

IMPACTS IN ACTION UPDATES FROM SHIRLEY CASTLE









MOMENTUM THIS MONTH

A quick look at the progress, stories, and impact we've made together—one month at a time.



This semester, BMP had the opportunity to collaborate with the University of Arkansas School of Business and Dr. Rogelio Contreras through the Social Innovation Strategies class.

Students—including Eric Yates, Daniel Gavin, Kyler Petree, and William Masterson—developed creative proposals to help advance our mission.

This project was a truly symbiotic experience: students gained hands-on insight into nonprofit work, while BMP benefited from fresh ideas and increased awareness. We're grateful to have been part of such a thoughtful and inspiring collaboration.



Over the next 12 months, our goal is to upgrade the beloved Shirley Castle school van. While our current van has helped us achieve incredible growth, it's time to build on that momentum and expand even further.

BMP currently operates a 16-passenger van dedicated to safely transporting students to and from school—including Shirley Castle alumni commuting to high school. Thanks to this service, 100% of students now ride with BMP, and even those living outside the community maintain attendance rates in the 90s—matching peers who live within walking distance.

Upgrading to a larger bus could allow us to transport over 50 students at once—eliminating the need for multiple trips and long morning commutes. Not only would this ensure every student arrives on time with minimal travel time, but it would also open the door for more off-campus educational experiences, such as field trips and school events.

In fact, increasing our transportation capacity could directly support enrollment growth at Shirley Castle, as the #1 barrier to higher enrollment is limited access to reliable transportation.

Help us take the next step—

Donate to the Shirley Castle Fund and be part of the journey toward better access, higher enrollment, and greater opportunities for every student.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

JEHVOYA SINCLAIR



HOW BLUE MOUNTAIN PROJECT CHANGED MY SCHOOL LIFE

I am 13 years old. Past student of Shirley Castle Primary and Infant School and a proud beneficiary of the Blue Mountain Project Momentum!



Going to school used to be filled with challenges, difficulties to get taxis, empty stomachs, and constant worry about having what I needed for the day. But ever since BMP Momentum stepped in, my school experience has been transformed.

This non-profit organization provides daily bus transportation that takes me and other students safely to and from school. That alone lifted a huge burden off my family. But they didn't stop there, they also run a breakfast program and offer free lunches to ensure that we're not learning on an empty stomach. Having regular meals has made it easier to focus and perform better in class. They also supplied me with the materials I needed, like notebooks, pens, and On top of that, their team hosts an annual health fair so I'm in great health.

Thanks to Blue Mountain Project Momentum, I now go to school prepared, well-fed, and motivated. They've given me the support I need to succeed—and for that, I'm truly grateful.

Jehvoya's story is a shining example of why BMP exists.

She recently graduated from primary school with an outstanding 4.0 GPA and now attends Titchfield High, where she continues to maintain an impressive attendance rate of over 85%.



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IMPACT TEAM SHOUTOUT

Shoutout to Kevin Kilgore, one of our incredible and longtime Legacy Partners who continues to make a meaningful impact through his support!



For nearly a year, Kevin has generously sponsored a student at Shirley Castle, ensuring they receive two nutritious meals each day. Thank you, Kevin, for your ongoing support and dedication!

Want to make a lasting impact like Kevin?

Sponsor a student and help us provide consistent meals, education, and support to students who need it most.

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