great way to keep kids and parents active."

When asked what she and her family value most about Providence Promise, Moraya said, "their commitment, communication, and eagerness to stay connected to the community."