



Why Should I Give?

Gifts to the MICDS Fund provide the School with a margin of excellence. Read below and choose a case for support that resonates with you or one that you can comment on personally with the people you are contacting.

- **Your gift will help prepare the next generation (our students!) for success.** MICDS Fund donations provide students with exceptional academic opportunities and experiences that prepare them for college and beyond. Our graduates are your future doctors, lawyers, artists, civic leaders, or scientists benefiting your life in the years to come.
- **You will help improve the quality of student life.** Your donation helps fill crucial needs such as financial aid, lab equipment, state-of-the-art technology, athletic and PE programs, visual and performing arts and curricular funding. Contributions also help MICDS offer the many extracurricular activities that enhance the whole educational experience.
- **We have a history of quality teaching.** Approximately 70% of the School's annual operating budget supports the salaries and benefits for our faculty and staff. MICDS Fund donations help MICDS hire and retain the best possible instructors and keep the student-teacher ratio low at one of the best teaching and learning facilities in the nation.
- **Tuition and fees do not cover the full cost of an education at MICDS.** MICDS Fund donations make up the difference between what we charge for tuition and what an MICDS education really costs. This year, the difference is approximately \$1,600 per student. For most donors, MICDS Fund gifts are the single best way to make an impact because these gifts go to work immediately for the School's priorities, *in this academic year*.
- **For alumni: You benefited from similar generosity.** Alumni, parent, and friend support over the years helped keep tuition costs down, supported salaries for our team of talented faculty, funded new equipment, programs, field trips, athletics, etc. Today's students need your help to do the same.
- **Reputation.** An MICDS diploma reflects the School's legacy of excellence. To keep up with cutting-edge teaching resources and pedagogy, technology, and an extraordinary educational experience like no other, we need your help.
- **Every gift matters.** Your gift can inspire others to make a gift to MICDS!