



**Thanks for reading CISNC Connections, our bimonthly Communities In Schools e-newsletter.** Check your inbox every two months to learn about our work across North Carolina, inspiring student stories, and ways to get involved.

It's already been a challenging year for our students, but our young people remain resilient through uncertainty, inequities, and many other obstacles.

Together, we can help our students and families face the long road ahead. During the pandemic **and beyond**, we will continue to meet students' basic needs, keep them on track to graduate, and provide the in person and virtual supports they need to thrive and succeed.

Read on to discover how we are mending students' hearts this Valentine's Day and empowering them to imagine a bright, hopeful future beyond COVID-19.

Share our work with your colleagues, friends, and followers below!

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Yasmin, an 8th grader in Cumberland County, comes from a single-parent household and helps care for her six siblings. Before Yasmin met CIS Student Support Specialist Tim Carmichael, she struggled to focus on her coursework and was in danger of dropping out.

Tim made sure Yasmin logged into class and helped her tap into her gifts for organization and expression. Tim also took Yasmin and other students to the Fayetteville Arts Council to meet with a local poet and author. Here, Yasmin learned techniques to express the frustrations and challenges she faced through poetry.

Thanks to regular academic check-ins from Tim, Yasmin now logs in to class every day and is on track to improve her grades and begin high school next year.

Watch Yasmin's full story here!

[WATCH YASMIN'S FULL STORY](#)

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# JPMORGAN CHASE & Co.

**Thank you for standing  
in the gap for North  
Carolina's students!**

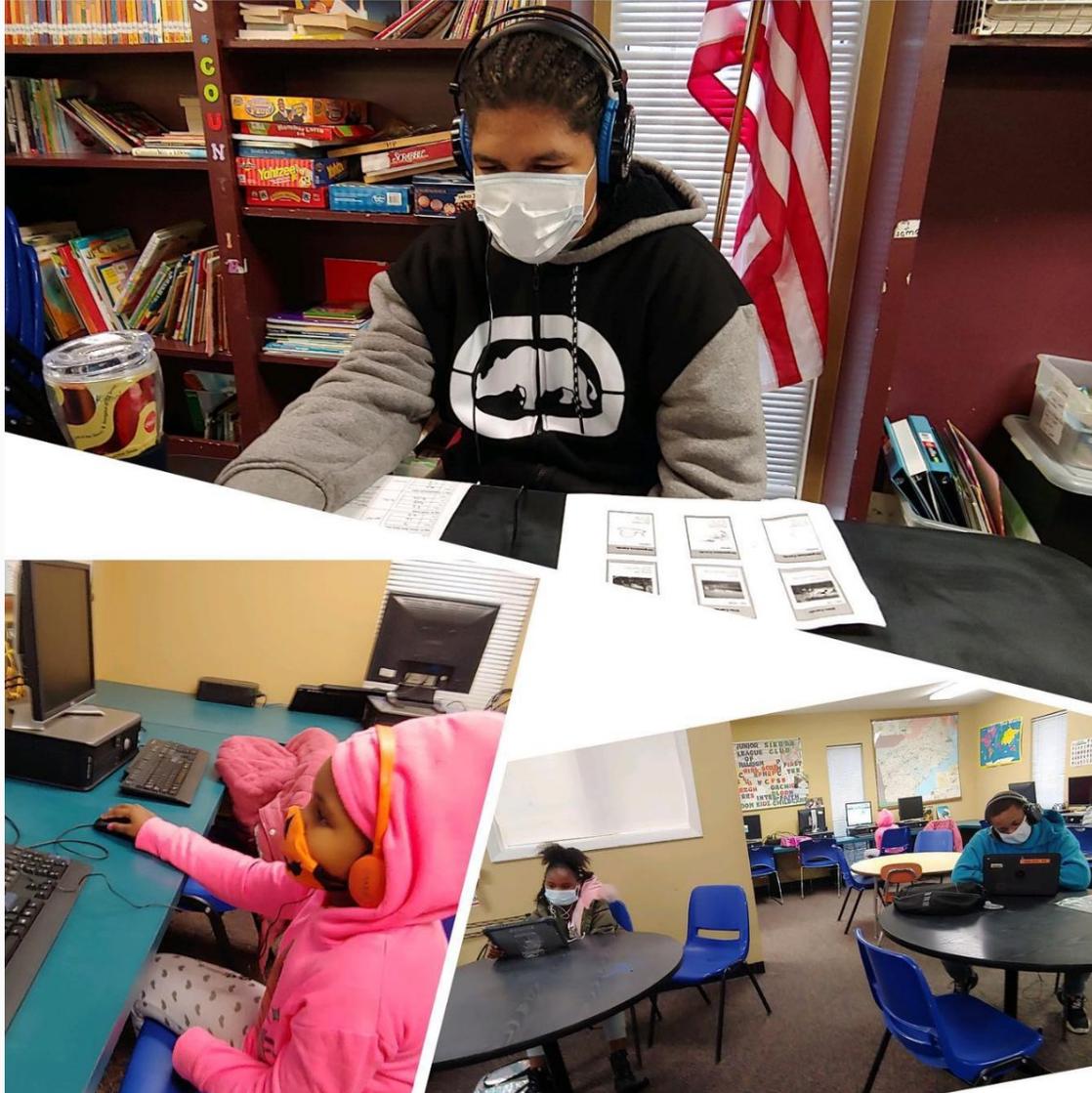
**JPMorgan Chase  
\$5,000 Gift  
to CISNC**

Thank you to JPMorgan Chase for their generous \$5,000 gift! Supporters like JPMorgan Chase help us stand in the gap for our students and families, meet basic needs, and provide supports to help students reengage in learning and succeed in life.

Learn more about supporters like JPMorgan Chase who empower our students [here!](#)

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Students at CIS of Wake County are masked up and ready to learn! CIS staff across the state are ensuring students are safe and engaged in learning.

HELP US REACH OUR ALL-OR-NOTHING \$25K CHALLENGE MATCH.  
DONATE TODAY & **DOUBLE** YOUR IMPACT!



*Donate today!* [www.cisnc.org/donate](http://www.cisnc.org/donate)



Right now, you can double your impact and double our students' success! Thanks to a generous all-or-nothing challenge match from Anonymous Trust, **your donation can be matched dollar-for-dollar**, up to \$25,000!

Thank you to the generous donors who already contributed to help us reach our goal. With your help, we can raise the remaining \$22,680 and multiply the work we can do to support our young people!

Click [here](#) to learn how you can double your impact today and empower students to succeed.

**DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT TODAY**

## IMPACT SNAPSHOT

Since March 11:

- **160,000+** students and families served
- **8,553** Family needs assessments conducted
- **4,482** Basic needs met
- **99%** of students graduated
- **93%** of students promoted to the next grade\*



### CIS Supports Offered:

- ★ Basic Needs Support
- ★ Social-Emotional Support
- ★ Academic Assistance and Support

\*5% of students had no designation due to program closing and/or COVID-19

## HELP US PROVIDE IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL SUPPORTS

- ✓ Virtual check-ins on attendance, behavior, academic progress, and social-emotional needs
- ✓ Basic needs services for students and families (food, cleaning supplies, hygiene products, etc.)
- ✓ Ensuring students have access to technology & Internet
- ✓ Personal protective equipment for students & staff

**New CEO  
of CISNC:  
Jill Cox**



We are pleased to announce that Jill Cox has been named the

CEO of Communities In Schools of North Carolina. Prior to this role, Jill served as the COO of CISNC.

Under Jill's leadership, staff at CISNC have provided academic, social-emotional and food supports to 160,000+ students and families across North Carolina during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Jill says of her new role: **"Closing gaps for students got harder during the pandemic. These challenges won't go away anytime soon, but I look forward to working with our team to drive innovation in the delivery of wraparound supports for students, families, teachers, and communities."**



Find out more ways to  
get involved with CISNC

GET INVOLVED

## ABOUT CISNC

Our mission is to surround students with  
a community of support, empowering them  
to stay in school and achieve in life.  
Learn more at [www.cisnc.org](http://www.cisnc.org).



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