

ATTENTION: REPORTERS



John Wall Leading the Fight Against Homelessness with Contribution to New Child Development Center in Southeast, DC.

Bright Beginnings (BBI), an early childhood development and learning center for homeless children and their families has been helping homeless children and their parents find hope, stability, and a path to a better future through early childhood education and comprehensive social services since 1991.

This morning, Washington Wizards point guard, John Wall, surprised the organization and BBI Executive Director, Dr. Betty Jo Gaines with a generous donation of \$400,000. This phenomenal contribution will significantly impact the development of Bright Beginnings' second child development center at 3418 4th Street SE in Ward 8. A long and growing waiting list for BBI services stresses the need for a second center, which will support 100 additional children and their parents.

Mr. Wall has been a longtime supporter of Bright Beginnings and the organization's efforts to provide quality education and programming for DC's most vulnerable children. BBI's 89 students were thrilled to see their old friend once again, as he shared words of encouragement with the enthusiastic youngsters who look up to the DC legend

“Support from individuals like Mr. Wall, gives Bright Beginnings the encouragement to continue to provide comprehensive services for homeless children in the District of Columbia. It is evident that John Wall is sensitive and concerned about the plight of homeless children in DC and he wants these children to succeed.” – Bright Beginnings Executive Director, Dr. Betty Jo Gaines

Proudly displayed at the new BBI center will be the John Wall- Wall of Achievement, highlighting the everyday moments of greatness Bright Beginnings students accomplish, in addition to the legacies left behind by high school and college graduates who were once BBI toddlers and preschoolers. Bright Beginnings will also name a classroom in Mr. Wall's honor. The new Bright Beginnings child development center is scheduled to open its doors in 2017.