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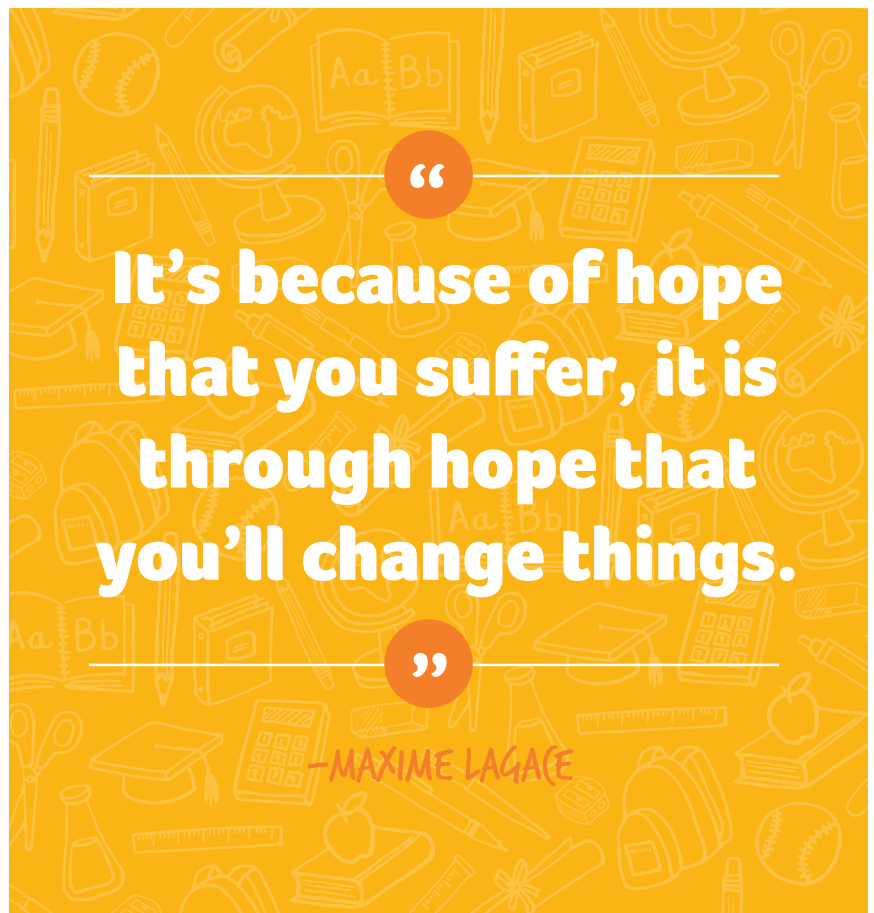
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A TIME OF HARDSHIP AND HOPE

This spring has brought hardships to our doorstep. There isn't a child or a family who has not been impacted or touched by the current crisis. It's a journey we never imagined we would be taking — a place we never imagined we would be. This crisis has created needs that strike at the heart of the importance of education and the enormous task of collectively supporting the care and safety for each child.

The great news is, when we asked, you rose to the challenge. Thank you.

As you know, the crisis is not over. Families will be recovering from the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic for months if not years. It will take all of us working in big and small ways to help. In March, we gave away over \$96,000 to families who had no other way to meet their basic needs. We hope to do the same in May when we know that laid off workers will be out of savings and their bills will be piling up.

Times like these may feel frightening or unsettling, but they can also reveal greatness as people lend a virtual hand, a Zoom hug, or make sacrifices so that others are safe and healthy. We see it in stories everyday across our community. There was the Lincoln High teacher who chose to balance teaching and maternity leave so she could continue to be there for her students, there's food distribution of over 50,000 meals each week, and local businesses like Ameritas stepping up to provide books to students in need. I am proud to be part of this community.

Join us in keeping this beautiful momentum of hope going so when we look back on this crisis, we will realize that we are stronger than we ever imagined. It is truly a Time of Hardship and Hope.

With gratitude,



Wendy Van DeLaCastro

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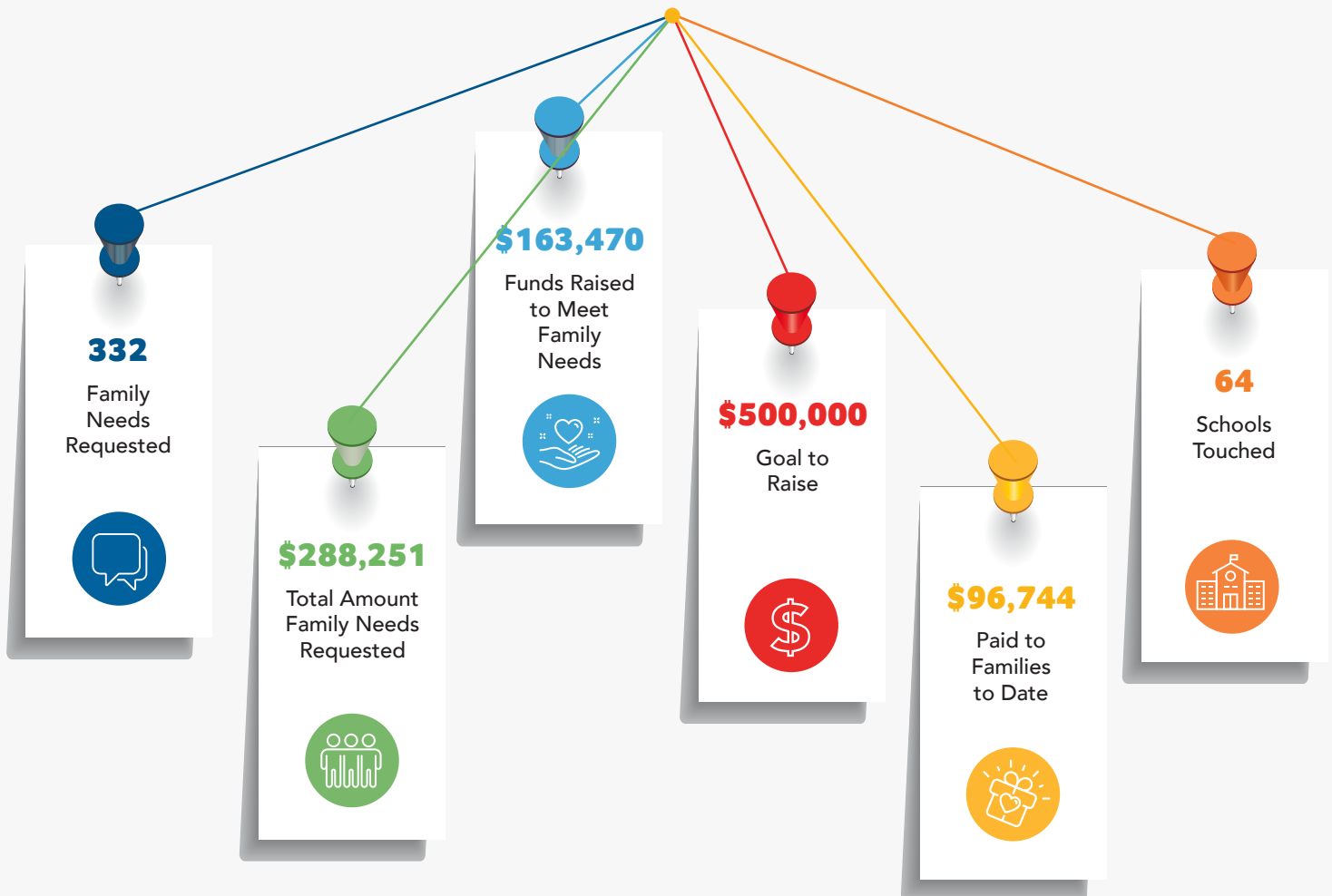
**May your choices
reflect your hopes,
not your fears.**

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—NELSON MANDELA

THE HARDSHIP IS REAL

ONE COMMUNITY. MANY NEEDS.



*Numbers as of April 20, 2020

Ensure we leave no student or family behind.

The Foundation is tirelessly working to raise funds to support LPS students and their families. To date, we have raised \$163,470 but the need is great. Can you help us meet our goal of \$500,000? Together, we can be certain that every child is taken care of and that every family remains hopeful. To give go to: <http://bit.ly/lpscovid19crisis>.

HOPE IS THRIVING.

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The city of Lincoln has come together to support LPS students and their families in countless ways. Here are just a few ways we are stronger because of our businesses and community members.



STORIES OF GIVING



Free Internet by Allo Communications

Allo Communications is donating free internet services for households with Pre-K to 12, college students, and teachers for two months. This significantly reduces one of the barriers for families at or below the poverty line.

Grab & Go Books

In an effort to support parents faced with the dual role of caregiver and now teacher, Ameritas is providing new books and educational materials from Barnes & Noble in coordination with the Foundation for LPS to families.

Wearing Your Heart on Your Sleeve

Kevin Sherrill, owner of Art FX and father to two adult daughters, both teachers, wanted to do something to unite the community and support LPS staff and students. Kevin and his family are donating a portion of every shirt purchased at <https://bit.ly/lpstshirts> to the Foundation.

There is still a large pending need for our LPS families. Below are just a few of the requests we have received.



STORIES OF NEED



"I am a CNA on the orthopedic unit. Because of this crisis all elective surgeries have been canceled which has caused a shortage in patients and I have been placed on call for the last week and 1/2. Without help I will not be able to pay my rent."

– LPS Parent

"We are struggling with having multiple children out of school and not working. This has impacted our grocery bills and extra household products. Our children are out of work and unable to help with their car insurance and phone bills."

– LPS Parent

"With the kids out of school and my work cutting hours due to closing, I'm having trouble paying all my bills and would appreciate help with rent, so I'm not evicted"

– LPS Parent

"Limited work due to the COVID-19 which in turn is limiting financial income for my family. If I don't receive funds it could potentially mean that we will become evicted from our apartment and not have funds for food and other necessities"

– LPS Parent

"We don't have enough money to pay bills. We will soon be kicked out of our house. It's hard paying the bills because we have a baby who needs baby products. We would appreciate any help you can offer"

– LPS Parent

"I'm 9 months pregnant, but I am too scared to work and my employer suggested I don't work until COVID-19 gets under control. I already have my daughter at home. I'm worried about paying my rent due to the fact I shouldn't have human contact."

– LPS Parent

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Please make checks payable to **Foundation for Lincoln Public Schools**, and mail to: PO BOX 82889
Lincoln, NE 68501

YOUR GIFT EMPOWERS HOPE

The needs of LPS families vary from those who have never had a late mortgage payment to those who live at or below the poverty line and rely on their high school child's fast food job to make ends meet.

We are working tirelessly to ensure we can quickly provide COVID-19 emergency assistance to LPS students and their families. We have seen amazing generosity, but we are still experiencing a gap to meet all needs of LPS students and their families.

Please provide your support today to help cover childcare, medical costs, rent and housing, and other emergency needs as necessary to our LPS families. The hope you provide with your gifts is immeasurable.

Help empower all of our LPS families to make it through this crisis without worry and fear. Help us make this time of hardship a time of hope.

To give today,
visit <http://bit.ly/lpscovid19crisis> or drop off a gift at any Union Bank & Trust branch location in Lincoln.

To request emergency assistance, LPS families affected by COVID-19 should go to: foundationforlps.org/covid-19/emergency-assistance.html to fill out the online application.





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