



Path and Youth Retreats Are Back!

by Faustin Luka, *Common Good Student*

Common Good brought the Path and Youth Program Retreats back this year! As you know, the world can be so fast paced that you forget to slow down, reflect, and rest. To me, the Youth Retreat was needed because of the stress of senior year: college applications, scholarships, and other looming deadlines. This retreat was my rest (sabbath). During our time at Aldersgate—where many of us attended youth summer camp—we were tested on low ropes and zip-lining, and we shared meals and devotional messages. During both retreat weekends, our grads and youth enjoyed their time away talking about past memories of camp, growing spiritually, and connecting with each other.

Thriving children.

Strong families.

Flourishing neighborhoods.



Senior Spotlight

Meet Brisa, age 18, who joined Common Good in 2016.

What's one of your hobbies?

I like to roller skate in my neighborhood and try new sports!

What are your college plans?

My college plans are to complete my welding and electrical Associate Degrees.

What is one thing you have learned in the college process?

I've learned it's best to complete important tasks WAY before the due date to avoid stressing myself out.

What is your favorite thing about Common Good?

My favorite thing about Common Good is that there are many good mentors to connect with who are very knowledgeable in different fields.



Take a Walk in the Park with Us

What better way to spend a Saturday morning than walking in the park with 300 of your closest friends? Please join us for the Walk for Common Good on Saturday, June 13, 9:00 AM (check-in and t-shirt pickup start at 8:30 AM) at Embrace Church, and help us raise funds to sponsor students in Common Good's Summer Program.

Register on our website at commongoodlex.org/walk by May 22nd to have a guaranteed shirt in your size. If you're interested in being an event sponsor or have questions, contact Sara Isaacs at sara@commongoodlex.org.

The Path Program

by Angeles Roberts,
Common Good Graduate



Being a first generation college graduate is a serious accomplishment in my family. It's even cooler that I was able to complete one of the harder programs that colleges have to offer! Having my Bachelor of Science in Nursing means more stability, being a role model for my little sister, and showing my mom that she didn't sacrifice so much for nothing.

College is extremely different from grade school. Things feel more on the line, especially when you get into your major-focused classes. The Path Program, which was created to support CG grads, helped me through these times by providing constant check-ins and guidance when I felt lost and by believing in my potential when I was having trouble believing in myself.

The Path Program keeps me connected to the people I grew up with at Common Good! It's awesome to see the accomplishments of my peers and how much they've changed. The Path Program retreats are my favorite. It's nice spending time outdoors getting closer to God and each other.

The Path Program lets you be yourself and reconnect with the Common Good family. It's an awesome way to celebrate and have fun. I hope I'm going on Path Program retreats until I'm 92.



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Our Annual Fundraising Breakfast, held last October, raised \$118,913 to benefit students in our After-School program!

When have you felt joyful this year?



Emily, Age 8

When we adopted our dog Rocky! He looks like a rock. I love him because he's tiny and cute and his face is round. I really like petting him.



Joella, Age 9

Getting to see my friends at Common Good! And also coming here and being in a place where I feel welcome.

Please consider supporting students like Emily and Joella by making a gift today! Your donation directly impacts children in Common Good's After-School Program, ensuring they have a safe space, a meal, homework help and an opportunity to form bonds with friends and mentors.





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In the Know

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Welcome Our New Staff

Last year was a big year for Common Good staff—we welcomed seven new staff members and added four new roles!

You met our Path Program Manager Jake in our last newsletter. Over the summer, Izamar joined us as our Assistant Elementary Program Coordinator. Izamar had previously mentored with Common Good, and we couldn't be more excited to have her in this role!

In the fall Lindsay, Colin, Jacqui, Jamie, and Alex joined our staff. Our Elementary Program Coordinator Lindsay and our Youth Program Coordinator Colin together bring over 30 years of student programming experience to Common Good! Jacqui and Jamie are both previous Common Good mentors and are now Lead Mentors in our Elementary Classrooms. In addition to her Lead Mentor responsibilities, Jacqui works in our Development Office and with Matchstick Goods. You might remember that for GoodGiving in 2024 we raised funds for fresher and healthier meals at Common Good. Now Alex, our Lead Cook, is serving homemade Chicken Alfredo with broccoli and made-from-scratch pizza!

Check out commongoodlex.org/new-staff-2025 to learn more about our new staff!

Legacy Giving

Thinking about the legacy you want to leave? As part of your estate planning, a bequest is a simple, meaningful way to support Common Good for years to come. To get started, reach out to our Associate Executive Director of Development, Sara Isaacs, at 859.279.1782 or sara@commongoodlex.org

OUR MISSION

Common Good is an inclusive community in North Lexington dedicated to whole families. We create a safe space for our community to know love.

OUR VISION

Common Good's vision is to see thriving students, strong families and flourishing neighborhoods know and embrace their God-given potential.



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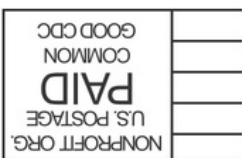
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Laura, on her sabbatical

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