



Unique. Inspiring. Grounded In Faith... Since 1956

ANNUAL FUND DRIVE



Every Gift Matters... Every Gift Helps a Child

Dear Friend of Morning Star School,

November marks the beginning of the holiday season. It's a wonderful time of year to say how grateful we are for your support of our special education program and to thank you for caring about our kids. At Morning Star School, we focus on discovering and fostering each student's unique abilities to learn. Our students, if left in a typical classroom environment, have an extremely low chance of completing high school. We change that by working with each individual child, and partnering with parents, therapists and medical providers to provide them the opportunity to reach their highest potential.

Because Morning Star School has a unique model—a 12 to 1 student-teacher ratio, tuition alone only covers about 80% of the actual cost per student. The remaining 20% must be obtained via fundraising events and donations. It's an essential component of our annual operating budget. Your continued support makes it possible for students with learning disabilities to be the best they can be.

**Our average tuition is \$11,200. Our average cost is \$13,500.
That leaves a "gap" of \$2,300 per student.
With 140 students, we need to raise \$322,000 this year!**

Gifts to our "Bridging the Gap" annual fund keep special education affordable to families who need it. Your gift not only supports Morning Star School's operating budget, it also pays for books, basketballs, paint brushes, microscopes, field trip transportation, building maintenance and much, much more. Our "Bridging the Gap" annual fund drive is an essential component of our operating budget.

Our success depends on your support. Please consider a tax-deductible donation. Return the envelope enclosed or visit our web site at www.morningstar-jax.org/annual-fund to use our online donation form.

On behalf of our teachers, staff, students and Board of Directors, THANK YOU for generously supporting Morning Star School! We are forever grateful.

Warmly,

Jean Barnes, Principal

Maria Johnson, Director of Development



Our Annual Fund helps "bridge the gap" between the average cost to educate a child with learning differences and the average tuition.

Why Support Special Education at Morning Star School

- ✦ Acceptance of self and others help children develop and share their exceptional talents.
- ✦ Each child is inspired in a variety of ways to accommodate their learning challenge.
- ✦ Students learn in a safe and nurturing environment essential for growth and building self-confidence.
- ✦ Children are empowered to become active and effective participants in today's world.
- ✦ Children are valued as a unique child of GOD and grounded in faith.