

75 Days of Giving Continues with The WRK Group

Donation by Nemours Children's Health and Food Giveaway to Take Place November 19th at Kingswood Community Center.

WILMINGTON Del. (November 19, 2021) – The WRK Group (The Warehouse, REACH Riverside, and Kingswood Community Center) is pleased to announce that on Friday, November 19, 2021, at 1:00 p.m., Kingswood Community Center (KCC) and Nemours Children's Health will host a check presentation to deliver funds that will directly impact the early learning academy. Following this announcement, KCC will host a free turkey and non-perishable food giveaway, beginning at 2:00 p.m. and ending at 4:30 p.m., for the Riverside and 11th Street Bridge communities.

Nemours Children's Health is graciously donating \$100,000 towards KCC's Early Learning Academy. Funds will go towards outfitting classrooms and providing needed school supplies in addition to providing trainings and resources for parents and families through educational seminars such as health literacy, collaborative technical assistance, and parent cafes. Mark Mumford, Executive Vice President and Chief Executive of Nemours Delaware Valley Operations at Nemours Children's Health said, "We know that eighty percent of a child's ability to achieve health occurs outside the doctor's office. At Nemours Children's we are committed to a whole child health model of care. Programs such as the KCC's Early Learning Academy are essential to helping raise the healthiest generations of children, and we are so honored to help contribute to this vital community program."

Recently, KCC celebrated its 75th anniversary at the same time The WRK Group shared its goal of raising \$41 million to build a new Kingswood Community Center, where the early Learning Academy is housed. In addition to giving more children and infants and great start, this new, state-of-the-art facility will:

- Offer more youth a place to go to learn and connect after school
- Deliver more opportunities for fitness and fun
- Provide a health resource center for access to primary care
- Offer community spaces for meetings, parties, and performances
- Create an expanded senior center with more activities to keep our seniors fit and sharp.

In honor of Kingswood's 75th anniversary, The WRK Group is hosting 75 Days of Giving, which began on October 17, 2021, and continues through December 31, 2021. During this time, The WRK Group is hosting a variety of activities that showcase KCC's community impact.

Logan S. Herring, Sr., CEO of The WRK Group commented, "We are so grateful to Nemours Children's Health for this amazing and needed gift for KCC's Early Learning Academy. Riverside and the surrounding communities deserve a strong educational foundation that will lead them down the path of lifelong success." He continued by saying, "With Nemours' gift, we are ensuring that our children have continued access to educational excellence. Thank you, Nemours for your generous gift."

Following Nemours announcement, KCC will host a free turkey and non-perishable food distribution, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., to benefit the Riverside and 11th Street Bridge communities. Community members are invited to join staff and volunteers for a truck-to-trunk style distribution. Individuals can collect food items via their car, or, alternatively, walk-ups are also welcome.

To learn more about The WRK Group's 75 Days of Giving, please visit www.kgwcc75strong.org and consider donating in increments of 75.

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About Nemours Children's Health

Nemours Children's Health is one of the nation's largest multistate pediatric health systems, including two free-standing children's hospitals and a network of nearly 75 primary and specialty care practices across five states. Nemours seeks to transform the health of children by adopting a holistic health model that utilizes innovative, safe, and high-quality care, while also caring for the health of the whole child beyond medicine. Nemours also powers the world's most-visited website for information on the health of children and teens, Nemours KidsHealth.org. The Nemours Foundation, established through the legacy and philanthropy of Alfred I. duPont, provides pediatric clinical care, research, education, advocacy, and prevention

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programs to the children, families, and communities it serves.

About The WRK Group

The WRK Group is comprised of three organizations and over 130 employees, who share a collective mission to empower the community to reach its full potential by eliminating the barriers of structural racism and revolutionizing teen engagement. REACH Riverside, overseeing a \$250M holistic revitalization, also serves as the managing partner for Kingswood Community Center, a pillar of the Northeast Wilmington neighborhood for 75 years, and The Warehouse, an educational and recreational oasis for teens.

- The Warehouse:
 - o Developed "For Teens, By Teens" - Innovative, one-stop center serving ages 13 to 19
 - o Teen-driven programming focused on recreation, education, arts, career, and health
 - o Collaborating with over 140 youth-serving organizations
 - o Three goals: safety, educational support, and workforce readiness
- REACH Riverside:
 - o Developed "With the Community, For the Community"
 - o Member of the national Purpose Built Communities
 - o Redevelopment: Up to 600 units of high quality, mixed-income housing
 - o Education: cradle-to-college and career readiness pipeline
 - o Community Health: health, wellness, safety services, and programming
- Kingswood Community Center:
 - o Empowering the Community of Riverside and Northeast Wilmington since 1946
 - o Early Learning Academy: high quality, evidence-based early childhood education (ages one through five)
 - o School-age services (ages five through twelve): before, after-school, and summer programming
 - o Jimmy Jenkins Senior Center: activities to remain healthy and self-sufficient (ages 60+)
 - o Kingswood Academy: alternative school (seventh through twelfth grade), located at The Warehouse
 - o Preparing for the development of a new, state-of-the-art facility that will replace and enhance the current community center

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