



Hello volunteers, donors, partners, and friends of Above & Beyond for Change,

The start of a new school year is just around the corner, and Above & Beyond for Change is excited to help students and teachers begin the year prepared and ready to succeed.



Ready, Set, Learn!

During Pinewood Elementary's upcoming Meet the Teacher event, we will be providing backpacks filled with school supplies and hygiene products to students, along with classroom essentials for teachers as they prepare to welcome students back to school.

We look forward to connecting with families, meeting new students, and continuing our partnership with Pinewood Elementary. Be sure to check next month's newsletter for photos and highlights from the event!

Ways You Can Support

- **Purchase from our Amazon Wish List** – Help provide essential supplies directly to students and teachers who need them most. [Purchase here!](#)
- **Make a financial contribution** – Every donation helps create opportunities and experiences that empower children and families. Our goal is to raise U\$2000. [Donate here.](#)
- **Donate school supplies**, by July 31st.

Drop off items at the Davila Homes Design Center:
4210 L B McLeod Rd, suite 101- Orlando/ FL, 32811

Student Spotlight



Over the past year, Isaac has been the recipient of a Goju Karate sponsorship through Above & Beyond for Change and has participated in several of our summer support programs.

When asked what these experiences mean to him, Isaac said they make him *"feel good and happy because I know everyone has my back."*

At Above & Beyond for Change, we believe every child deserves to feel seen, supported, and encouraged. Thanks to the generosity of our supporters and community partners, students like Isaac have access to opportunities that help them build confidence, develop new skills, and reach their full potential.

Community Spotlight

For 15 years, **Ms. Giovanni Scatliffe** has been a dedicated Program Assistant at Pinewood Elementary, going above and beyond for students and families.

This summer, she played a key role in helping to get a new space in Pinewood's new food pantry — now in its own portable building, thanks in part to her advocacy — allowing the school to better serve families.

Ms. Scatliffe was recently recognized by OCPS as a **Hero Teacher** — a well-deserved honor.

We are grateful to work alongside her and celebrate her daily impact.



Upcoming Events



Caravan of Love Community Outreach

August 16, 2026

Above & Beyond for Change is proud to partner with **Caravan of Love** to provide breakfast and lunch to approximately **150 unhoused individuals** in Downtown Orlando.

This outreach effort is an opportunity for our community to come together and support our neighbors with dignity, compassion, and care.

How You Can Help

- Donate food items by Monday, August 10.
Drop off donations at the Davila Homes Design Center:
4210 L.B. McLeod Road, Suite 101
Orlando, FL 32811
- Volunteer to help prepare meals
- Assist with meal distribution
- Make a financial contribution to support the effort.

[Donate now!](#)

If you would like to support this initiative, please contact us for more information.

For questions or to get involved, please reach out to Nisha at nisha@aboveandbeyondforchange.org.

Together, we can make a meaningful difference, one meal, one act of kindness, and one person at a time. ❤️

A Message from Our Founder



I have been on this oath of service by following my heart. I haven't always known the exact next step, but I continue saying yes to opportunities to help and the how always reveals itself.

This is the truth I carry as we begin a new chapter at Above & Beyond for Change. It is a plan in motion, shaped by our community and those who walk alongside us. We don't have all the answers. What we do have is direction, commitment, and an open heart.

We have grown and learned in so many ways and now, we are taking a bold step forward. With Dr. Nisha Phillip Malahoo joining us as our Director of Education Programs & Community Engagement, we are expanding our capacity to serve, connect, and create lasting change.

"My goal remains the same: to continue expanding how ABC serves and supports people who are unseen and discounted."

I accept that I do not and will not have all the answers. But I choose to believe I can make the right next choice that will be a part of serving the greater good.

What This New Phase Means

- More communication – Sharing more about our projects and impact.
- New partnerships – Seeking organizations and individuals who share our vision.
- More ways to get involved – New opportunities to volunteer and donate.
- Open doors – We welcome your questions, ideas, and suggestions.

- A growing network – Building a community excited to give back and share their blessings.

I truly believe the challenges faced by those in need are not about a lack of resources. There is more than enough for everyone. What we often lack is the ability to recognize the need, distribute existing solutions and share what we do have in hand.

That is what we are here to do: bridge the gap, connect abundance with need, and remind each other that we are stronger when we share.

This new chapter is about doing that better, bigger, and with more hearts than ever before.

Love 💕 and Light ✨

Michelle Sanchez- FOUNDER



Your generous donation will help bring joy and support to students and their families. Together, we can make a meaningful impact and spread love, hope, and kindness throughout our community.

Thank you for your support! 💕 ✨

Please feel free to share this opportunity with your friends, family, and network to help us make an even greater difference.

*Hold fast to dreams
For if dreams die,
Life is a broken-winged bird
That cannot fly.
— Langston Hughes, Poet*

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