

PACE West

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Nomination for Regency's Club for the State of Virginia 2021 Governors Volunteerism and Community Service Award

The Regency Women's Club has been a continued contributor of goodwill and aid to the PACE's Village of PACE West School in Gainesville, Virginia. Over the years, they have made PACE's Village a priority to ensure that the needs of the students and families of PACE West are fulfilled. PACE WEST is a school that provides a safe, nurturing, and therapeutic learning environment which addresses the individual needs of all students. The Regency Women's Club has been creative in their ability to acknowledge and execute their mission.

RWC has contributed to Pace's Village in several different ways. Each year they appoint members of their organization to attend monthly PACE's Village meetings to determine where their efforts might do the best good, cooperating with other like-minded members of the Village on how to best meet the needs of PACE West school, including donating supplies, their time, and financial contributions.

Examples of their charitable works include: the Fall Festival, in which volunteers donate items and treats as prizes; the Harvest Feast, which is held each year to provide each student and their family members a home cooked feast during the month of November, partnering with the Sheppard of the Hills Church to serve and clean up; the Holiday Bonanza, donating items for the students to purchase (with school-based currency given as an incentive and reward) as gifts for family members; giving 10 Thanksgiving Day food baskets during COVID-19 for ten needy PACE West families; providing Angel Tree gifts to PACE West families in need (24 in 2020, totaling 130 gifts for 68 children); donating a variety of items to help celebrate PACE West educators for Teacher Appreciation Week; and donating towards graduate bags and preparing for and serving food at the annual Senior Luncheon.

The Regency Women's Club has truly made a generous, conscientious, and inspirational gift to the PACE West school community. They have shared their talents with those around them in order to make a positive change in our community and our world. I highly recommend The Regency's Club for the State of Virginia 2021 Governors Volunteerism and Community Service Award for making PACE West a better place!

Sincerely,



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