



# UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

**TOPIC:** Donations

**SUBMITTED BY:** Roberto J. Santos of Superintendent

**APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION:** August 18, 2020

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended that the Board of Trustees graciously accept the following, donation(s) and this will be attached to the minutes.

The following are donations of \$1000 or more

1. United ISD VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) Program received a grant / donation of \$10,000.00 from Wells Fargo.

The following are donations under \$1000

1. The UISD Communications Department received a donation of \$200.00 from Sepulveda Associates Architects to be used for the 2020 Graduations.

**Grand Total:** \$10,200.00

**RATIONALE:** Enclosed you will find the attachments that coincide with the donations

**BUDGETARY INFORMATION:** No Budget Impact

**BOARD POLICY REFERENCE & COMPLIANCE:** This is in compliance and in accordance with Board Policy CDC: Other Revenues, Grants from Private Sources



August 12, 2020

Dear United Independent School District Board of Trustees,

I am excited to announce that United ISD's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program has been informed that we once again are recipients of a **Wells Fargo Grant/Donation** in the amount of **\$10,000.00**. We are extremely proud of all the hard work our Career and Technical Education (CTE) VITA student volunteers and teachers have done over the years in providing FREE Income Tax Preparation Services for our United ISD staff, families and community and are especially proud of all the hard work of our VITA volunteers this past tax season with so much COVID-19 uncertainty. We have graciously accepted the **\$10,000 monies** which will be used to assist with VITA related expenses that support the program and/or the end-of-year recognition event.

The VITA tax services benefit any individual or families making less than \$66,000.00. The tax return preparations are conducted by our own UISD IRS Income Tax Certified CTE students. **Our VITA student volunteers undergo several weeks of training and become IRS certified when the IRS state assessment is passed.** All UISD-CTE students are under the supervision of an accounting/financial literacy teacher as well as under the guidance of the project coordinator, Ms. Adrianna Bautista. The entire program is under the supervision of the UISD CTE Director, Ms. Angelica Sanchez and CTE Business/Community Partnerships Coordinator, Dr. Diana Ortiz. Our IRS Senior Consultant and VITA mentor, Mr. Juan Carrizales, has been reassigned and notification of our new mentor is forthcoming.

Despite the COVID-19 cutting our 2019-20 Tax Season short by one month, the UISD VITA student volunteers had the following highlights:

**2019 VITA Program Highlights:**

- 1,577 Tax Returns Prepared
- \$4 Million in Tax Refunds
- \$315,400 Savings in Tax Fees

We are excited about this generous donation and like many VITA coalitions are not sure what this upcoming tax season will look like but we are ready. Whatever the situation, our CTE VITA volunteers will continue to work hard to make the district and our community business partners proud of our continuous contributions, our student development and community outreach.

Best Regards,

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## CONTRIBUTION ACKNOWLEDGMENT

United Independent School District greatly appreciates the support of:

Name of Contributor  
(Organization /

Address:

Sepulveda Associates Architects  
1820 Houston

Contact Name / Phone Number:

Rebecca Sepulveda 956-725-1985

Contact Email Address:

Rebecca@saarchitects.net

through the contribution of:

☐ Monetary Contribution - Cash, ☒ Check, Money Order, Cashier's Check, Gift Cards, Certificates or Other

Amount \$ 200—

☐ Non-Monetary Contribution - Technology, Equipment, Furniture, or Other

Type

Description

CRH 10256  
2020 UISD Graduation (water)

The estimated value is not verified by United ISD. The amount reported to the IRS is the responsibility of the contributor and not the District.

No goods or services were provided in exchange for your contribution.

This support will assist the District in continuing to improve the educational environment.

Name of District Employee receiving the Contribution:

Title of the District Employee:

Campus or Department:

Signature

Date Contribution Received:

Kriste Cruz  
UPS  
Community  
Kriste Cruz  
7/23/2020

United Independent School District is a public school district and is a political subdivision of the State of Texas. The District is not a tax-exempt entity under the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Code Section 501(c)(3). However, the District is considered a tax-exempt organization that may receive charitable contributions according to the IRS Code Section 170(c)(1).

The District may receive charitable contributions if they are for public purposes, such as benefiting a group and NOT an individual. Contributions may be made to the District, District schools, District departments, or various District groups and clubs. These charitable contributions are deductible by the contributor on their tax return. The federal identification number of United Independent School District is 746028859.

Please note, contributions made to various parent organizations, such as PTOs and Booster Clubs, are NOT contributions to the District. Since these organizations are separate entities from the District, the District's tax-exempt status does not apply to these organizations. These organizations must apply for their tax-exempt status under IRS Code Section 501(c)(3). Evidence of their tax-exempt status would be a Determination Letter from the IRS. When a PTO or Booster Club donates monetary or non-monetary items to the District, then the donation is considered a contribution to the District.