



Community Investment Giving Form

YES, I WILL INVEST IN MY CHILD'S EDUCATION!

Our Great Hearts academy receives between \$1,500-\$2,400 less in per-pupil funding compared to its neighboring district schools. **Your tax-deductible charitable gift will bridge that gap.** Each family is asked to contribute \$125 a month per student to our Community Investment campaign. **However, gifts of all sizes are appreciated and vital to our school.**

We will fulfill our family pledge through:

	Monthly gifts of:	One-time gift of:
1 Student	<input type="checkbox"/> \$125	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,500
2 Students	<input type="checkbox"/> \$250	<input type="checkbox"/> \$3,000
3 Students	<input type="checkbox"/> \$375	<input type="checkbox"/> \$4,500
4 Students	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500	<input type="checkbox"/> \$6,000
Other	<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> _____

Giving methods:

- Please use our current payment information on file in the school's portal.
- Credit/Debit Card:
 - Name on Card _____
 - Card # _____
 - Exp. date _____ Security code _____
- Check *(Please make payable to Cicero Preparatory Academy.)*



Our total Cicero Prep family pledge: \$ _____

Please complete one form per family.

Student Name _____ Grade _____

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Corporate Gift Matching *(Check with your employer about their matching program.)*

My company will match my donation. Company name: _____

Contact Information

Parent 1 Name _____

Title *(Dr. / Mr. / Mrs. / Ms. / Other)* _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Parent 2 Name _____

Title *(Dr. / Mr. / Mrs. / Ms. / Other)* _____

Address *Contact info same as above*

City/State/Zip _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

- Monthly gifts process automatically on the 21st of the month beginning in July and ending in June of the following calendar year. Gifts are fulfilled by June 30th if paying through monthly installments.
- Questions? Please contact Kari Heetland, Academy Giving Manager, at 480-222-1505 or kheetland@ciceroprep.org.

Want to make your gift online? Please visit ciceroprep.org/support.



WHAT IS THE COMMUNITY INVESTMENT CAMPAIGN?

The **Community Investment Campaign** helps to buffer our school from the reality of public funding.

CHARITABLE GIFTS TO THE COMMUNITY INVESTMENT CAMPAIGN:

- Help to cover the gap between what we receive from public funding and the actual cost to provide our students with a Great Hearts education
- Allow us to offer our students a tuition-free private school caliber education in a public school setting
- Keep our class sizes smaller for individualized attention
- Enable us to offer programs such as art, music, and foreign language on a daily basis
- Support our excellent and dedicated faculty

100% of **Community Investment campaign** gifts made to the school stay at the school and directly support our operating budget. In fact, the **Community Investment campaign** makes up a portion of our overall school budget.

CAN YOU EXPLAIN THE FUNDING GAP?

Charter and district schools receive what is called a 'base per-pupil' amount. For a charter school, this amount comes from only the state's general fund (and some federal grants.) For a district school, the majority of this amount comes from local property taxes. However, a district school's base per pupil amount can be increased from sources that are also not provided to charter schools like local bonds, voter-approved budget overrides, and facilities funding received from the state's school facilities board.

When all sources are totaled, district schools receive significantly more in public funding than our not-for-profit charter schools. Depending on the district a charter school resides in, it can receive anywhere between **\$1,500-\$2,400 less per student** than the public district school next door.

HOW IS THIS CONTRIBUTION DIFFERENT THAN MY ARIZONA PUBLIC SCHOOL TAX CREDIT?

Gifts to the Tax Credit drive support our extra-curricular needs, whereas gifts to the Community Investment campaign support our operational and curricular needs.

WHY DOES OUR SCHOOL FUNDRAISE?

We fundraise not only because of the low per-pupil investments we receive from the state, we also do more inside our classrooms than you will find at many district schools: Smaller class sizes, lower student-to-teacher ratios, along with daily, core curricular programs like **art, music, foreign language, drama, and poetry**. All of this adds to the richness of the student experience and all of it costs money. We know this is what our children deserve, and it is why we rely on our partnership with families to help provide their children with this unique and worthwhile education.

WHAT CAN I GIVE?

The approximate gap between what we receive from public funding and the cost to provide the education our students deserve is \$1,500-\$2,400 per student. **Gifts of all sizes** are needed to bridge this gap and we ask each family to contribute in a way that is meaningful to them.

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