



STUDENT NEWSLETTER

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What does diversity, identity and voice mean to our community?

At Lyng Hall, everyone is accepted for who they are, and our differences never make us feel separate. In fact, they make our school feel stronger and more connected. We come from all kinds of backgrounds, but we all fit in because the school treats every student with the same respect. No one is made to feel left out or different in a negative way.

In classes like RE, we learn about a wide range of religions and beliefs. We don't just study them, we talk about how people live, what they believe in, and why those beliefs matter. Learning about different religions helps us understand each other better and makes the classroom feel open and welcoming. It shows us that everyone's identity deserves respect.

Our school also gives us opportunities to celebrate our cultures. On Cultural Day, we get to share where we're from through food, clothes, music, and traditions. It's a day where everyone is proud of their roots, and we also get to learn about each other's backgrounds. During Black History Month, we were given special dishes and had a Black History show that made people feel seen and appreciated. It showed how much Lyng Hall values every culture and every story.

Lyng Hall lets us be ourselves without trying to make us all the same. Even though we're all different, different cultures, religions, and experiences we still come together as one school community. That's what makes Lyng Hall feel like a place where everyone belongs.

Thank you for being a part of our community too.



We are Lyng Hall—'Tis the Season

'Winter is Coming' to Lyng Hall

As promised, we continue to share different ways our community celebrate the Winter Season.

Hanukkah by Hanna Pawlowicz and Helianah Chizororo

Hanukkah is a Jewish festival also known as a Jewish holiday. The story of Hanukkah is commemorating the recovery of Jerusalem and subsequent rededication of the Second Temple at the beginning of the Maccabean Revolt against the Seleucid Empire in the 2nd century BCE.

Hanukkah in 2025 will be celebrated from December 14 to December 22.

The celebration includes several key traditions:

Lighting the Menorah: each night, families light a candle on the menorah, adding one more candle each night until all eight are lit on the final night.

Playing Dreidel: a traditional game played during Hanukkah, often with chocolate coins or other small prizes.

Eating Special Foods: foods fried in oil, such as latkes (potato pancakes) and sufganiyot (jelly-filled doughnuts), are commonly enjoyed during the festival.

Interesting fact about Hanukkah:

- ⇒ The word Hanukkah has many different spellings, these include "Chanukah" and "Chanukkah." The variations stem from differences in transliteration from Hebrew to English.
- ⇒ It's origins are rooted in the victory of the Maccabees over the Syrian Greek rulers in the 2nd century BCE, leading to the rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem.
- ⇒ The largest Menorah is located in Manhattan, standing 32feet tall and weighing 4,000 pounds.



Bonfire Night by Oliver Jones and Kane Kennedy

Bonfire Night is a festival that happens on November 5th.

Origin

Bonfire Night, also known as Guy Fawkes Night, marks the failed Gunpowder Plot of 1605. The plan? To blow up the Houses of Parliament in London, assassinate King James I, and spark a Catholic uprising. The conspirators, led by Robert Catesby, wanted to challenge England's Protestant rule.

The celebration of Bonfire Night

This event is now carried out as a celebration to mark how we were able to stop him from his hideous ideas, and maintain stability. Now, we use coloured gun powder to mark the security of Parliamentary success!

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'Winter is Coming' to Lyng Hall

Coming to a theatre near you soon—

We have continued to explore behind the curtain, and share with you some more insights.

This week's reveal brings you a sneak peek at the show, and what it takes to commit

We had the pleasure of interviewing Temi, from year 11, to get a teaser about this showcase; but also to recognise why she chosen to be involved in lots of showcases. What's the magic?

Is there a theme for the show? There is no theme for the show because this show is designed to reveal, and celebrate, our community's talents. It is a space I have found for what I enjoy doing; it encourages me to keep being involved.

What is your role in the winter show? My role in the show is dancing and solo singing. We are trying to sing "She is mine" - it is about a waitress speaking to her kids about her life in general. It has presented me with a good challenge, and the message is so important.

What is your favourite part of the show? Well, I am afraid that is a surprise. You will need to get yourself a ticket to find out.

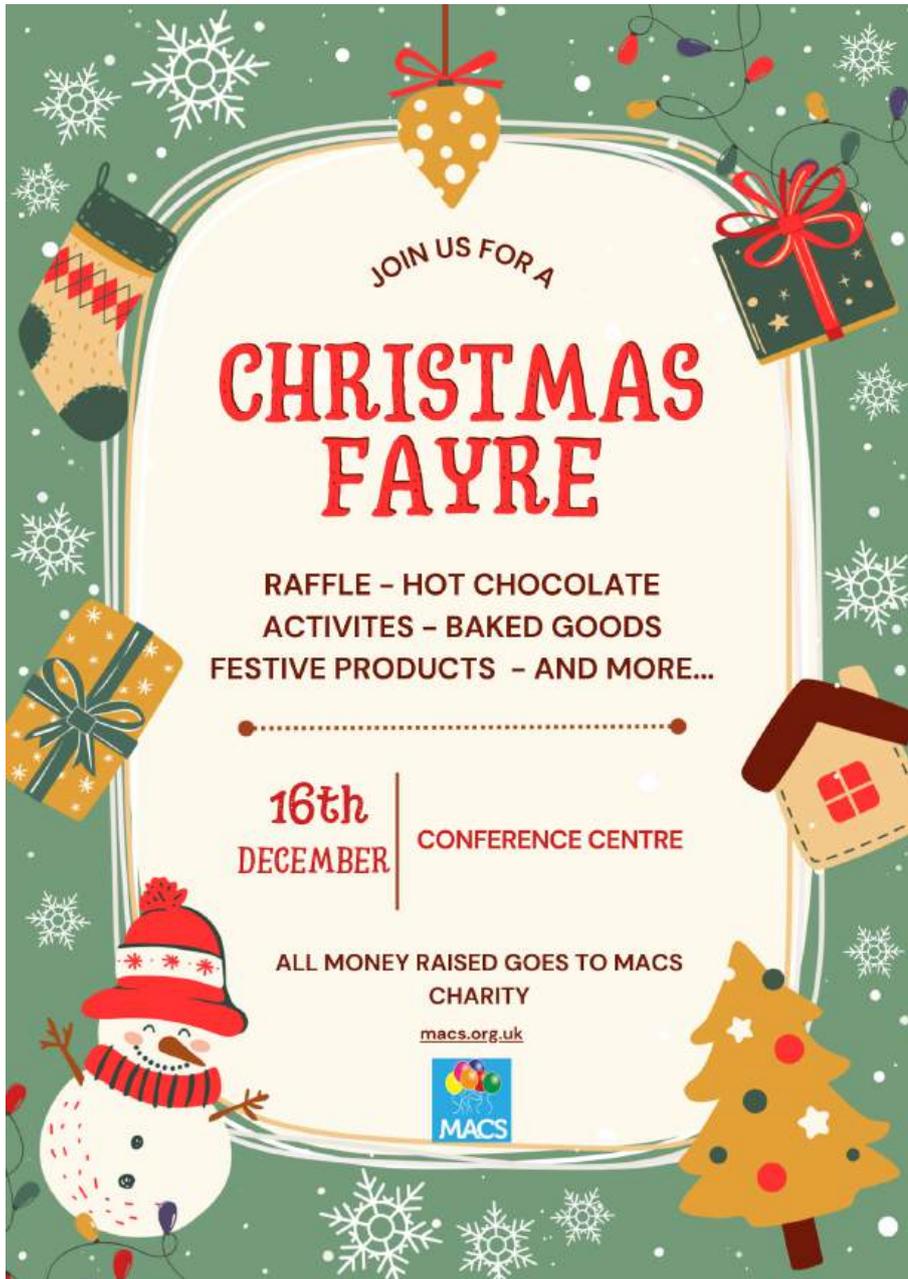
What is the hardest part of your role? Spinning is the hardest - you must try and not get dizzy. But as it is part of a sequence, it is not only finding your stillness, but keeping the momentum with what comes next. It is a really joyful community. We support and challenge each other.



Looking behind the curtain...

We are Lyng Hall— Community

Remember to bring your money to support this wonderful event:



Easy Fundraising

So far this year we've had 15 new supporters sign up to raise free donations for us whenever they shop online via [easyfundraising](#), and you can join in too this Christmas! Over 8,000 retailers will make a donation to Finham Park Multi Academy Trust on your behalf when you shop with them.

Plus, sign up with the following link before midnight 14th December and we could win a £500 donation: [Join Easyfundraising](#)

We are Lyng Hall— Community

Lyng Hall Celebrating Our Voices: Black History Month Showcase

This year marks our school's first ever Black History Month Showcase, and I am incredibly proud to have led this project. When the idea was first introduced, there were moments when it seemed like the showcase might not happen at all. There were challenges, setbacks, and even times where it felt easier to let it go. But I couldn't.

I had a vision — a dream to create something meaningful, something powerful, and something that would allow students to express who they are with pride. I knew that if this showcase disappeared, so would the opportunity for our voices to be heard. And as anyone who knows me will agree, I am a vocal person. I believe in speaking up, standing firm, and fighting for the things that matter.

So instead of letting the idea fade, I committed myself completely. I organised performers, worked with staff, created plans, rewrote them, and then rewrote them again. I spent my lunchtimes, after-school hours, and free moments making sure this show would not be lost.

Today, seeing it finally come together is an honour. This showcase is more than a performance — it is a celebration of identity, culture, talent, and unity. It represents resilience, creativity, and the strength of a community that refuses to be overlooked.

Thank you to every student who stepped forward to sing, dance, speak, and perform. Thank you to the staff who supported us, guided us, and believed in what we were building. And thank you to everyone who will join us in celebrating this historic moment for our school.

This is only the beginning.

Our voices will continue to be heard.

Our stories will continue to be told.

And our greatness will continue to echo into the future.

Anaya Sheriff

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Lyng Hall Celebrating Our Voices

!I grew up hearing that October was our month. Our time to celebrate, to remember, to be seen. But as I got older, I realised something — being Black doesn't pause when the calendar turns to November, as the autumn leaves fall, should our awareness accompany it?

So it had me thinking...why limit it to one month?

To move on and advance as a collective we need the unity seen during this month to occur 24/7 365 because showing solidarity just during this month isn't good enough. It is performative and instead damages and tramples all over the cause.

We don't need your sympathy disguised as a temporary symphony. Nor do we need to limit what it is to be black to the calendar.

Black is culture, pride, unity, resilience, the ability to bounce back from what chained us down and held us back.

A win for you is a win for us all... excellence shouldn't be exceptional... it should be expected.”

Tayib Cham

“We rise for those who had no voice.

We rise for those who marched, who taught, who dreamed.

And we rise for those who are yet to come, the children who will see their skin as beautiful, their hair as powerful, their identity as pride, not pain.”

Joshua Solomon

After watching the amazing performance that took place on the 4th of December, we are now interviewing Jemi who performed in the show.

She enjoyed the rehearsals behind the scenes as they all had the opportunity to meet new people and explored new experiences. In her opinion performing in the show was the best part as they got to face their fears and dance in front of a crowd.

This also helped them build their confidence on a stage and perform their songs and dances. Jemi says: “It was very hectic backstage whilst all students rushed to practice their singing and dancing, yet the experience with the audience was something I'll never forget.”

Portraying their passion to show off their talents and culture helped create an extraordinary show that everyone enjoyed. They celebrated the full narrative of the black voice— the resilience to survive, the reclamation of independence and the powerful impact individual lives have made.

Overall, the performance was amazing, and we hope to see more coming in the future.

We are Lyng Hall— Lest We Forget

Bridging Generations: remembering the past can pave our future

By Zaphyia Kapur and Maisie Jenkinson

It was a wonderful privilege to be involved in this visit. This opportunity was made possible because of an organisation, and community, called **Generation 2 Generation (G2G)**. They enable a community of second-generation survivors to build friendships; and invite young people into the conversation. It is special to learn from their testimonies and to become part of the tapestry of its memory.

It was heartbreaking to hear the different threads of Noreen's family's history. She was able to stand before us, a pillar of strength, compassion and wisdom. In spite of the tragedy that had shaped her family, only 6% surviving one of the darkest parts of humanity's history, she still encouraged us to not hold on to hate. To live a life without prejudice, with true compassion and understanding for one another. This afternoon is a memory we will hold onto for a long time.

A number of our students who listened to her narrative share their thoughts with you:

"Her story was very moving" Christian Smith, 9LH

"Her story brought me to tears" Teneng Tanshie, 9LH

"It was interesting" Zakariya Kalang, 9LH

"It was very tragic," Umar Ali 9LH

"I am grateful for your story for it shows your bravery; moving forwards I will use the knowledge to show how grateful I am for life."

"Thank you so much for visiting our school and for sharing your story with us. I can only imagine how difficult it must be to speak about your experiences during the Holocaust, and I am truly grateful that you chose to share them with us.

Hearing what life was like in Poland under German occupation in the 1930s and 1940s helped me understand history in a much deeper and more personal way. The courage it took to survive such hardship—and the strength it takes to remember and speak about it now—has made a lasting impact on me. Your story reminds me why it is so important to stand up against hatred and injustice in any form.

I want you to know that I will carry what you taught us forward. Your message, your resilience, and your willingness to educate others will stay with me, and I will do my best to help keep these memories alive so that history is never forgotten or repeated.

Thank you again for your time, your honesty, and your bravery." Adam Ahmad



Our students with special guest, second-generation Holocaust Survivor, Noreen Plen

Celebrating Achievements – Community

Presentation of Peace Awards-

Students from Y8-11 were recognised for their contributions towards Peace

“Students at Lyng Hall have been demonstrating both leadership and creativity in remarkable ways. Acting as role models, they supported younger peers from Bedworth in writing poems on the theme of inner and outer peace. This project was part of Interfaith Week and commemorated the 85th anniversary of the Blitz in Coventry, linking history with hope for the future.

Alongside the poetry, students produced a film encouraging schools to join the UNESCO Schools network, showing their commitment to global responsibility. The Mayor of Bedworth praised the initiative, remarking that he hadn’t realised how one word—*peace*—could inspire such a wide variety of thoughtful poems.

Gratitude was a recurring theme, reminding us that “thank you” is not said often enough. Even those unable to attend due to exams ensured their voices were heard by asking friends to share their work.

The event was filled with positive messages about responsibility, reflection, and pride in both school and city. To our students: you are going to be amazing adults, and this project is proof of the inspiring path you are already on.”

Manjit Kaur, Chair of SACRE

Stillness, a breath held gently,
the world, momentarily whole

The edge of all tension dissolves.
A shift in frequency,
the world moving from vibration
to a fundamental hum.
It is the subtraction of noise,
leaving only the pure architecture of space.
We inhabit the interval now,
the necessary emptiness
between action and reaction.
The concept of opposition
reconfigures itself into shared geometry.

Stillness, a breath held gently.
The world, momentarily whole.

There is no physical landmark,
no monument to this state.
It is a purely internal coordinate,
a synchronous alignment of intent.
A release from the historical constant,
a dwelling in the present perfect.

Stillness, a breath held gently.
The world, momentarily whole.

This state is simply the acceptance
of equilibrium.
The quiet, unprovable theorem
that existence does not require struggle.



Celebrating Achievements – Sport

Girls Scoring Goals

Tuesday after school (2nd December), a handful of girls went to a football tournament at the AT7 centre. The girls had so much dedication during the matches and managed to gather 7 points, meaning they qualified for the next rounds in Spring!

In the first match they won 3-0, the second losing 0-1 to the strong opposition of Finham Park 2 however, they kept on fighting and made an amazing comeback by winning 4-0. Their ending match resulted in a draw of 1-1.

Our goalkeeper and captain Holly made some amazing saves and Kezia too when she played goalkeeper for a match, Hauwa scored a hattrick helping us massively to achieve our points and Kristy as she played an amazing role when defending the oppositions tries.

We are all so proud of our team as this was our first tournament this year.



“They performed extremely well in torrential weather conditions to finish top of their group and qualify for the next tournament in Spring.

I am very proud of their work rate and team work.” Mr. Ward



College – Update On The Race

Welcome back to the Lyng Hall College League

Now that we are near the end, it is looking like the positions are fixed for the Winter Term. **Griffin** still have the lead with 1027 points—this will come as no surprise now, their lead currently surpasses all attempts from other teams.

In second place, we have **Pegasus** who have clung onto their well-earned second place; just 4 points above **Centaur** with 666. The game in this part of the leaderboard is tight.

In third place **Centaur** continue their battle with **Pegasus**. In second with 662 they are determined not to give up the fight.

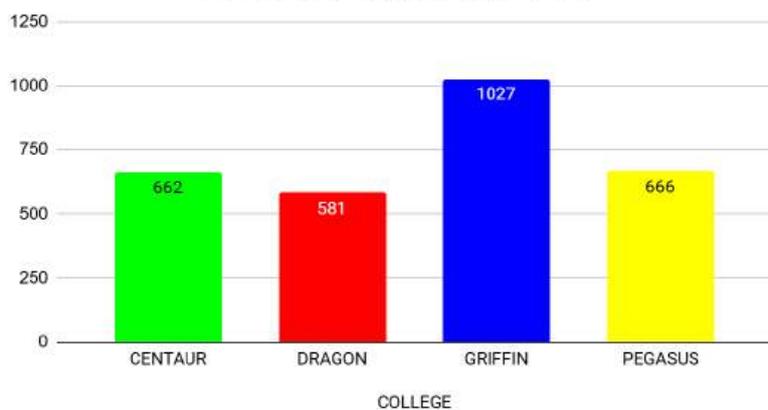
Last but not least is **Dragging Dragon**—yes we have unfortunately renamed them because the distance between them and the other teams is steadily growing. With only 581 points, if they want to go Red Kangaroo then they have to up their game quickly. We know they have fire in the belly, with 9LH standing out as the highest performing Y9 group across all colleges—with a number making names for themselves on the student leaderboard. But there needs to be a collective rising of this fire now, a meteoric explosion so they can reclaim their chance at victory.

The end of the term is near but every lesson, every day counts.

Each individual has the opportunity to earn at least 30 positive points a day, as a minimum. There is the potential for this game to be changed at any point. But each late arrival conceded, each negative point received, jeopardises the position of the whole. This is a team sport—our college tutors need to be working together to disrupt the plateau we have increasingly observed in this league table.

Remember every point counts—we look forward to sharing the rise of each college.

COLLEGE POINTS PER PUPIL



TOP CENTAURS			TOP DRAGONS			TOP GRIFFINS			TOP PEGASUS		
Caroline Fuller	11A	836	Deborah Eribalo	11Y	859	Griffin	11D	883	Pegasus	11R	951
Rajan Kalla	11B	821	Maria Jambazon	9LH	840	Griffin	7R	882	Pegasus	11R	950
Jacobi Lewis	11A	778	Maja Wodyk	9LH	822	Griffin	7D	808	Leema Nessa	11R	922
David Pearson	11B	772	Kye Hickson	11Y	819	Griffin	7R	799	Pegasus	11R	921
Leena Arora	11B	738	Dragon	9EM	817	Griffin	7R	797	Diloy Vyas	11R	909
Zainab Nisa	11B	785	Dragon	7Y	804	Frankie Jenkins	7R	793	Pegasus	10I	707
Eliott Frimpong	9EM	683	Jacobi Lewis	11Y	583	Griffin	7R	791	Trey Longo	11I	793
Chitara	TEFL	648	Dragon	7Y	572	Griffin	7R	790	Selachanstar Thangalango	11R	703
Sarah Kabangi	10D	642	Sarwat (Sarjati)	7Y	568	Esther Oduro	7R	788	Vanessa Nwajika	11R	708
Talibah Nyakulya	11B	634	Nicholas Smith	7Y	568	Griffin	7R	788	Hannan Abdullah	11R	707



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Did you know?

SCHOOL MEALS	<p>Your child may be eligible for free school meals if you receive certain benefits such as income support. Queries can be directed to Coventry City Council. Tel: 024768337733 or Email: freeschoolmeals@coventry.gov.uk Applications can be made through: www.coventry.gov.uk/applyforfreeschoolmeals</p>	<p>To purchase food in the school dining room, money must be paid onto ParentPay as we are a cashless school. Login through: https://app.parentpay.com/public/client/security/v2/#/login</p> <p>If you experience any problems with this, please contact your child's pastoral year coordinator.</p>	
TRAVEL PASS	<p>If you live more than 2 miles from the school, your child may be eligible for a free bus pass. For information on how a student would qualify for a pass please visit: http://www.coventry.gov.uk/schoolbuspasses</p> <p>Applications: www.coventry.gov.uk/applyforatravelpass</p> <p>Queries: Tel: 02476975445 or Email: schooltransport@coventry.gov.uk</p>		
UNIFORM	<p>If your child out-grows their blazer but it is still in very good condition, they may be able to swap their blazer for a bigger size, if our stock allows.</p>	<p>If you are struggling with the cost of items of the uniform, we will do our best to try and help you. Contact your child's pastoral year coordinator in the first instance</p>	<p>We accept uniform donations. Please drop any items that you no longer need or require in to school reception.</p>

School Calendar

11th December—Y11, 12 and 13 Results' Day

16th December—Foundation Christmas Fayre

19th December—End of term

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**PEARL HYDE'S
CHRISTMAS
FAYRE**

**THURSDAY 4TH DECEMBER
4PM - 6:30PM**

FREE ENTRY

SANTA'S GROTTTO £3 PER CHILD.
GROTTO TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE
BEFORE FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER VIA PARENTPAY.

- STALLS
- SANTA'S GROTTTO
- CHRISTMAS CRAFTS
- GAMES
- REFRESHMENTS



FINHAM PARK 2

CHRISTMAS Fair

WED 10TH DEC 2025 £1 ENTRY INCLUDES FREE DRINK 6.00PM - 7.30PM

EDWARD'S KEEP, FINHAM PARK 2

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RUN A STALL
PLEASE CONTACT:
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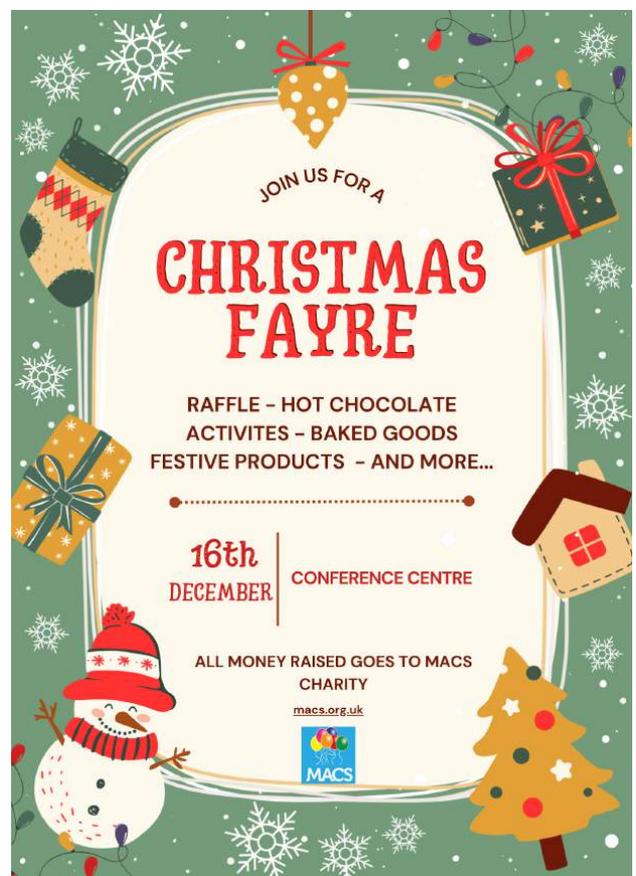


**MEADOW PARK
SCHOOL**

Community Christmas Fayre

**Saturday 6th December
11am - 1pm**

Raffle · Christmas Crafts · Free Activities · Meet Santa ·
Toy Sale · Refreshments · & Much More!



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CHRISTMAS FAYRE

RAFFLE - HOT CHOCOLATE
ACTIVITES - BAKED GOODS
FESTIVE PRODUCTS - AND MORE...

**16th
DECEMBER** | CONFERENCE CENTRE

ALL MONEY RAISED GOES TO MACS
CHARITY
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