



"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

-Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dr Martin Luther King Jr. School Family Stabilization Fund

Summer Fundraiser

The Covid-19 pandemic has forced many families of our Dr. MLK Jr. School community into extreme financial insecurity. Community resource hubs that vulnerable families rely on are unable to meet the demand of growing need; and our own SUN School's budget through the summer has been slashed to a third of what it was. As the margin between financially secure families and financially insecure families becomes more and more pronounced, the need for equitable and sustained mutual aid is more essential now than ever.

In keeping with the credo "it takes a village," Dr. MLK Jr. school's Administration, our support staff, and our SUN School have created the Dr. MLK Jr. School Family Stabilization Fund to support our Dr. MLK Jr. families that are at serious financial risk, including undocumented families ineligible for government aid and people unemployed or under-employed who are ineligible to receive unemployment benefits. Before the pandemic hit, 60% of our families qualified for free or reduced lunch. We know that number has risen sharply with the closures of many industries our families worked for.

If your family has not experienced an economic hardship due to the pandemic, please consider giving some of your federal stimulus money to help support our school community families who are unable to receive support from the government.

There is tremendous uncertainty in the months that lie ahead. We are establishing this fund now for families moving forward into the indefinite future of economic impact, and our ask now is for our summer support campaign to get our families through July. We have connected with a local church which has partnered consistently to support our food pantry this year, has generously offered to match donations.

Can you help us raise \$30,000 in the next two weeks?

If you are able to give, please visit the [SEI donation page](#), and ***be sure to note "For Dr. MLK Jr SUN" in the optional 'Leave a Comment' section at the bottom of the donation screen*** to ensure that it is tagged for Dr MLK Jr SUN school budget. our Dr. MLK Jr. School families.

In Solidarity,

Jill Suez
Alex Montfort
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Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. School Community