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## **From our Executive Director**



We would like to thank our employers, schools and the many individuals who worked so hard this year to help GPP students graduate while preparing them to be part of Georgia's workforce. We realize that while things never go exactly as planned, the end of this school year has been especially stressful and unpredictable. Thank you to those teachers and employers who pivoted and were able to continue to support our students.

We have tried to make sure that our graduating seniors received the accolades they would have received on a normal year by sending the schools their GPP Certificates of Achievement along with our green graduation cords. It is small consolation considering everything they're missing, but we wanted to let them know that GPP recognizes their hard work both at school and on the job.

Please know that the entire GPP staff is ready to support our schools and employers during this unpredictable time of the coronavirus. We are also busy at work planning ways to be full partners with employers and schools when the time comes to get our students back to work and on their way to graduation.

Keep your eyes out for announcements regarding new GPP strategies and partnerships for the 2020-2021 school year.

As I said before, please don't hesitate to contact me or your regional coordinators if we can be of any help now or over the summer months.

Stay well!

Lori Heemann
Executive Director

### **Announced**

While we are unable to celebrate together, we are honored to recognize six outstanding Cornerstone Communities for their commitment to, and passion for young people. These communities exemplify four key components of an exceptional partnership:

- Active **business** involvement and employment of GPP students
- Full partnership with area high schools
- Local **political** support
- Community engagement with students

These award winners have worked hard to ensure at-risk students graduate with skills and experience to succeed after high school. Please join us in recognizing these exceptional communities!

#### **Gold Awards**

Coffee County Emanuel County Union County







Silver Award

**Athens-Clarke County** 

#### **Bronze Awards**

City of Atlanta Bartow County





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# Georgia Schools: The Heart and Soul of GPP Success

When you get right down to it, student success is what GPP is all about. Teachers of course play a big part of that success. This student text (right) and reaction below from Dr. Alicia Brown, Work-Based Learning Coordinator of Adairsville High School, share the joy of one GPP student:

#### "THIS is the reason I LOVE GPP!

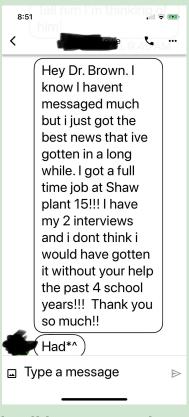
Needless to say, this student overcame a lot of obstacles in high school. She will be graduating this year and gives GPP the credit.

I do admire her determination to graduate high school! I am so proud to be a part of this wonderful program, GPP!"

Every GPP school has similar success stories. While we can't share them all, please join us in celebrating the school systems below that have done so much for students, families and communities.

- Atlanta Public Schools
- Bartow County School System
- Calhoun City Schools
- Chattooga County School District
- Clarke County School District
- Dade County Schools
- Dalton City School District
- DeKalb County School District
- Dublin City Schools
- Elbert County School District

- Emanuel County Schools
- Gwinnett County Public Schools
- Loganville High School
- Madison County Schools
- Monroe County Schools
- Oconee County Schools
- Southeast Early College & Career Academy
- Toombs County Schools
- Union County Schools
- Valdosta City School District
- Walker County School District



Over 70 employers hired Great Promise Partnership students in the 2019-20 school year. From Adairsville to Valdosta, from The Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta to the the Rockin 8 Cinema in Douglas, GPP students earned paychecks, learned teamwork, loved their mentors, stumbled, grew, and gained insight that will shape the rest of their lives.

Please join us in recognizing these outstanding employers!

# Northeast Georgia Employers

# Metro Atlanta Employers





















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Northwest Georgia Employers









































#### **Sundance Grill**



UNION COUNTY NURSING HOME

#### More NE Georgia Employers:

Collins Tree Service & Grading
Gum Log Pallets
Tallent Body Shop
Trans Jones Landscaping
Wimpey Poultry Company





































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#### More South GA Employers:



Allen B. Arnold Construction
Bus Barn Coffee
Davis Babysitting
Kirklands Hogs
Lollipop Children's Center
Precious Possessions Daycare
Staffmate
Waldron's Farm Supply





### More Mid-Georgia Employers:

R&F Marketing Twin City Precision Metals Ware's Barbeque

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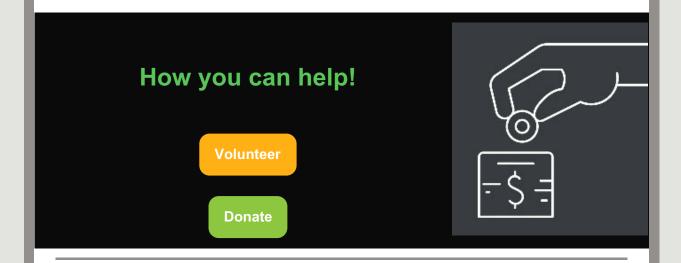
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