



Give the Gift of Possibilities this Holiday Season!

This is what *thriving* looks like!



Dear Friend of Harford County’s Children,

As we approach the end of the year, I find myself reflecting on the challenges our children have faced and the incredible resilience they’ve shown. In every interaction, in every child’s eyes, there is a story of hope, of potential, of a future waiting to unfold. Yet, for so many children in our community, the path to that bright future is blocked by obstacles no child should face—lack of resources, overwhelming challenges, missed opportunities, and a lack of readiness for school.

At Harford County Education Foundation, we believe that every child deserves a fair chance to succeed, regardless of their circumstances. Thanks to the kindness of individuals like you, we’ve been able to reach children who needed a helping hand. We’ve placed much-needed supplies into their backpacks, offered enriching programs that nurture their growth, and fostered early childhood literacy and school readiness for preschoolers through programs like Bound Together and Littles University.

But as I meet with students and engage with the community, I’m reminded of how much more there is to do. There are still children entering the school year without the basic tools to learn, some starting school already behind their peers. Many young students are struggling to focus because of emotional burdens they don’t yet know how to handle. These are the children we need to reach early, before the gap widens.

This is where you come in.

Your end-of-year donation is more than just a gift. It’s a lifeline to a child who needs to know that someone believes in them. It’s the spark that ignites a love of learning, the helping hand that guides a struggling student back on track. With your support, we can ensure that no child in Harford County has to face their challenges alone—whether it’s equipping them for their first day of school, fostering early literacy and development skills, or providing support to build perseverance and self-esteem.

Please take a moment to consider the difference you can make. Your generosity will help us:

- Place essential learning supplies into the hands of children in need, providing them with the foundational tools for a successful school experience.
- Provide enriched learning opportunities that inspire students to explore their interests and passions, empowering them to develop confidence and a love for learning.
- Ensure that every child enters school ready to learn through our early childhood literacy and school readiness programs, so they can start on a path to success from day one.
- Foster a community where every child can thrive academically and emotionally, equipped with the skills and resilience needed to navigate life’s challenges and build a bright future.

This holiday season, let’s give children the gift of endless possibilities. Let’s show them that they are seen, they are valued, and they are never alone in their journey.

Thank you for believing in the power of education and the potential of every child. Together, we can make sure 2025 begins with hope for every child.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Debora Gavin Merlock
President, Harford County Education Foundation

P.S. Your donation changes lives. It brings hope to children who need it most. Please consider making a gift before December 31 and help us continue this vital work in the year ahead.

Ways to Give:

- **Online:** Visit www.harfordeducation.org/donations to make a secure donation online.
- **Monthly Giving:** Join our Circle of Support by choosing to make a recurring monthly gift.
- **Mail:** Send a check made payable to **Harford County Education Foundation**
260 Gateway Drive, Suite 21A, Bel Air, MD 21014

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