

Dear Friends,

Here's my message of hope...

Today, I report that The Education Fund is in a marathon race, with many exhausting sprints. We are working tirelessly to give our students, their families, and teachers the support they require.

We have retooled all of our programs in the face of this adversity. We continue unstoppable.

WE ARE GIVING TO FAMILIES IN NEED, INCLUDING:

- **2,070+** Backpacks stuffed full of learning supplies – crayons, spiral notebooks, colored pencils, and more.
- Thousands of dollars worth of **household items** (wipes, hand sanitizer, and **TOILET PAPER!**)
- **Hundreds of harvest bags** overflowing with **FRESH GREENS** and other highly nutritious **PRODUCE** from our Food Forests including bananas, papayas, all sorts of spinaches and salad greens, yucca, and much more.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

We need funds to cover shipping – with every \$3,000 shipping bill we pay, we receive \$100,000 in supplies. While we also need to pay a small amount for staffing to get these supplies to families in need, that's still a great return on investment!



WE ARE IN PARTNERSHIP ALL ACROSS MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

- As the COVID-19 designated response partner with Kids In Need Foundation, we are receiving regular shipments to our free supplies warehouse, the Ocean Bank Center for Educational Materials.
- In turn, we are providing **HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN SUPPLIES** for distribution, working with extraordinary groups including
 - Branches
 - Mothers Fighting Justice
 - Overtown Youth Center
 - Lotus House, Camillus House, and His House
 - Neighbors 4 Neighbors, Steps in the Right Direction, and The Children's Trust

As a distributor of supplies and produce, we are working with **M-DCPS Dept. of Food & Nutrition**, School Operations, principals, teachers, and cafeteria staff!

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

We need support for deliveries to school and other distribution sites, and to cover staffing and basic operations so we can help our partners and all our students and families!
We're also interested in learning about other groups that need our supplies and produce!



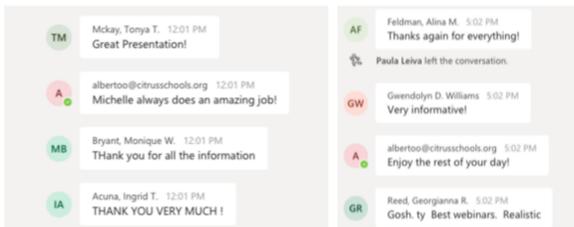
WE ARE SUPPORTING TEACHERS AND THEIR STUDENTS

- Raising funds for **EMERGENCY TEACHER 'VERY MINI' GRANTS** to help teachers get basic items
 - Webcams
 - Microphones
 - Whiteboards
 - Headsets and more so they can teach students!
- Helping our high school students -- via Zoom Classes -- get answers they need about
 - Their current studies
 - College plans
 - Financial aid and more.
- Hosting almost daily **Q&A sessions** on Microsoft Teams with **TEACHER TECH EXPERTS**, answering tech questions, and helping our teachers actually teach their classes.
- Thus far, we have **assisted more than 700 teachers** (15,000+ students)!

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

In just 2 hours, we received **375 Teacher APPLICATIONS** with teachers asking for as little as \$20 and most only needing \$50. We've funded half of the requests. With help, we hope to fund them all.

We also need companies that will commit to internships for our high schools students during the summer – in person, if allowed, or via Zoom. We pay the students, you provide the work experience. Note: if our internship program goes remote, we will also be seeking tablets for our high school students.



Real feedback from our Distance Learning webinars

AND WE'VE ONLY JUST BEGUN!

**WE ARE GEARING UP TO ASSIST THOUSANDS MORE STUDENTS AND FAMILIES
AND
TO HELP IN THE RECOVERY WHEN IT COMES.
YOUR SUPPORT IS CRUCIAL!**

It's hard to imagine that just over a month ago we hosted **500+** public school supporters at our Taste of Education. Guests were exuberant in their praise of our public high school students' culinary creations. We look forward to the return of such wonderful events.

We remain as strong as ever in our belief in our public schools, our children, and our families. More than 90% of our funding is directly invested in our students' education.

Yet, now we are shouldering expenses not in our budget in our quest to meet the needs of our children and their families. Your support, at any level, will make a true difference!

We will provide relief. We will help in the recovery. **We ask you to join us if you can!**

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For more information or if you would like to reach out, email me at **LLECHT@EDUCATIONFUND.ORG** or Mimi Pink at **MPINK@EDUCATIONFUND.ORG** or call me at **305-558-4544 ext 105**.

With many wishes for your good health & our entire community's recovery,

Linda Lecht
President
The Education Fund

P.S. We look forward to the day we can have students like this in school, and our community once again thriving.



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