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Every student deserves a chance to succeed; the Arizona Private School Tuition Tax Credit makes it possible for San Miguel High School students to do just that!

Dear Fellow Arizonan:

We would like to share with you a unique opportunity where you can make a direct impact on the lives of our students. How? By taking advantage of the Arizona Private School Tuition Tax Credit. Make your contribution by December 31, and **remember to designate San Miguel High School!**

What is the tax credit? The State of Arizona allows you to take a portion of the tax you owe to the state – up to \$1,000 for a household or \$500 for a single person – and direct those dollars to a private school of your choice. **Simply fill out the enclosed form, and when you designate “San Miguel High School” on that form, your dollars will be used to help pay the educational costs of a student in need. And, you keep your tax dollars right here in Tucson!**

Why choose San Miguel? By law, all tax credit gifts are used for tuition assistance. At San Miguel, ***all of our students are need-based***, and all have great need for tuition assistance. San Miguel was founded solely for the purpose of providing access to quality college and career preparation for students from families of limited financial means. Families enroll their students at San Miguel to acquire the skills needed to break the cycle of poverty and unemployment in which they were born. **They need YOUR help to make that goal a reality.**

What makes San Miguel unique? The Corporate Internship Program! Every student at San Miguel commits to working at an internship job one day each week throughout the school year. The wages they earn go directly to the school to help pay tuition. In other words, our students literally are working their way through high school. Believe me, this is a huge commitment on the part of our students, but it shows me how deeply they want to change their destinies. How many high school students do you know who are willing to work all four years of high school and give 100% of their earnings back to their school?

I am sure you agree with me that these students deserve our support, so they can learn the skills they will need to succeed in college and career, and ultimately, to return to us as productive members and leaders of our community.

YOU can help support them WITHOUT IT COSTING YOU anything beyond the tax dollars that you would be paying to the State of Arizona anyway. Keep those dollars in Tucson! Direct them to San Miguel High School, and help us help a teenager change the face of the south side of Tucson, one student at a time.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Leslie Shultz-Crist".

Leslie Shultz-Crist, President