



Dear Mayer Magnet School Supporter,

Mayer Magnet School is more than just a school: It is a Community! Lincoln Park is home to one of CPS's most unique schools educating over 750 students, most of them living right here in the Lincoln Park neighborhood. Mayer is the anchor of the community where you do business and it is a core reason families move here.

Mayer is the only CPS school that offers a powerful combination of Montessori, International Baccalaureate ("IB") and Fine Arts to foster intellectual curiosity, creative thinking and global citizenship for all students age 3 to grade 8. With its unique combination of programs, Mayer has become a school of choice in Lincoln Park and among CPS schools.

Our parent organization, Friends of Mayer (FOM) provided nearly 10% of Mayer's \$6.5M budget this year. CPS budget cuts continue to put Mayer's fundamental programs at risk. FOM must continue to provide funding at this level each year to ensure the future excellence of our school. This level of excellence is not attainable by CPS funding alone. Mayer's programs will only continue to flourish due to the incredible support of parents, families, friends and generous donations from local businesses such as yours. You are an important piece of the Mayer Supporter puzzle!

We hope you will consider becoming a Mayer Supporter in 2019. Here is how you can help:

1. Our annual Benefit will take place on **Friday, March 29, 2019** and will include a silent & live auction. An in-kind donation for our silent and live auction will bring your organization recognition within our parent community—auction items are viewed in person, in our event app and online.
2. Make a cash donation to our school and receive the benefit of being a highly visible and valued member of the Mayer community.
3. Do Both! Provide an in-kind donation for our annual Benefit and a cash donation. Most levels detailed on the attached 2019 Mayer Supporter Benefits can be attained by designing a creative combination of cash + in-kind donation that best fits your business's needs.

Included with this letter, you will find the following:

- *2019 Donation Form*—please complete this form and return it to Mayer Magnet School with your donation information.
- *2019 Mayer Supporter Benefits*—please review to learn details of the the many benefits to being a Mayer Supporter, at all levels.

A strong Mayer means a strong neighborhood and a more vibrant business climate for everyone! Should you have any questions, please feel free to email us at donations@friendsofmayer.org.

On behalf of Friends of Mayer, our entire parent community and most importantly, the Mayer students, **thank you for your support!**

Sincerely,

Natalie Patterson, 2019 Auction Chair

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