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November 1, 2017



Dear Colleagues:

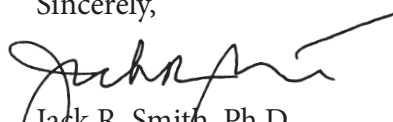
Today, we are launching the 2018 Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) Employees' Annual Charity Campaign—**MCPS Cares**—and I encourage you to be a part of this important effort. The campaign will run through November 30.

Employees will be able to make a direct, positive impact on MCPS students and their families by participating in this campaign. The same 10 charities selected for last year's campaign will again be the recipients of employee donations. The nonprofit organizations are CollegeTracks, Inc.; The Community Foundation for Montgomery County (formerly the Greater Washington Community Foundation); Family Services, Inc.; The George B. Thomas, Sr. Learning Academy, Inc.; Identity, Inc.; Imagination Stage; JCA Interages; Manna Food Center; the Montgomery County Public Schools Educational Foundation, Inc.; and United Way of the National Capital Area.

Brief descriptions of the campaign and our charity partners are included in the letter from the executive director of the MCPS Educational Foundation and on the enclosed form. More detailed information on the organizations and how they serve our MCPS community also is available on the Montgomery County Public Schools Educational Foundation website—www.mcpsfoundation.org.

Thank you for all you do each and every day for our students, our families, and our community. I hope that you will consider these worthy charity partners and support the organizations that do so much to support our students and families.

Sincerely,



Jack R. Smith, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools

Educational Foundation, Inc.

November 1, 2017

Dear Colleagues,

The giving spirit of Montgomery County Public Schools is nothing short of amazing. Already this year, many colleagues helped families to prepare for the start of school by contributing to the GIVE BACKpacks Campaign conducted by the Partnerships Unit.

In September, colleagues responded again to requests for support of disaster relief efforts in Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. If you responded to these special appeals, thank you. Your gifts have made a real impact.

MCPS Cares seeks your support for the charities listed in our campaign—including the MCPS Educational Foundation. The emphasis of this campaign, however, is on participation. Your gift does not have to be large to make a difference. Through MCPS Cares, our collective giving will be meaningful to the causes we support and to our community.

Regardless of how much you give, you will be listed on the MCPS Cares Honor Roll of Donors. You will be considered an AP Donor (Advanced Philanthropist), if you pledge at least \$3/per pay period through payroll deduction or through our Txt2Give mobile giving platform (text: Give 6, or some other amount, to 301.329.2238 and type “yes” to repeat your gift every month).

Every donation will help to make our school community stronger.

Thank you so much for your help.

Sincerely,



Yolanda Johnson Pruitt, J.D.
Executive Director

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Employee Charity Campaign Montgomery County Public Schools



- PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM , sign and return to your location coordinator.

Employee ID No.	Employee Name	Location Number	Campaign Year 2018
Location Name	Job Code (found on timesheet)	E-mail Address	

If you wish to be acknowledged, please complete below:

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Choose how you wish to participate in the MCPS Cares Campaign:

- Donate **ONLINE** at www.mcpsfoundation.org. Select MCPS Cares on the home page menu.
- Use your **CELL PHONE** to text **GIVE 6** (or any other amount) to 301-329-2238. Say yes when prompted to repeat your gift each month.
- Complete the form below to give by **CHECK** or by **PAYROLL DEDUCTION**, give at least \$3.00 per pay period and you will be recognized as an AP Donor!

YOU MAY CONTRIBUTE TO MORE THAN ONE CHARITY.

Check All That Apply. Please limit payroll deductions to three (3) charities.

ALL CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO MCPS Educational Foundation, Inc. (or MCPSEF). Credit card and electronic check donations can be made online via the Educational Foundation's website. See instructions above.

CollegeTracks, Inc.

CHANGES LIVES AND COMMUNITIES by giving Montgomery County's low-income, first-generation-to-college students enough financial aid and continued support to help them attain the college degree they seek. Since its inception in 2003, the program has served more than 3,000 students.

- Through payroll deductions, I would like to give \$ _____ (write in amount) per pay period, for 20 pay periods.
- I would like to make a one-time check contribution of \$ _____ (payable to MCPS EF)

For Official Use Only
\$ _____
Total annual payroll deduction

The Community Foundation for Montgomery County

HELPS PEOPLE AND BUSINESSES GIVE to the causes they care about most. County residents can, through Sharing Montgomery, "give where you live." Through Sharing Montgomery, a strategic, donor-led funding effort, which supports nonprofits serving our county's low-income residents. With staff facilitating a rigorous vetting and site-visit process, the committee evaluates each applicant's program to make sure it is the best possible investment.

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Family Services, Inc.

IS A REGIONAL NONPROFIT HUMAN SERVICES ORGANIZATION that is part of the Sheppard Pratt Health System which serves over 27,000 of the most vulnerable families annually. provides a range of diverse services that relieve and prevent suffering and/or address areas of need throughout our communities.

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The George B. Thomas, Sr. Learning Academy

THE GBTLA SATURDAY SCHOOL offers instruction to more than 3,000 MCPS students each year. As “one of the best small charities in the Greater Washington area,” it’s our mission to give students the skills, support, and confidence they need to succeed.

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Identity, Inc.

PROVIDES PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR LATINO YOUTH to help them achieve a sense of confidence, connection, and control over their future. We strive to create lasting improvements in their lives by providing educational opportunities that enable a successful transition to postsecondary education and the workforce. The Positive Youth Development model is at the core of Identity’s approach and constitutes the foundation of our programs.

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Imagination Stage, Inc.

IS A CREATIVE COLLABORATION between Montgomery County Public Schools and Imagination Stage. Learning through Theatre aspires to improve the lives of children in MCPS Title I schools through an experiential arts program targeted at third graders. Imagination Stage provides free tickets and transportation each year to 3,000 students to attend a professional performance. The students’ learning experience is enhanced through the Theatre Arts Guide, which is produced in collaboration with MCPS educators.

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JCA Heyman Interages Center

SINCE 1986, INTERAGES PROGRAMS HAVE PROVIDED students from pre-K through Grade 12 with extra support through academic enrichment, English skills, social skills, new perspectives, and most important, individual attention from caring older adult volunteers. Our programs are conducted in schools with the greatest concentration of diversity and economic need.

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Manna Food Center, Inc.

LEADS THE EFFORT TO END HUNGER in Montgomery County through food distribution, education, and advocacy. Each year, Manna’s Food for Families program feeds nearly 40,000 neighbors who are experiencing food insecurity and 2,475 children each week at 60 MCPS elementary schools through the Smart Sacks program.

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Montgomery County Public Schools Educational Foundation, Inc.

FUNDS SPECIAL AND INNOVATIVE MCPS PROGRAMS that regular funds cannot support, with the goal of minimizing barriers to academic achievement. It is the official charity for MCPS, which serves more than 160,000 students in 200 plus learning facilities.

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United Way of the National Capital Area

WORKS TO HELP ALL MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY have a better life. We focus on the building blocks of a good life—a quality education, financial stability for individuals and families, and good health.

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Employee Signature _____ Date ____/____/____