



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

Schools have now been back in session for two months and North Carolina recently entered Phase 3 of its reopening plan. Many students are starting to return to the classroom. Some will learn remotely for the rest of the year. We are there to support them wherever they are.

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

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CIS Student Support Specialist Laura Hicks rewards students who compete all assignments and participate in all remote



A CIS student receives a meal delivered by CIS staff. We're working in schools and beyond

classes with water bottles. Our staff are motivating our students to show up, log in, and do their best work!

to ensure our students stay healthy and focused. We provide food, cleaning supplies, hygiene products, and more to students and families.

## WIN BIG AND MAKE A CHANGE: INTRODUCING OUR RAFFLE FOR CHANGE

A green rectangular graphic with white and orange text. At the top, the word "RAFFLE" is written in large, white, sans-serif capital letters. Below it is a white banner with a scalloped right edge. On the banner, there is a logo on the left consisting of a stylized house with a blue roof, a white body, and green, red, and orange sections. To the right of the logo, the text "Communities In Schools®" is written in blue, with "North Carolina" written below it in a smaller blue font. Below the banner, the words "for CHANGE" are written, with "for" in a cursive orange font and "CHANGE" in large, white, sans-serif capital letters. At the bottom left, the dates "Oct 26 - Nov 13" are written in white. At the bottom right, an orange box contains the text "Try your luck to win exciting prizes -- and make a positive change in the lives of vulnerable students across North Carolina." in white.

**RAFFLE**

 **Communities In Schools®**  
North Carolina

*for* **CHANGE**

**Oct 26 - Nov 13**

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Try your luck to win exciting prizes and make a positive change in the lives of vulnerable North Carolina students at our Raffle for Change!

Our first-ever virtual raffle begins Monday, October 26 and ends

Friday, November 13. You could win a post-pandemic family Disney getaway, enjoy a round of golf for four, savor rare spirits, or cheer on the Carolina Hurricanes from your couch with autographed Canes items.

Learn more about how you can win these items [here!](#)

**LEARN ABOUT OUR RAFFLE FOR CHANGE**



**“Marvin has been through so much...but he is learning to be resilient. He’s an inspiration!”**

**-Meredith Allen,  
CIS Student Support Specialist**

Stress in Marvin's home life caused him to fall behind in his reading and math classes. Then Marvin met his CIS Student Support Specialist Meredith Allen, who helped him with his academic motivation and social-emotional needs.

Over two years later, Marvin has made great strides, showing up to class every morning and working hard for his teachers. During COVID-19, Meredith provided Marvin and his family with food, resources, hygiene packs, and connections to community resources.

Read Marvin's full story [here](#).

**READ MARVIN'S STORY**

# IMPACT CONFERENCE 2020

CONNECTING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM



This year's Impact Conference is going virtual! On Thursday, October 15 and Friday, October 16, CIS Student Support Specialists, board members, and other staff from across North Carolina will gather in front of their screens to inspire and learn from each other.

This year's theme is "Connecting Beyond the Classroom." Special guests from across the country will host breakout sessions to enhance the work we're doing to serve students wherever they are this year.

Learn more about how we adapted the annual event [here](#).

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Thank you to the Cumberland Community Foundation for helping us expand Parent University to seven sites and hire a parent coordinator for the program. Cumberland's Parent University provides free educational seminars to help parents learn topics ranging from couponing to refinancing houses. Thanks to the Foundation, even more parents can learn critical parenting skills that are more important than ever during COVID-19.

Learn more about our work in Cumberland County [here](#).



## 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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