



Dear FHM Community Member,

The holiday season is a great reminder of how fortunate we are to be part of a school community where our children are inspired to learn and encouraged to pursue their passions every day. Free Horizon Montessori provides our children with a place to learn critical 21st Century Skills in an inclusive environment where they can learn and be comfortable that they belong.

Each year the Community Support Network raises money to directly support the tenets of Montessori education. There are only three school wide fundraisers each year, the Fox Trot Fun Run, Colorado Gives Day, and Spring Fling. By limiting to these three fundraisers we avoid selling things like candy and wrapping paper. That is why your participation in each is so critical.

Colorado Gives Day is an annual statewide movement to celebrate and increase philanthropy in Colorado through online giving. For the eighth year, Community First Foundation and FirstBank encourage Coloradans to “Give Where You Live” on **Tuesday, December 5, 2017**. Colorado Gives Day makes it easy for every member of the community to help make a big impact. We strive for 100% of our community to participate in our most important Direct Giving Campaign of the year no matter what level of support you are able to provide.

To encourage 100% participation, the Board of Directors and CSN Board have pledged a match of **\$5,500** if we meet a community goal of **\$10,000** in donations.

You can increase your contribution by scheduling recurring monthly donations. The chart below illustrates how a monthly contribution can amount to significant financial support of Free Horizon Montessori.

Monthly Donation	x12	=Total Annual Gift
\$ 10.00	x12	= \$ 120.00
\$ 15.00	x12	= \$ 180.00
\$ 20.00	x12	= \$ 240.00
\$ 25.00	x12	= \$ 300.00
\$ 50.00	x12	= \$ 600.00
\$ 100.00	x12	= \$1,200.00

Of course, any amount that you and your family can donate to FHM is welcomed, appreciated, and goes directly to support your child’s education.

Why we need your support?

- FHM, like all charter schools receives funds from the state of Colorado through ‘per pupil revenue’ (PPR) from the Colorado Department of Education. However, as a charter school, FHM must pay for our own facility and capital needs, spending approximately **20%** of our total annual budget every year to provide a safe and inspiring space for our students to learn and grow. FHM must raise additional funds every year to close the gap between what is provided by the state and school district and what is required to support the FHM facility, staff and student needs. Donations are critical to our success and your support helps FHM



pay for books, computers, staff development, literacy and math intervention, materials for art, music, P.E., and so much more.

Making our Facility Dreams Come True

One of the challenges FHM has faced since moving to the building on Conference Place is our outdoor spaces. Last year Free Horizon began the process of compiling community priorities and working with landscape architects to design a new and improved outdoor learning environment. The plans are fantastic, however, at the same time another incredibly exciting opportunity arose... A school property near FHM became available making a move to that facility a possibility. The new location, the former Pleasant View elementary school, affords all the things FHM aspires to have: great outdoor spaces, and indoor ones too. There are music and art rooms, a GYM, and a cafeteria! It remains unclear whether this move is feasible as the building has not yet been put up for sale by the district, but is an option that FHM is actively exploring. Of course, a move like this would have some significant costs associated with it, and we want to be prepared as possible to make this move happen. Support from 100% of our community would not only help support the move financially, but it would be a significant statement to the school district about our commitment to our schools future.

As you can see there are many reasons to give this year. Our school exists because of your generosity, and we are hopeful and optimistic that you will think of us during this holiday season and in the year to come. We appreciate your kindness and contributions in all forms they are given. We wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season.

In Gratitude,
The Community Support Network Board
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Colorado Gives Day – Tuesday December 5th

You can make a donation on Colorado Gives Day, Tuesday December 5th, or pre-schedule your donation now through the CO Gives Day website at:
<https://www.coloradogives.org/freehorizonmontessorifoundation/overview>

“The child is both a hope and a promise for mankind.”- Maria Montessori