

**VBCPS COMMUNITY RELATIONS  
2008-2009 ANNUAL REPORT**



**Independence Middle School**  
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**School Mission Statement**

Our Mission is to ensure that each student reaches his or her greatest potential.

**Partnership Activities** (\*new partner)

<b>Partner Name</b>	<b>Activity/Program/Initiative</b>
<b>Assault Craft Unit Two</b>	<i>Provided volunteers for Run for Independence, SOL testing, and mentoring. Donated a mountain bike as a yearly incentive for perfect attendance.</i>
<b>Chick-Fil-A at Haygood</b>	<i>Contributed coupons for attendance and academic incentives, recognition for students; hosted fundraiser spirit nights; donated food and provided discounts for school events Contributed biscuits for volunteers at the Run for IMS. Donated new clothing items for the Giving Tree Project. Teachers volunteered in the dunking booth for their summer splashdown to kick off safe and fun games for the local students.</i>
<b>Subway at Haygood</b>	<i>Provided donations and discounts for staff, students and school events; participated as a member of the School Planning Council, and volunteered for SOL testing, Donated new clothing items for the Giving Tree Project.</i>
<b>Farm Fresh</b>	<i>Donated ice cream toppings for perfect attendance ice cream social; provided discounts on products purchased for school programs and activities and staff recognition. Donated brown paper bags for supply orders.</i>
<b>Rita's Frozen Ice *</b>	<i>Donated and served free flavored frozen ice for race participants and volunteers for our Annual Run for Independence. Provided free ice coupons for all year perfect attendance students.</i>
<b>ECPI *</b>	<i>Technicians volunteered weekly service to the computer resource department and the teachers of IMS. Technicians install software and repair in operable computers.</i>
<b>Funding Factory *</b>	<i>Recycled used computer ink cartridges and old cell phones donated by the IMS family in exchange for cash to be used for school funds.</i>
<b>Independence Middle School Parent Teacher Association</b>	<i>Sponsored dance, family bingo and skate night, Night at the Opera, Reflections contest, open house, and Volunteer reception. Conducted Box Tops for Education fundraiser; collected farm fresh receipts and Campbell's Food labels for redemption for instructional materials; and awarded academic scholarships to graduating high school seniors.</i>
<b>Keagan's at Town Center</b>	<i>Hosted a discounted first semester staff day happy hour.</i>

**Valuable Resources**

<b>Business/Organization</b>	<b>Activity/Program/Initiative</b>
<b>Assault Craft II</b>	<i>Navy officers donated a mountain bike for an attendance incentive award served as hall monitors for standardized testing throughout the year. Served as race marshals for the Run for Independence.</i>
<b>Jungle Golf of Virginia Beach</b>	<i>Donated free golf games for Citizens of the Month</i>

<b>Haygood Physical Therapy</b>	<i>Contributed \$300 sponsorship fee for Run for Independence</i>
<b>Independence MS PTA</b>	<i>Contributed \$300 sponsorship fee for Run for Independence</i>
<b>Family Medical Practitioners</b>	<i>Contributed \$200 to the Annual Run for IMS</i>
<b>Landmark Design, Inc.</b>	<i>Contributed \$150 sponsorship fee for Run for Independence</i>
<b>Coastal Fitness</b>	<i>Contributed random prize of 1 month free use of gym</i>
<b>Harley Davidson</b>	<i>Donated raffle prize for Run for Independence</i>
<b>Rita's Frozen Ice</b>	<i>Contributed free samples of frozen Ice at the Annual Run/Walk for IMS</i>
<b>Excalibur Gymnastics</b>	<i>Donated \$200 to Run for IMS</i>
<b>Benchmark Woodworking Inc</b>	<i>Donated \$200 to Run for IMS</i>

### Valuable Resources (continued)

<b>Business/Organization</b>	<b>Activity/Program/Initiative</b>
<b>Knuckleheads Restaurant</b>	<i>Donated raffle prize for Run for IMS</i>
<b>Final Kick sports</b>	<i>Donated raffle prize for Run for Independence</i>
<b>Arby's</b>	<i>Donated coupons to the Run for IMS</i>
<b>Monica Nails</b>	<i>Donated raffle prize for Run for Independence</i>

### Community Service (by Students & Staff)

<b>Organization Served</b>	<b>Activity/Program/Initiative</b>
<b>Bayside Lions Christmas Food Drive</b>	<i>SCA donated 20 baskets of canned goods NJHS donated multiple baskets of canned goods and several turkeys</i>
<b>Independence Middle School</b>	<i>Guidance department and NJHS sponsored the Giving Tree project for needy IMS students for the holidays. Over 45 IMS students received new clothes and food baskets from volunteers for the Christmas holiday.</i>
<b>Independence Middle School</b>	<i>NJHS volunteers at Run for Independence; organized 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance, provided teacher recognition, NJHS assisted with Giving Tree &amp; Tallwood School Supplies for Africa (donations filled the whole back of a van!), NJHS raised over \$200 for CHKD with "sign a valentine" activity</i>

### Results — Partners in Education Accomplishments

<i>\$2000 raised by Run for Independence for the purchase of instructional materials in the 2008-2009 school year</i>
<i>\$1,350 contributed by community businesses for Run for Independence sponsorship</i>
<i>Over 135 hours volunteered by technicians from ECPI.</i>
<i>\$4,201.68 contributed to United Way Fund</i>
<i>1512 volunteer hours completed through PTA</i>
<i>\$5011.05 donated from the IMS PTA for various school wide activities for the 2008-09 school year.</i>
<i>500 food coupons distributed for staff and student recognition</i>
<i>Ice cream toppings donated by Farm Fresh for first semester Perfect Attendance Ice Cream Social</i>
<i>100 handled paper grocery bags donated by Farm Fresh for teacher back to school supplies for 2009-2010</i>
<i>3086 Campbell's Soup Label points collected</i>
<i>Mid-year teacher celebration hosted by Keagan's at Town Center</i>
<i>5 trays of chicken biscuits donated by Chick-fil-A for in-service breakfasts</i>
<i>175 hours volunteered by Partners in Education</i>
<i>Partners recognized at the city-wide recognition dinner, with plaques or certificates, and by end of the year letters distributed with the Annual Partnership Report</i>
<i>\$36.48 collected from Tyson A+ labels</i>
<i>Rita's Frozen Ice acquired as new comprehensive partners</i>
<i>\$ 54,760 in Farm Fresh receipts collected for instructional materials</i>
<i>\$940.00 Box Tops for Education collected for the purchase of instructional materials</i>

### Volunteers in Education

<b>No. of Volunteers</b>	<b>No. Volunteer Hours</b>	<b>Volunteer of the Year</b>
<b>106</b>	<b>1687</b>	<b>Robert Carrington</b>