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For "Giving Tuesday" this year, Education Foundation asks you to consider supporting BCPS students and schools

Towson, MD – "Giving Tuesday" is here, and when it comes to supporting causes close to the heart, the Education Foundation of Baltimore County wants you to consider one very special recipient – our own students, teachers, and schools.

"By selecting and investing in The Education Foundation of BCPS," says Deborah Phelps, executive director of the foundation, "you can select one of our innovative grants, scholarships, programs, or campaigns that provides a variety of opportunities, experiences, supplies, and resources to benefit the educational readiness of tomorrow's leaders, the more than 111,000 students who attend Baltimore County Public Schools."

<u>Giving Tuesday</u> began in 2012 as a "global generosity movement unleashing the power of people and organizations to transform their communities and the world," according to the charitable organization founded to realize its vision. Beginning the first Tuesday after Thanksgiving and going until December 3, the movement seeks to join "Black Friday" and "Cyber Monday" as a charitable alternative tradition of the season.

Those wishing to support BCPS through the Education Foundation may do so by visiting its website and making a donation to one of the initiatives or programs of the foundation, including 21st Century Instructional Initiative Grants, student scholarships, or – through the Exchangeree: Gizmos & Gadgets Galore – the Tools for Schools, Books for Bins, and Share the Warmth campaigns.

Other ways to contribute include through the United Way of Central Maryland, while shopping online at Amazon, and following the foundation's social media links, among others.

"We so appreciate the generous support of the many donors who provide assistance, and in this season of giving, we extend our gratitude to each of you," Phelps says. "Together we can – and do – make a lasting impact."

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