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Dear Strategic Partner,

On behalf of the Dallas Independent School District's Minority/Women Business Enterprise Department, Volunteer & Partnership Services, and Homeless Education Program, we're extremely grateful for your invaluable support during our Annual School Supply Drive. Your generous donations benefitted needy and deserving Dallas ISD students and their families from the Charles Rice Learning Center and John Lewis Social Justice Academy at Oliver Wendell Holmes Middle School. Equally notable, we were able to bless and support homeless students who live in emergency shelters, face economic challenges, and are often in need of clothing, transportation, hygiene items, and emergency food.

If you would like a tax donation form, please notify Annie Partee at <a href="mailto:apartee@dallasisd.org">apartee@dallasisd.org</a> or 972-925-4143. We have included several testimonials regarding the magnitude of your support.

"Your partnership and collaboration strengthen and expand the Dallas ISD Homeless Education Program's service, quality and performance." Ashley Marshall, Manager | District Homeless Liaison

"32 grandmothers join me in saying thank you. Can you imagine on the first day of school; standing in line to enroll your child for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final year of middle school; saying "hello and thank you" to staff members that have helped with your child over the years... and a phone call informs you that your son was murdered? This happened on August 15, 2022, as I greeted my children & their parents. As the principal who have contacted funeral homes to help with arrangements, I embraced mother and my baby; promised to provide help; wrote my cell phone number on a piece of paper; got staff to drive mother and child home & they returned to work.

Your thoughtfulness helps me say, here's a donation to take care of some essentials. We want to remind our community that we're not alone. Your donations put smiles on the faces of the less fortunate and gives me renewed HOPE." Sharron Jackson, Principal

With committed partners like yourself, Dallas ISD is destined to become the premier urban school district. Thanks for helping the district to fulfill our greatest mission: "Educate All Students for Success."

Sincerely,

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