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Dear Friend:

It is simple, really. Opportunities and **students** drive our urge to give as co-chairs. The work the Foundation does has a positive impact for ALL students in Grand Island Public Schools. The opportunities our Foundation makes possible for us and our community is why we give again.

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"I was amazed at how quickly the Foundation expanded to meet the needs of GIPS students who were experiencing hard times due to the economic impact of the pandemic. I am proud of the work the Foundation does and happy to give back just a little of what it has given me."

- Sandy Meyer, Stolley Park Elementary

In times like these, students need unwavering support. The Foundation is here to help provide what students and families need as soon as a need arises. Yes, the Foundation provides our hard working students with scholarships and allows teachers to dream big with classroom mini-grants, *but what happens behind the scenes?* Did you know that the Foundation also helps cover basic needs such as a bill for a family in need, the cost of an application fee for college, a new pair of shoes and the list goes on and on.

Our Foundation cannot make these investments without our support. We have witnessed both teachers and students becoming increasingly tenacious as they creatively address the physical, emotional and financial struggles of the past two years. When you make a donation to the Foundation, you are investing in that **GRIT**.

Add it up to Opportunity! Since we started this campaign in 2004, GIPS staff has given \$1,107,237 to our Foundation to invest in students. For every dollar you have invested, our Foundation has added \$26.77 to bring the total benefit to students up to **\$29,641,257!**

YOU make the difference! To honor and support their love of public education, the Marsh Family has offered a *tenacious* challenge gift of **\$10,000**. They are encouraging you to think about how you can make a difference with your gift as well. The Marsh Family challenge gift will match your new and increased gift up to a total of \$10,000!

You can also help us celebrate **TEN**acity in 2022 as we are celebrating **TEN** years of t-shirts! All staff members who give \$72 or more (*that's only \$6 per month!*) qualify for a free t-shirt.

We hope that you will join us with your own gift of **GRIT**. Your contribution, **no matter the size**, will **MAKE A DIFFERENCE** for our students!

Sincerely,

Sandy Meyer & Kelsie Scheel, Elementary Co-Chairs
Alex Kemnitz & Jolyne Zigler, Senior High Co-Chairs
Katie Keasling, Kristin Myers & Kathryn Zeller, Middle School Co-Chairs

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