



PACTOLUS SUPPORTS EDUCATION IN LOUDOUN COUNTY WITH A \$67,000 DONATION TO 100WOMENSTRONG COMMUNITY SCHOOL INITIATIVE AT TITLE 1 SCHOOLS

Leesburg, VA, January 28, 2019 – Pactolus, LLC has donated \$67,000 to 100WomenStrong to match the challenge issued by 100WomenStrong at their 10th Anniversary celebration. The funds will help expand the successful and vital Community School Initiative (CSI) to include Forest Grove, Sugarland, Guilford, Sully, Sterling, and Rolling Ridge elementary schools and to help fund a social worker at Loudoun County Public Schools (LCPS), whose job it will be to support the program. The CSI began as a pilot program at Sterling Elementary School in 2015. It was spearheaded by 100WomenStrong, is overseen by LCPS and the Loudoun Education Foundation, and is designed to bring together nonprofits, private companies, and government agencies for the benefit of school children, their parents and the surrounding community.

“I have watched this program flourish over the years and have been very impressed with 100WomenStrong’s innovative approach to supporting education in Loudoun County,” said Alan Harter, CEO and founder of Pactolus, LLC. “I am proud to invest in this initiative and offer the group and the school system the opportunity to help level the playing field for these children and their families.”

With a Community School approach, vulnerable children and their families have better access to a range of wraparound services addressing health issues, language barriers, food insecurity, school readiness, and more. When these programs are made available at the school, working parents do not have to worry about how to ensure their children can participate in activities and enrichment programs. The CSI also includes programs that are designed to increase parental involvement and help children improve both attendance and grades. Most of the CSI activities are offered free of charge or at reduced cost, thanks to the generous donations of time and services from numerous community organizations.

“We are thrilled to have Pactolus supporting our efforts to continue to change the face of education in Loudoun County,” Karen G. Schaufeld, founder and president of 100WomenStrong. “It will take close to \$400,000 to support the expansion of the CSI for the next three years, and we are hoping others will take Pactolus’s lead. Frankly, an investment in children and families in underserved areas of Loudoun County is an investment in the overall health and well-being of the entire county.”

Organizations and individuals are invited to learn more about the CSI and its programs at:

- <https://www.onehundredwomenstrong.org/our-impact/community-schools-initiative/>

To learn more about the challenge grant go to:

- <https://www.onehundredwomenstrong.org/news-cat/spotlight/>

To **donate here**, please visit:

- <https://communityfoundationf.org/100womenstrongti>

About 100WomenStrong

Formed in 2008, 100WomenStrong is committed to improving the quality of life for residents of Loudoun County, Virginia, through strategic grants to non-profits working in the areas of shelter, health, hunger and education. Members of 100WomenStrong connect and collaborate to leverage their philanthropic resources as a component fund of the Community Foundation of Loudoun and Northern Fauquier Counties. For more information about 100WomenStrong, contact Pam Ray at info@OneHundredWomenStrong.org.

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