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Baptist Hill Teams Up with Constituent Board Member to Support Children in Liberia

Hollywood, SC – Open lines of communication between a Constituent Board member and a school principal led to hundreds of flip-flops being delivered to children in Liberia.

Earlier this winter, Dr. Helen Frazier, who serves on the Constituent District 23 Board of Trustees, spoke with Baptist Hill Middle High School's principal, Vanessa Brown, about an upcoming trip to the coastal nation in West Africa. Dr. Frazier was actually making a return trip to Liberia; she visited Gbarnga in Bong County last year with her sister to support a non-profit organization that works to change the lives of less-fortunate children through providing necessary physical items (food, clothes, and sanitation products) and education.

The plan for this year's trip was to bring hundreds of pairs of flip-flops; Dr. Frazier noticed large numbers of kids walking around barefoot. Since part of Baptist Hill's vision is to serve the community, Principal Brown asked Dr. Frazier if her students could collect flip-flops for villagers. Dr. Frazier gave the go-ahead and the project was on.

Baptist Hill's Flip-Flop Campaign started when the students returned from winter break. As news spread about the initiative, E.B. Ellington Elementary School students and staff joined the effort. In less than a week, students, families, and staff donated over 350 flip-flops. Dr. Frazier was able to deliver multiple duffle bags full of flip-flops when she arrived in Liberia on January 21, 2019.

"The picture of the children receiving flip flops for the first time was shared with students at Baptist Hill to teach them the importance of kindness and sharing," said Principal Brown. "Our community is global and we owe it to our students to help them understand how a simple act can change the world."

For more information about Baptist Hill's Flip-Flop Campaign, or Dr. Helen Frazier's trip to Liberia, contact Principal Vanessa Brown at (843) 889-2276.

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Charleston County School District (CCSD) is the second largest school system in South Carolina representing a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools that span 1,000 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves more than 50,000 students in 86 schools and specialized programs. With approximately 6,100 employees district-wide, CCSD is the fourth largest employer in the region.

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