

Girls on the Rise Holiday Newsletter

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GOTR with their gift card bags

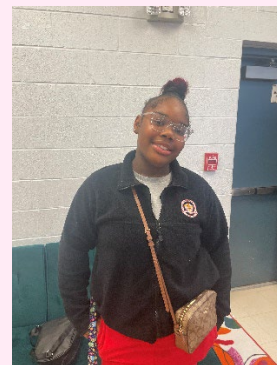
Happy Holidays from Our Family to Yours!

After a busy Fall of meaningful work at the Girls on the Rise afterschool program, our girls were ready to celebrate the holidays! We had a Thanksgiving party, Christmas party, and of course, our annual Holiday Boutique! The girls had a great time celebrating the holidays with each other and their families. We thank all the families and sponsors for participating! We'd also like to thank each of you for your contributions to the program this year. We asked some of our girls, "What are you thankful for?" Here's what they said:

Taylor is thankful for money, clothes, her family, a roof over her head, blessings, her loving community, and delicious food! She is grateful to be with her friends at GOTR and for the arts and crafts we do.



Amirah is thankful for her mom, her brothers, and her best friend. Her favorite thing about GOTR is the love and care that she gets from everyone here.





Our Tiny Chefs Are in the Holiday Spirit!

On Wednesdays, we cook! Tiny Chef is a new program where the girls make delicious treats on their own. With Tiny Chef, the girls learn how to create their own delicious snacks, follow directions to recipes, and work together by sharing materials and ingredients. This week for our Christmas party, we made holiday sugar cookies. The girls really enjoyed decorating their own cookies and ate every crumb!



Tiny Chef Christmas Cookies



Nana Yaa Boateng

MEET THE STAFF

Nana Yaa Boateng is our newest addition to the GOTR family! She started with GOTR on October 23, 2023, as our Youth Program Associate, and primarily works with our middle school girls. She earned her degree in Public Health from American University. In her free time, she enjoys writing poetry. We are so grateful to have her, as she has already made huge strides and accomplishments in the program. Welcome to Christ Child, Nana!!



A Season of Giving

Thank you, Kathleen Norris, who organized an Amazon and Giant Food gift card drive for Girls on the Rise. She challenged her friends and fellow members of the Regis Boyle guild to participate by purchasing one or more cards. Because of their efforts, each Girls on the Rise participant received a \$75 Amazon gift card, and each family received a \$75 Giant Food gift card. Gift bags were given to the girls and their families at the annual Christmas Boutique party.

Holiday Boutique





GOTR Middle School Girls with their gift card bags

May your Christmas sparkle with moments of love, laughter, and goodwill, and may the year ahead be full of contentment and joy. Have a Merry Christmas. God bless you at Christmas and always. Best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

Merry Christmas!

With love,

Christ Child Society's Girls on the Rise