

# center point news

Life Begins at the Center

Fall 2017 • Hall County, GA



Pictured is the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel puppy that will be auctioned on November 16. He was born July 10, 2017. His mother is CHIC certified which is the highest standard for good health and his father is an AKC Grand Champion!

#### **Live Auction Fundraiser**

Join us for an evening of food, fun, and fabulous items at Center Point's annual Live Auction!
The Live Auction will take place on Thursday,
November 16, 2017 from 6:30-9 p.m. at the League
Lodge in Gainesville. Items will include vacation
home getaways, a golf package, a puppy, artwork
and more! All proceeds will directly benefit
Center Point programs serving young people
and their families in the Hall County / Gainesville
community. Our presenting sponsor will be
Coleman, Chambers, Rogers, & Williams, LLC.

"Our mission is simple: enhance, strengthen, and change lives."

### **AdvancED Accreditation**

Center Point has received AdvancED Accreditation for the past ten years. This October 17, 18, and 19, Center Point was reviewed once more to continue the accreditation over the next five years. Since Center Point has this accreditation, high school students are able to receive high school elective class credit for the religious education classes that Center Point provides.



Pictured are Barbara Hicks, David Smith, and our AdvancED Engagement Team from October's visit.



Guest speaker, Kelsey Stillwell, spoke to the World Religions and Ethics classes about her experiences with other cultures, other religious perspectives, and their penal systems. Pictured is Kelsey teaching the classes Balinese dance to gamelan music.

## **Our Mentors and the REACH Program Awards**

For the second year, Center Point joined forces with the Gainesville City School system, Hall County Schools, and the state of Georgia to bring REACH Georgia to eighth grade students in Hall County. REACH Georgia is the state's first needs-based mentorship and college scholarship program. REACH identifies promising, but at risk, 8th graders and provides them with the academic, social and financial support needed to graduate from high school, access college, and achieve post-secondary success. The Hall County School System REACH signing ceremony was held on Monday, October 23, 2017 in honor of these students and their mentors. Last year's scholars were present along with this year's scholars. Parents, school officials and Mentors were on board for the signing.

"I know there are countless young people in our community today who have the potential to do great things if only they have a support system that can help them see further down the road than most young people, myself included when I was that age, are able to see. This includes showing them which opportunities to pursue, which landmines to avoid, and how to make the types of



Pictured is Mentor Jennifer Herring & Neftaly Aranda of East Hall Middle School. Neftaly is one of 13 students who received a REACH scholarship this year from REACH Georgia.

decisions that will help them maximize their potential. That's why I choose to mentor." -Kris Nordholz, Center Point Mentor

## **Opportunities to Give Back**

#GiveTuesday falls on November 28, 2017 this year. Join the movement and help Center Point provide education, counseling services, and mentor opportunities to students and families in Hall County.

Amazon Smile has partnered with Center Point! You can now benefit Center Point with every Amazon purchase now through the holidays! How? Login to your Amazon account, select Your Account, click Change Your Charity, and choose Center Point.

