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Dear Friends and Supporters,

On Saturday, February 10, 2018, The Birmingham Education Foundation (BEF) will celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Unabashed Bash. The event at The Townsend Hotel is a wonderful dinner, dance, and, of course, our auction. Last year, this event raised over \$155,000 and was attended by hundreds of local residents, parents, educators, community leaders, and business owners.

We're currently collecting *items and services* for the auction portion of our event and are writing to request your support. Our 501(c)3 nonprofit organization is one of the leading education foundations in the state and by donating to our auction, you'll be making a tax-deductible contribution that will benefit all 13 BPS schools, and gain valuable exposure at our event.

If you're unfamiliar with our organization and mission: The BEF is a nonprofit organization committed to supporting innovation and excellence by helping to fund educational programs and teacher grants that directly impact BPS classrooms. In addition to supporting BPS students, your participation also provides goodwill and awareness for your business.

We would like to Thank You for considering this opportunity to partner with our organization. If you have any questions regarding the BEF or the event, please feel free to visit our website at [www.supportBEF.org](http://www.supportBEF.org) or contact us at [bashdonations@gmail.com](mailto:bashdonations@gmail.com) or 248.203.3030. We would love to tell you more about who we are and what we do.

To contribute, please complete the attached form and submit with your item (when applicable) or contact us for item pickup. Thank you again for your consideration and best wishes from all of us at the Birmingham Education Foundation.

Sincerely,

Catherine Turnbull  
Birmingham Education Foundation  
Auction Chair

Alison Hendry  
Executive Director

**P.S. To recognize the generosity and support of our donors, your name and/or business will be prominently featured on the auction sheet, in the auction catalog, as well as on our web site. Thanking you in advance for your support!**

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#### DONOR INFORMATION

Name of Company / Donor (as to appear in program)		Address	
Contact Name		City	
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Name of Event		Date of Event	

I, the undersigned, agree to donate the following item. The tax number for the Birmingham Education Foundation is 38-3214599.

Donor Signature		Date	
Committee Member Receiving Item		Date	
Confirmed Electronically		Date	

Please note: Donated items may be tax deductible. It is the donor's responsibility to check with their tax advisor. Donors must establish the value of the item being donated for tax purposes. The Birmingham Education Foundation is not qualified to appraise donated items. Donated items with a valuation over \$500 require a tax ID# in order to be claimed as a charitable deduction. Tax ID 38-3214599

#### DESCRIPTION OF ITEM BEING DONATED

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Special instructions including expiration date

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Value of item: \_\_\_\_\_ Is this a gift certificate? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Certificate provided \_\_\_\_\_ Please create a certificate \_\_\_\_\_

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS

Proceeds will benefit the students of Birmingham Public Schools. Please retain a copy of this form for your records.

\_\_\_\_\_ Physically have item \_\_\_\_\_ Pick up Item / Whom \_\_\_\_\_

**100% of the teachers at 10 out of 13 Birmingham schools donate to the BEF via a voluntary payroll deduction.**



## **Support the organization that teachers support!**

**The Birmingham Education Foundation** is an organization committed to supporting Birmingham Public School educators who bring innovative ideas—both big and small—to life in and out of the classroom. In essence, we are funding ideas that, once implemented, help enhance and extend learning by finding new ways to engage and motivate our children.

### **Other great ways to support the BEF**

Shop at Kroger or Amazon? Start by selecting “Birmingham Public School Charitable Foundation” and selecting it as your charity of choice with Kroger Rewards or on AmazonSmile. Up to 8% of eligible purchases will be donated to BEF.

### **Say “Thank You” to someone special**

BEF provides opportunities to say “Thank You” to a favorite teacher or administrator by making a donation in their honor. Visit [SupportBEF.org](http://SupportBEF.org)

### **Corporate Sponsorships**

We also welcome donations from businesses. For corporate sponsorship opportunities, please contact Alison Hendry, Executive Director.



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*“The BEF is what sets BPS apart. The BEF has an immensely positive impact on our students every day.”*

*—Seaholm Teacher*

As schools in all districts are called upon to do more with less, the BEF supports great learning experiences that may otherwise be unattainable. By funding these supplemental projects and activities, we provide the “extras” that help give each and every BPS student that additional edge—and in many cases, make possible special activities that will be a source of inspiration for years to come.

By contributing to the BEF, you will give the gift of learning—a truly priceless gift that lasts a lifetime. As a parent and as a community, we understand there’s nothing more important than our children’s education.



## What types of ideas are funded by the BEF?

The BEF provides funding that focuses on four essential disciplines: academics, arts, athletics and technology.

When a teacher or administrator has a great idea or exceptional program he or she thinks will resonate and inspire students, but falls outside of regular budget parameters, the BEF can step in to provide the necessary funding.

With an eye toward enhancing classroom experiences for all BPS students, BEF grants provide much-needed equipment to many departments across the district, fund conservation efforts, defray the cost of attending off-site events and activities and help host unique educational events in all of our schools.

## What is the BEF’s approach?

Unlike other organizations focusing on a specific group or program within a school, the Foundation touches each and every student in every grade. The BEF will impact a child’s education from Kindergarten through Grade 12.

Whether it’s sending every single BPS 4th grader to the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, funding our high schools’ Robotics teams, helping students attend academic competitions, purchasing the latest educational software, or providing equipment to our sports teams, the BEF is an organization that makes special things happen. We have funded Legos Story Starters to help struggling elementary school writers, purchased wiring supplies to teach electrical engineering at a middle school and brought a traveling African American History Museum to a high school. The BEF is dedicated to promoting innovation and fostering creativity in our schools.



*In the last ten years, the BEF has provided more than \$1 million in grants to teachers and staff with innovative ideas, helping them to provide the highest quality education possible to every child enrolled in Birmingham Public Schools.*

## How do I donate?

Donating is easy and all donations are greatly appreciated.

To donate online, please visit [SupportBEF.org](http://SupportBEF.org).

Or mail your donation to:

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