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Dear MHS alum:

We would like to plant a seed with you that we hope grows in your heart to help us achieve GIANT results. Marion Community Schools (MCS) has a rich tradition of success and has spawned some of the most successful difference-makers in the world, but we need help to continue providing great opportunities for Marion students, to continue that Giant legacy.

The Marion High School Alumni Association (MHSAA) is a 100 percent volunteer group that officially became a 501(c)3 organization in 2012. Its aim is to encourage communication among alumni, and to enhance opportunities for Giants at MCS long into the future. MHSAA is committed to this concept: The past will help the present build the future.

The odds are increasingly stacked against our schools and students in Marion. Population in the city of Marion continues to decline. Our county has the highest child poverty rate in the state. Changes made at the state level — both in tax laws and education funding formulas — mean millions of dollars lost each year for MCS.

As a result, MHSAA is going on the offensive, thinking long-term and finding ways to support our students and the great Marion Giant heritage. On April 22, 2015, we created endowments at the Community Foundation of Grant County. The donations collected into these funds will eventually go to meet needs at MCS in perpetuity.

In a short period of time, we have raised \$104,000. (You can track the total fund at www.GiveToGrant.org/GIANTDREAMS.) But our goal is to raise \$6 million by spring 2020. Once we achieve this goal, we will be able to draw \$90,000 a year for each of the endowments. This will make it possible for MCS to continue to provide outstanding opportunities to students.

Please consider giving to the Giant Dreams Endowment. The Giants of today and tomorrow deserve the best opportunities we can provide for them. *We need your help to make that possible.* For more information, please see the enclosed flier.

Thank you,

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P.S. Watch for our Ultimate Giant gifting campaign coming up in October!