

STRIDE Coordinator Annual Report (Strengthening Transformative Relationships In Diverse Environments)

Overview

Since the pandemic hit in March, all in-person events have remained canceled. We pivoted to holding all STRIDE meetings exclusively over Zoom and also figured out a way to hold our movie nights over Zoom. We have continued the movie nights every few weeks; with members of the community, we have watched all four episodes of *When They See Us*, as well as *Crip Camp*, and *The Black Power Mixtape 1967-1975*, *Baltimore Rising*, *Trollz*, *Steven Universe*, and *Bug's Life*.

In May, when camp was officially canceled, we pivoted again. Baltimore STRIDE held a virtual meeting with STRIDE families to talk to them about the announcement, share camp stories, and reflect on what camp means to us. We have since been focusing on mutual aid. For example, "For example, we were able to deliver masks to two families and fundraise to provide financial assistance to another and deliver sweet potato biscuits for a bit of camp fun and flavor. A Baltimore STRIDE camper led an online crystal-wrapping workshop with materials provided to participants." Additionally, we have been working closely with the Reparations Action Working Group on actions that support racial justice. This includes mutual aid, conversations around mass incarceration, discussions around race and policing, and an all STRIDE RAWG combined 21-Day Racial Justice Challenge! We were also able to send Baltimore STRIDE families to Catoctin for a family camping experience. Philly STRIDE was able to send art care packages to campers, find alternative virtual camping experiences for STRIDE campers to attend, and host a virtual social night! DC STRIDE participated in a Mutual Aid network distribution day with Horton's Kids, the organization with whom we have a partnership, to make sure that community members in DC have all that they need.

STRIDE has also spent the summer reflecting on the Anti-Racist Community queries alongside GDL.

1. How could this decision affect those who have been harmed by racist behavior?
2. To what degree have privilege, class, stereotypes, assumptions, and our ability to include other perspectives affected this decision? Will this decision promote equity, diversity, and inclusiveness? Will it enable us to be more friendly and whole?
3. How will we provide opportunities for those most likely to be directly affected by our decision to influence that decision?