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CCSD's McKinney-Vento program provides first annual Thanksgiving dinner to families

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Charleston, SC- Charleston County School District (CCSD) has more than 220 students that meet the McKinney-Vento Program criteria. McKinney-Vento is a program that helps children and youth who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.

Under the leadership of Sonya Jones, CCSD's Title I Program Compliance Administrator, Abria Pryor and Kimberly Grant (CCSD McKinney-Vento Parent Advocates) hosted a Thanksgiving dinner at Royal Baptist Family Life and Banquet Center on Saturday, November 19, 2022. Due to the families living in inadequate living situations and lacking resources like a refrigerator and stoves, the consensus was to have a dinner for these families and create an atmosphere of home.

The following organizations came together and donated their time and resources for displaced families, Carolina Teen Center, North Charleston Community Resource Center, Chef Kendric, North Charleston Police Department, Soul Harvesters Outreach, Royal Baptist Missionary Church (Foundation), SC Conference Branch Women's Missionary Society of the African Methodist Episcopal District, The Tywanza Sanders Legacy Foundation, and Trident Technical College. In addition, the organizations gave away cleaning products, gift cards, groceries, hygiene kits, clothing, and two students each received a tablet. CCSD's McKinney-Vento program would like to thank all the organizations that came together to make this event successful.

The McKinney-Vento program is partnering with external agencies and several of CCSD's internal departments to connect displaced families with needed resources so that students can focus on academic success while fulfilling CCSD's goal of students reading on grade level by grade five.

CCSD welcomes support from individuals, organizations, nonprofits, and businesses that would like to participate in future initiatives that support the district's displaced families.

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About the Charleston County School District

Charleston County School District (CCSD) is a nationally accredited school district committed to providing equitable and quality educational opportunities for all of its students. CCSD is the second-largest school system in South Carolina and represents a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools spanning 1,300 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves approximately 49,000 students in 88 schools and specialized programs.

CCSD offers a diverse, expanding portfolio of options and specialized programs, delivered through neighborhood, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), Montessori, and charter schools. Options include programs in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM); music and other creative and performing arts; career and technical preparation programs; and military.