

# Giving Opportunities at MCMS

## Annual Giving

Our largest annual fundraiser is Annual Giving. Annual Giving is one way to help fill the gap between tuition and the actual cost of educating each child. Annual Giving revenues are put to use in the current year's operating budget to further our mission of providing the highest quality Montessori education for your children. MCMS families, staff and students, alums and alum families, grandparents and friends contribute to Annual Giving. Every gift is a generous gift, every gift matters and every gift is deeply appreciated.

Whatever your circumstances allow, we hope you will make the children of MCMS a giving priority with as generous a gift as possible to Annual Giving. Many thanks for your support!

Pledges may be made in one payment or monthly through May 31st.

## MCMS Endowment

The MCMS Endowment was established in 2008 with donations made by friends and families of MCMS. The first fund of the Endowment, the Dorothy Zografi Scholarship Fund, was created by the MCMS Board in honor of long-time Head of School Dorothy Zografi. The Board wishes to recognize Dorothy's invaluable contribution to the growth and character of MCMS. Guided by the Mission of MCMS, the Endowment will support the following activities:

- Scholarship Funds
- Capital Funds or other major initiatives
- Community Outreach
- Other designated funds

Donating to the MCMS Endowment will ensure that your donation continues in perpetuity to support MCMS. To donate to the MCMS Endowment, please contact MCMS for more information.

## Purchases that Support MCMS

Parents, alumni and friends can purchase gift cards (**SCRIP**) from the MCMS office or online at [www.simplifiedscrip.com](http://www.simplifiedscrip.com) which are redeemable at local stores. Scrip cards are offered for everything from groceries and gasoline to clothing and restaurants. You receive the full face value of the cards, and MCMS receives a percentage of the value of the card.

If you shop at **Target stores** or shop at Target online, your purchases can benefit MCMS. Through the Fundraising Made Simple program of Target Corporation, 1% of all purchases made using your Target charge card can go to support the school of your choice. To participate in this program, call 1-800-316-6142, go to [www.target.com](http://www.target.com) or stop by the customer service desk at your local Target store, ask for the Fundraising Made Simple enrollment form and indicate MCMS as the school to benefit from your purchases.

**Boxtops for Education** is another simple fundraising opportunity. Clip Box Tops from various products you already purchase, drop the Box Tops in the designated box at MCMS and help raise funds for our school. Visit [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) for participating products.

**JT Puffins** S.O.P. program offers 10% of designated purchases to support MCMS. Simply mention Madison Central Montessori School during your checkout.

### **Gifts in Kind**

Non-cash gifts of property such as books, scientific equipment, art materials, computers, cameras, furniture and more are always appreciated! The classrooms are always in need of important items that enhance the educational environment for the children. The fair market value of such items may be deductible for tax purposes.

Volunteering time on the various school committees is always appreciated. Please contact the office for volunteering opportunities.

### **Matching Gifts**

Many companies match the charitable donations of employees through a matching gift program. A company matches the gift only after the employee has paid the pledge and expresses his/her wish to have the gift matched. Employees must send matching gift forms along with the personal gift to MCMS. These forms can be obtained from the personnel office of participating companies.

### **Planned Gifts / Legacy Giving**

While most gifts come in the form of checks or in-kind gifts, many have found that time spent considering what to give as well as when and how to structure their contributions can help them make more meaningful gifts while meeting personal planning goals as well. Other planned gifts may include:

- Securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds)
- Real Estate
- Retirement Plans
- Life Insurance Policies

After considering the properties you own, you may find giving something other than cash to be an appealing alternative. Giving non-cash property enables you to help MCMS while conserving cash for other uses and enjoying what may be greater tax savings than those provided by gifts of cash.

As you are making your will, remember MCMS with a bequest. A gift given through your donor's estate can be the last expression of your ongoing commitment to MCMS. For more information concerning legacy giving, contact MCMS.