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Dear Cario Families,

We hope this letter finds your family healthy this fall season. As parents, we have faced challenges this school year that we never thought we would have to face, but as a school family we have come together to make the best of the circumstances. As you may already know, the Park West Education Fund (our schools primary fundraising) was dissolved this summer. The Park West Campus Ed Fund was created because the three schools on our campus are grossly underfunded. South Carolina has exceptionally low taxes compared to other states and the state redistributed our local tax revenue away from OUR schools because we are considered an affluent area. The funds Cario Middle School received from the PWEF provided important resources and education tools for our teachers and students. As a result of the PWEF dissolution, each school on the Park West School campus will be returning to individual fundraisers this year.

To supplement, Cario PTSO Board and school administration has started the Capital Giving Campaign "**Stars of Cario**" initiative. Families and Community partners will be asked to make a yearly tax-deductible donation to the "**Stars of Cario**". Since these are not the times to ask our children to sell door-to-door or do any large groups events, our PTSO felt the safe alternative is to give as you feel fit.

This year our school goal is to raise \$10,000 between now and the end of the 2020 year. Through the support of community sponsors, parents, faculty and staff, grandparents and friends, we BELIEVE this GIVING campaign will be a success.

These funds that you provide will be going to supply our children and staff with great new learning resources as well as improving the school recreational equipment. These include:

Academic Enrichment:

- Classroom science experiment materials
- Headphones for classroom/testing use
- Online learning programs
- Guidance program
- Art program
- Additional mini-grant opportunities for teachers for content specific/teacher/classroom needs

Teacher and Staff Support:

- Teacher Appreciation Week
- Monthly Recognition Awards
- Teacher Supplies
- Nursing Support
- PD
- Teacher Stipends for After-school activities and/or summer programs
- Hospitality (holidays and birthdays)

Student Life and Community:

- Monthly Recognition Awards and celebrations
- Parent and Student Educational Opportunities
- School Events/Programs/Celebrations

Facilities Enhancement:

- Updates within the school, as needed

This new annual GIVING campaign is designed to help make up for the changes in this “normal” school year. Your donation goes directly to our school for immediate funds to supply needs. Please donate by making a check payable to **Cario PTSO**, and mail in with included form or have your child hand it into their homeroom teacher. Any gift amount will be greatly appreciated. *To show our THANKS and GRATITUDE, a plaque will be placed in the front office listing this year’s generous \$100.00 or more **STARS OF CARIO** family names. Also, with any donation over the amount of \$500.00, you will be entered into a drawing for a 4.5 qt LeCreuset Round Dutch Oven & Publix gift card!!* On behalf of our children here at Cario, THANK YOU for your consideration and support.

Sincerely, The Cario PTSO



STARS OF CARIO

Family Name _____

Child Name(s)/Grade/Pod _____

Address: _____

Contact Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Amount of Donation: \$ _____

Please include this form & make checks payable to:

MAIL TO:

Cario PTSO

**3500 Thomas Cario Blvd.
Mount Pleasant, SC 29466**

**Or Have your child hand it into their
homeroom teacher.**

THANK YOU!

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