

Dear Grady Family,

The Grady High School Foundation (GHSF) is a group of parents, alumni, and faculty with a mission to support Grady in ways the school system cannot. GHSF is a 501(c)(3) organization that raises funds for the benefit of Grady High School.

Based on feedback from Dr. Betsy Bockman and the faculty, the GHSF will continue to focus on creating an innovative and engaging learning environment by funding instructional equipment and technology for Grady teachers. The centerpiece of this effort is the Foundation's transformative "1:1 Initiative" to provide every Grady student with a dedicated state-of-the-art Chromebook laptop in the classroom. This initiative achieves the following:

- Revolutionizes the Grady educational experience and enables teachers across all grade levels to interact with their students in new and engaging ways while delivering **real-time, differentiated instruction** based on individual student needs and abilities.
- Provides Grady educators with a world of new curriculum possibilities through the **integration of cutting-edge instructional platforms** such as Google Classroom.
- Significantly reduces the need for expensive (and heavy!) textbooks.
- Reduces the need for students to use distracting personal devices in class.
- Helps recruit and retain the best teachers at Grady.

Last school year we raised \$150,000 from 170 different donors. We have purchased 13 carts (390 Chromebooks) from these funds. In addition, APS bought 4 new carts after our success. Grady currently has 28 Chromebook carts that are shared across 60 classrooms and nearly 1,500 students. We have considerable work to do to supply all classrooms with a Chromebook cart so your donation is critical.

Whether your child is a current 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grader or a future student, every donation makes a real and lasting difference in virtually every Grady student's education experience. Please visit [www.gradyhsfoundation.org](http://www.gradyhsfoundation.org) to donate online or find instructions to donate by check. Keep in mind we offer a recurring payment option as well. Thank you again for your continued investment in our children's future—we look forward to another very successful school year at Grady High School!

Sincerely,



Rachel Spears, GHSF Board Chairperson

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*The Foundation's mission is simple: to support the education and preparation for life for all students at Grady High School; encourage creative, caring and energetic faculty and staff; enhance the physical setting and create a community asset that fosters student development; and provide a conduit for friends to express their support for Grady High School.* The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization (Tax ID#58-2323822); donations tax deductible as allowed by law.