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Dear Friend:

#whyigive. It is simple really. I signed up for this profession because I wanted to invest in students. I have seen how my donations have had a direct impact on students...in my school. YOU have seen it too. That, is why I give.

TOGETHER, with our Foundation, WE have sent students to theater productions, bought students tennis shoes, offered dual credit scholarships, awarded classroom grants that fund innovative ideas, sent students to extra-curricular camps, paid off lunch accounts, and the list goes on.

In fact, last school year, OUR GIPS Foundation and YOU invested over **\$1.2 million** back into opportunities for our students. This investment is collective. It takes all of us. Our donations to the GIPS Foundation have a direct and positive impact on our students, our schools and the greater community.

It is encouraging to know that our GIPS Foundation is a separate organization, governed by community volunteers who stand with us to support our students. But, our Foundation can't do it without us. We are the arms and legs for this organization. We are integral to both the delivery of services to our students as well as the financial support for our Foundation. When we give to our GIPS Foundation, it is a signal to the community that we see and believe in our Foundation, and they should too. Because we give, our Foundation is able to create even more resources for our students from the greater community.

It all adds up! Since we started this campaign in 2004, GIPS staff has given \$919,503 to our GIPS Foundation to invest in students. For every dollar you have invested, our Foundation has added \$27.13 to bring the total benefit to students up to **\$25,874,178!**

YOU make the difference! In recognition of your contributions, former teacher and coach, Orv Qualsett challenges you to reflect on your "why" as you think about your gift. The Orv & Mary Qualsett Challenge Gift will match your new and increased gift up to a total of \$5,000!

Additionally, all staff members who give \$60 or more (*that's only \$5 per month!*) qualify for a free t-shirt. See your Contest Rules page or your team leader for more information.

We hope that you will join us and give your #why. Your contribution, **no matter the size**, directly impacts our students!

Sincerely,

Al Hayman & Tracy Jakubowski, Senior High Co-Chairs
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