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NEXUS SCHOOL LOUDOUN

Connecting the next generation to a world of opportunity

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We're excited to announce that our school now has a name! We're working hard to bring **Nexus School Loudoun** to Paxton Campus in Leesburg, VA. The school will fill a critical educational need by connecting our county's underprivileged and at-risk youth to transformational education. But in order to break ground, we need approval from the Leesburg Town Council.

The Leesburg Planning Commission and Town Council need to hear from you! In advance of upcoming public hearings, we're asking you to **voice your support of Nexus School Loudoun by emailing the [Leesburg Planning Commission](#) and the [Leesburg Town Council](#).**

For your convenience, we have posted a sample email, talking points and overview for download from our website. [CLICK HERE](#) for sample text that you can use in your emails. [CLICK HERE](#) for extra talking points in support of Nexus School Loudoun. [CLICK HERE](#) for a brochure that explains all you need to know about the school.

Please also take a moment to watch this video of a Loudoun teacher explaining how incredibly important our school is for youth in need.

Nexus School Loudoun will create a significant positive impact in Loudoun County—and beyond. **Your voice will have a significant positive impact in making this school a reality.**

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Nurturing Tomorrow's Champions with Pro Soccer Superstar Joanna Lohman



Professional soccer star Joanna Lohman knows a future champion when she sees one. And she saw a lot of them at a recent skills clinic and book signing at the Paxton Campus for the INMED and Arc of Loudoun communities.

The event was organized by Melinda Gipson, Editor of [Leesburg Lifestyle Magazine](#). Lohman was on the cover of the May issue, and Melinda was so impressed with Lohman



and her recently published book that she decided to bring Lohman to Leesburg to inspire young soccer players and their parents, particularly those served by INMED USA and the Arc of Loudoun.

Event sponsors [Eyetopia Inc.](#), [JP Events & Consulting](#) and the [Paxton Trust](#) provided free books and soccer balls for Lohman to autograph for the aspiring little soccer stars and their parents.

The book is an honest look at what it takes to make it to the top—not only in soccer, but in life. "The decisions you make in the face of challenge and adversity may define your childhood, high school experiences, college options, and path forward in life." Lohman told the children. "The lessons shared within Raising Tomorrow's Champions can help kids become accomplished, authentic and satisfied adults no matter what path they choose." added coauthor Paul Tukey.

Click on the book cover above to purchase an autographed copy. Click on our sponsors' names to give them a shout-out on Facebook!

Tanisha Cox Honored for Her Support of DV Victims



Tanisha (left) accepts a surprise award from Lisa Jones of Silence No More for her advocacy work to tackle domestic violence in Loudoun.



Tanisha's INMED colleagues were excited to cheer her on at the event, hosted by the Loudoun County Commonwealth's Attorney.

It takes tremendous courage and fortitude to overcome domestic violence (DV), as well as a strong network of support. On June 11, INMED USA Program Development Coordinator Tanisha Cox was honored for being an inspiration for others striving to escape domestic violence—which occurs every 20 seconds in our nation.

The event was organized by the Silence No More Survivor Movement, an advocacy group designed to raise awareness about DV in Loudoun, as well as to recognize the strength of survivors and the support systems that helped them overcome DV.

"It's through experience, determination, passion, resilience, selflessness and love that these individuals circle back to help change the mindset of current victims with hope for progress, justice and healing," said event organizer Lisa Jones.

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about and support the Silence No More Survivor Movement.



Spilling the Tea About Making Change Happen

US Programs Director Jennifer Lassiter Smith joined an esteemed panel of nonprofit leaders on a recent podcast of [Get the Tea with Buta Biberaj](#).

Buta Biberaj is the Commonwealth's Attorney for Loudoun County. *Get the Tea* is her new digital talk show, featuring "real people with real experiences" who discuss issues that impact families and communities in Loudoun County.

Each episode presents an issue, ideas for solutions or action and a message of hope. [CLICK HERE](#) to Get the Tea with Buta.

Volunteer Spotlight: Lisa Jones

Did you know that fairy godmothers aren't just in fairy tales? We have one at INMED USA! Her name is Lisa Jones, and she has become one of our biggest champions in the community—as well as a prolific catalyst of resources for the Opportunity Center. Lisa makes things HAPPEN!

In just the last year, Lisa has:

- Organized several coat and clothing drives for families in need
- Arranged several donations of backpacks, school supplies and daily essentials for our Family Resource Center from Walmart's Dulles Landing Superstore
- Taught art and painting classes for teens at our Opportunity Center
- Facilitated a teen art exhibit and auction at the Loudoun County Government Center with proceeds of the auction benefitting INMED families
- Arranged for several INMED USA staff members to be guests on the "Get the Tea with Buta Biberaj" podcast
- Recruited numerous other volunteers to share their talents and time with INMED



Lisa does so much for the INMED USA community—in addition to supporting other Loudoun nonprofits—that it would take more than one article to list it all. "We can't adequately express how extremely grateful we are for Lisa and how she has opened her heart and her vast network of supporters to our team and the community we serve," says INMED US Programs Director Jennifer Lassiter Smith. "She is a gift from above!"

From all of us at INMED USA, THANK YOU, Lisa! **CLICK HERE** to give Lisa a shout-out on Facebook!



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