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Offering a world-class education with the resources needed to succeed is the forefront of what makes City Honors School one of the top public schools in the country. As a City Honors community member, you are aware of the positive impact City Honors School has on the development and growth of our students.

The current pandemic has laid many challenges at our feet. Our dedicated teachers and staff worked tirelessly in the spring to transition to a remote learning environment ensuring our students finished the year strong. As we all watched the weeks and months pass by, it became evident that the start of the 20-21 academic year would be like none we have experienced. We prepared for various scenarios and once again have come together as a Hilltop community to provide our students with the educational experience CHS is known for.

Gifts to the City Honors School Annual Fund aid in bridging the gap between the increasing costs of a high-quality learning environment and the uncertain funds from the State and districts, allowing City Honors to provide exemplary enrichments to the overall academic experience for every student. While the pandemic interrupted spring sports, the annual musical and select clubs, additional school investments were made including a "welcome" tapestry at the front entrance and a spirited facelift for the Crossroads Hallway. We can't wait for our students to experience these upgrades first-hand. (visit [cityhonors.org](http://cityhonors.org) for a complete list of 19-20 investments.) We are committed to stewarding your generous gifts. Our teachers and administrators are working on options for offering virtual co-curricular activities. And traditional support for student planners, Pelion Garden, CHS STARS Program and the IB program continue to be priorities even during these unprecedented times.

From its inception in 1996, the CH/FMP Foundation has been focused on the issue of equity for our students. Amidst a student body of widely varying means, our founding students, parents, alumni and educators wanted to be sure that all CHS students had the same educational opportunities. Over the past three years, City Honors has joined a district movement known as Culturally and Linguistically Responsive Initiatives (CLRI) which seeks to understand the root causes of social injustice and economic inequities, as well as to infuse culturally and linguistically responsive teaching and learning for all students. In order to support this good work, the Foundation's Board of Directors has recently established a CLRI Fund to support CLRI-related educational opportunities and activities at CHS. If you would like your Annual Fund gift designated to support this good work, simply note this inside your remittance envelope or the memo section of your online payment.

At the heart of any institution is the educational and life experiences offered to its students. Invest in the "School on the Hill" and make a gift today!

Our board of directors is grateful for your consideration and generosity.

Sincerely,

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