Dear Parent/Guardian,

Since 1924, United Way Miami has been an innovative force in the community, responding to emerging needs and transforming people’s lives. They focus on three pillars: education, financial stability, and health. These are the building blocks for a good life which includes quality programs, advocating for better policies on behalf of families, and generating resources. We come from different parts of the globe, diverse backgrounds and from all walks of life but we have one thing in common --- we all chose to call Miami home. It’s where we work, play, and raise our families and we come together as a community to make it better.

That’s why Miami-Dade County Public Schools supports United Way each year by running a student campaign. The money that students and their families raise will touch countless lives across our community that may include your child’s classmates and your neighbors.

This is also a good opportunity to show our students what caring for the community is all about. We encourage you to talk with your child during this time about how the money they are raising will go to help others in our community who need it most. For every $1 raised, United Way Miami more than doubles that amount. It provides services to a young child so they can get the best possible start in school and in life with a quality early education, or a family gets help caring for an elderly loved one.

During the month, our school will have fun activities for the students to participate in to raise money for United Way. As a parent or guardian, you can give in several ways:

* Provide your child with a check payable to: **United Way Miami**
* Provide a cash donation for your child to turn into their classroom teacher
* Give online at: <https://portal.unitedwaymiami.org/mdcpsparents>

Without your generosity, United Way’s work in the community would not be possible. Together, we stand for a stronger Miami.

Sincerely,

**[Principal]**