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Let's Celebrate Education!

Dear Friend,

Welcome back to school! What a perfect time to celebrate education for it truly takes a village to nurture and challenge students to become self-directed learners who contribute positively to a diverse world.

Let's celebrate the many people who work to provide an outstanding education for our children.

From our teachers who continue to bring innovation and creativity into the classroom to our administrators who set a firm foundation and supportive environment for ideas and learning to foster, there are so many people involved in the quality of our children's education. For over a decade, the Chatham Education Foundation (CEF) has awarded nearly a half of a million dollars in grant money to acknowledge and support our talented teachers and staff for distinctive programs that contribute to a higher level of education for ALL students in Chatham public schools. It is important to note that many of these programs would not be otherwise funded through the traditional school budget. These grants are needed more than ever now as they add value to our children's educational experience and reward our teachers for their originality and ingenuity they continue to bring to the classroom.

Let's celebrate our generous community that works cooperatively to support education.

We are so fortunate to live in a community that values excellence in education. Conversely, we live in a state where the standard of education is simply "adequacy." In order to maintain the same level of educational excellence we've come to expect in Chatham, we need to work together as a community to support our schools. The beauty of it all is that everyone benefits: Parents who support the education process are in turn offered a superior education for their children. Residents' property values are bolstered by having a strong school system at a cost less than other comparative communities. Children continue to be challenged by a diverse and future-focused education program. Each year, CEF gives tens of thousands of dollars to the schools to enhance educational endeavors for ALL children. This is only possible through the generosity of our community, a community that actively and willingly gives of their time and/or money for the pursuit of education.

So, come celebrate with us and take part in championing the future of our children's education.

Currently, there are over 2,100 families with children in our district. Imagine what could be accomplished for education if every family contributed just \$50 or more! There are many ways to help support the Chatham Education Foundation. Giving can be as simple as writing a check, making a gift in the form of securities, or requesting a matching gift from an employer...any amount helps to further CEF's goals of enhancing public education. In whatever way you can help, please consider making a tax-deductible contribution and joining us in celebrating our schools, educators, and our children - you are making a difference!

Cheers to a fabulous year ahead!

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Chatham Education Foundation

Yes! I want to help the Chatham school district continue to be the best! Here is my gift to enhance education.

Please accept my donation of:

- \$5,000 or more...Visionary, \$2500 - \$4999...Pillar, \$1000 - \$2499...Benefactor, \$500 - \$999...Patron, \$250 - \$499...Friend, \$150, \$100, \$50, other amount

Enclosed is my contribution of \$ (Please make checks payable to the Chatham Education Foundation)

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Please print your name as you would like to be listed in the CEF annual newsletter:

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