



The PCI Portal

A Monthly Newsletter from Porto Charities, Inc.

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From the Director's Desk...

Dear Friends,

On behalf of Porto's Board of Directors, staff and corps of volunteers, please accept our wish for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Your support of our efforts throughout this past year has brought joy to our hearts and needed services for families in the Diocese. Please know that our prayers this holiday season will continue to include our thanks for all that you have done to make our mission and vision a reality.

Larry Rzepka
Executive Director



Dear Santa,
Please bring ALL of our Friends of Porto an extra helping of love, joy, friendship and sense of belonging for their families and friends.

Xmas Season Kicks-Off Porto Style!



A record crowd of more than 130 people showed up for Porto's Annual Christmas Party held on Saturday, Dec 3rd at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Vienna, VA.

After taking a one-year hiatus from the event in 2021, Porto families and friends came out to kick-off the holiday season and a great time was had by all!

Seeing old friends and new friends brought



Activities/crafts for the young, plenty of amazing food (shout-out to our Board member Tony Stafford who catered the event with a first-class meal), Christmas carols sung onstage by our wonderful children and our young adults dancing the night away to some hard-rocking music provided by a local DJ!

Of course, we were blessed with a special visit from Santa Claus who took pictures with the young and the young-at-heart.

smiles to everyone's faces especially at the site of plenty of new young families and their children looking to connect with others for support and friendship.



Everyone there said it was the best holiday party ever and they look forward to coming back year-after-year for an evening of belonging.



Inclusion in Action Webinar Series

Don't Miss the Last One of the Year!

Hosted by PEATC in collaboration with Porto Charities, Inc.

ABCs of Behavior

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

7:00 pm



In this presentation, attendees will become familiar with the ABCs of Behavior, strategies to address unwanted behavior, and gain a basic understanding of functional behavior assessments (FBAs) and behavior intervention plans (BIPs).

This virtual workshop will be presented via Zoom. It will not be recorded.



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