

A Step Ahead The Giving Edition November 2017

Giving Back and Giving Thanks

Building STEPS Alumni Council is leading a Giving Tuesday project with a focus on Baltimore's homeless communities. [Health Care for the Homeless](#) and [Paul's Place](#) were selected to receive 150 winter care packages created by Building STEPS high school juniors. The students worked together to create packages of blankets and gloves wrapped in drawstring bags, labeled with a handwritten note of kindness. Our juniors reflected on how there are so many in our community struggling, and how one small act can make a difference in someone's life.



Where Would We Be Without You?

Our volunteers are integral to our students' success. Working 1:1 with our high school seniors, these amazing writing advisors ensure that every student submits a well-written and clearly-articulate college essay. Their commitment to our organization and the additional support they provide is priceless.



"Each student has such a story to tell, and I feel honored to help them tell it. Each one has worked so hard to get where he/she is today. It's incredibly impressive."

Sarah, Volunteer Writing Advisor

What People Are Saying About Building STEPS

"I founded, and continue to support Building STEPS because everybody deserves the ability to succeed. Where you grow up should not drive how successful you become. Smart people should be given the chance to be smart."

**Matthew Weinberg, Building STEPS Founder and Chair Emeritus
CEO, The Weinberg Group**

"Thank you so much for writing me the letter of recommendation; I really appreciate the help. I got an interview soon after, and they called me today and said the Production Assistant job is mine at Fox 45!"

**Tamar-Building STEPS '09
Towson University '15**

Wishing everyone an enjoyable Thanksgiving.
We are grateful for many things here at Building STEPS...our students and alumni, our volunteers, our donors and our partners.

Building STEPS is a nonprofit that equips Baltimore City's brightest students with the tools to propel them to college and career success. Nearly all Building STEPS students will be the first in their family to earn a college degree.

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