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COUNTY SCHOOLS

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PHOTO CREDIT: Chatham County Schools
19 CCS schools received checks from the PTA Thrift Stores
Top Row (from left to right): Bonlee, Bennett, Chatham Central HS, Chatham Early College, Chatham Grove, Chatham MS
Second Row (from left to right): George Moses Horton MS, Jordan-Matthews HS, JS Waters, Moncure, Margaret B. Pollard, Northwood HS
Third Row (from left to right): North Chatham Elementary, Perry Harrison Elementary, Pittsboro Elementary, Seaforth HS, Siler City Elementary, Silk Hope
Fourth Row: Virginia Cross

Chatham County Schools Celebrates Nearly $500,000 in PTA Thrift Shop Contributions

PITTSBORO, N.C. — Chatham County Schools celebrated the generosity and dedication of families, staff and community members Monday evening during the annual PTA Thrift Shop Appreciation and Check Distribution Dinner at Chatham Central High School.

During the celebration, the Chatham PTA Thrift Shop announced **$497,192.50 in distributions to school PTAs**, made possible through thousands of hours of volunteer service at the organization's three thrift shop locations. The presentation reported a total of **26,726.20 volunteer hours** during the past year.

"The Chatham PTA Thrift Shop is such a powerful example of what can happen when a community comes together around its schools," said Superintendent Dr. Kelly Batten. "Every

hour volunteered, every item donated, and every purchase made ultimately creates opportunities for our students. We are incredibly grateful to the volunteers, employees, families, and community members who make this work possible year after year."

The PTA Thrift Shop's distribution model directly connects volunteer participation with funding for schools. After $15,000 is retained for capital needs, 40% of proceeds are divided equally among member school PTAs that meet the minimum requirement of 150 volunteer hours annually. The remaining 60% is distributed based on each school's share of total volunteer hours.

The five highest school distributions this year were:

- **Northwood High School:** $50,899.86 — 3,627.25 volunteer hours
- **Seaforth High School:** $43,590.21 — 2,971.50 volunteer hours
- **Chatham Central High School:** $30,592.93 — 1,805.50 volunteer hours
- **George Moses Horton Middle School:** $30,512.11 — 1,798.25 volunteer hours
- **Virginia Cross Elementary School:** $28,313.95 — 1,601.05 volunteer hours

Additional school distributions included:

- **Bonlee School:** $27,686.93 — 1,544.80 volunteer hours
- **J.S. Waters School:** $26,605.13 — 1,447.75 volunteer hours
- **Bennett School:** $25,966.97 — 1,390.50 volunteer hours
- **Jordan-Matthews High School:** $25,685.51 — 1,365.25 volunteer hours
- **Silk Hope School:** $23,899.22 — 1,205 volunteer hours
- **Margaret B. Pollard Middle School:** $23,835.12 — 1,199.25 volunteer hours
- **Pittsboro Elementary School:** $23,825.00 — 1,198.35 volunteer hours
- **Siler City Elementary School:** $22,636.83 — 1,091.75 volunteer hours
- **Perry Harrison Elementary School:** $22,195.42 — 1,052.15 volunteer hours
- **Chatham Middle School:** $22,168.66 — 1,049.75 volunteer hours
- **Moncure School:** $19,833.39 — 840.25 volunteer hours
- **North Chatham Elementary School:** $18,950.00 — 761 volunteer hours
- **Chatham Grove Elementary School:** $16,325.77 — 528 volunteer hours
- **Chatham Early College:** $13,642.40 — 284.85 volunteer hours

The evening also provided school leaders and PTA representatives an opportunity to share how Thrift Shop proceeds have been used to support students and schools, while recognizing the employees, volunteers and patrons whose contributions make the annual distributions possible. The PTA Thrift Shop supports schools throughout the year through initiatives including student vouchers and volunteer-related programs.

About the Chatham PTA Thrift Shops

The Chatham PTA Thrift Shop has supported Chatham County Schools for more than 40 years. The nonprofit operates thrift shops serving the Cole Park, Pittsboro and Siler City communities, where donated merchandise is sold to generate funding for local public schools. Community members can support the organization by shopping, donating gently used items or volunteering at a Thrift Shop location.

Thrift Store Locations:

- **Cole Park PTA Thrift Shop**: 11500 US Hwy 15-501 N, Chapel Hill, NC 27517 (follow on Facebook at www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61552589847744)
- **Pittsboro PTA Thrift Shop**: 400 East Street, Pittsboro, NC 27312 (www.seaforthptsa.com)
- **Siler City PTA Thrift Shop**: 218 E 11th St, Siler City, NC 27344 (follow on Facebook at www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063145766309)

For a full list of acceptable donation items, volunteer opportunities, and how to schedule a pick-up, visit any of the thrift store websites or contact your school's volunteer representative.

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About Chatham County Schools

Chatham County Schools serves more than 8,400 students across 20 schools in central North Carolina. With a commitment to excellence, equity, anπd engagement, the district works in partnership with families and the community to prepare ALL students for success in college, careers, and life.

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