

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 has decided to focus on creating an innovative and engaging learning environment by funding the latest in 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. According to Dr. Bockman, we are losing **desirable teacher candidates** due to a lack of technology infrastructure. These teachers are **expecting a technology platform** across the school.

This is a new initiative for the GHSF and we have a long way to go. Grady currently has 11 Chromebook carts that must be shared across 58 classrooms (that's 350 Chromebooks for almost 1400 students). Achieving our goal of providing every student at Grady with a dedicated Chromebook will require significant financial support from our Grady Community.

Whether your child is a current 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grader or a future student, every donation makes a real and lasting difference in virtually every Grady student's education experience. Please visit www.gradyhoundation.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, Technology Committee Leader and GHSF Board Member
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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.