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Cairo High School Alumni Association, NFP 501c3
204 S. Blanche
Mounds, IL 62964

RE: Tax deductible donation request

Dear Business Leader:

The Cairo High School Alumni Association is a non-profit organization with 501c3 status formed in 2010 to provide scholarships, field trips, and other resources to Cairo (IL) Jr./Sr. High School students and the city. Technology has allowed people with ties to Cairo from all over the world to stay connected. In 2008, Bryan Lewis a 1981 CHS graduate, created a website from the Social Network Ning. The website has grown to over 1,000 members and Bryan says, "what started as a social network has grown into a force of change." Our group has had such successes as the community clean-up day, the All class reunions in 2009 and 2011, and an alumni speakers series that gives successful alumni the opportunity, "to share information about careers and emphasize the importance of education." Bryan presented CHS with a $1,000 IBM Community Grant in the Fall of 2010. The Principal of Cairo Jr/Sr High School, Zena Madison, is extremely grateful for the donation and appreciates the investment of both money and time in the town's youth by alumni. At the 2011 Cairo High School All Class Reunion, the association raised more than $600.00 with the support of the alumni through the raffle of a new laptop.

The Cairo High School Alumni Association is asking for your support in the form of a tax deductible donation that will be used for scholarships and to support the athletic department. The association is hosting an **"Old Timer's Classic Benefit Basketball Game"** with the support of former Pilots playing on Friday, April 13rd and Saturday, April 14th at the CHS gym. As you consider this donation in the amount of **$50 Silver Supporter, $100 Gold Supporter, and $250+ Platinum Supporter**, priority seating will be reserved for you at the game and your business name will be featured on the players mesh jerseys. Donations can be sent by Friday, March 23rd to: *Connie Williams 716 22nd Street, Cairo, IL 62914.* Make checks payable to: *Cairo High School Alumni Association, NFP*. Interested players should contact Dwayne Ross at drrosscp@yahoo.com (618) 407-0895.

There is no better return on an investment than in a young person. An investment in our youth is an investment in our future.

Sincerely,

Dwayne Ross

Cairo High School Alumni Association, NFP
Dwayne (Bucky) Ross, CHS c/o 1978
Coordinator of the Old Timer's Classic
Benefit Basketball Games
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Bryan Lewis is a 1981 graduate of Cairo High School. He attended the University of Illinois -Champaign/Urbana where he graduated with a Bachelor's of Science in Finance in 1985. He also received his Master's of Business Administration from Howard University in 1993. Bryan currently works for IBM, Corporation where he has held a number of sales and management positions over the last 20+ years. His current role is a Global Business Development Executive supporting European services, sales and strategy development and other global initiatives. He is married with two boys and lives in Kennesaw, GA. Bryan was recognized in 2010 for his community involvement, donating over 200+ hours each year with a focus on youth sports.



Jeffery Jackson is a 1983 graduate of Cairo High School. He currently serves as the Director of the Office of Career Services and as an Adjunct Instructor in the School of Education at Indiana University, South Bend. He has over 15 years experience in higher education. Jeff has always been an advocate for higher education. He believes education is an avenue for advancement in our ever changing and diverse society. He completed a Bachelors of Science Degree in Sociology at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, as well as a Master of Science Degree in Counseling from California State University at Northridge. He is currently a Doctoral Candidate in Educational Leadership, with a concentration in Higher Education, from Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan. Jeff's dissertation will explore "The Examination of the College Readiness of African American Freshmen at a selected Public University in the Mid-West." In addition to his experience in Higher Education, Jeff has worked in Sales, Risk Management, and Social Services. Jeff's humble persona and passion to help others drives him to use his experiences and knowledge to assist students and community members. It is Jeff's desire that his legacy will be characterized as a catalyst for promoting education, community service, as well as someone who cares. He enjoys presenting research at educational conferences, engaging in community service, cooking, traveling, and participating in sporting events with his family. Jeff is married with two beautiful daughters and lives in Granger, IN.



Colonel James E. Ramsey is an United States Army Reserve Officer currently assigned as the Operations Officer with Region I, Selective Service System. COL Ramsey has a total of thirty years of military service with three years as an enlisted soldier; eleven years on active duty and sixteen years in the Reserves as a Field Artillery Officer. In his civilian life, James is the Supervisor of Industrial Engineering for General Motors Saginaw Metal Casting Operations, General Motors Company in Saginaw, Michigan. He has previously worked as a Maintenance Supervisor, Manufacturing Supervisor, Industrial Engineer, and Global Manufacturing Systems Trainer before taking on his current assignment at General Motors. He has been with the company for the sixteen years he has been off active duty. James is the Admissions Field Force Representative for the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY for Michigan Congressional Districts 05 and 10 where he helps young men and women gain admission to West Point. He has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Operations Research concentrating in Mechanical Engineering from the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY. He also has an Masters of Business Administration from Capella University in Minneapolis, MN. James was born in Cairo, IL. He graduated from CHS in 1980. He is the son of George and Magnolia Ramsey. He is married to Melissa (Grant) Ramsey and has three sons: James II, Forrest, and Dakota. They currently live in Grand Blanc, Michigan.

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Carolyn D. Greer Kluttz was born and raised in Cairo, Illinois. She is the youngest of 8 daugthers and the 10th of 11 children born to the late Wardell Greer Sr. and Ola Mae Greer. She graduated with Honors from Cairo High School in 1986. She is also a 1991 graduate of Southeast Missouri State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing. Since acquiring her degree, she has gained 20 years of experience in Surgical Nursing, Emergency Medicine Nursing, and Urgent Care as a Registered Nurse. In addition, she is a member of the Missouri Nurses Association and the American Nurses Association. Carolyn also has a Master's Degree in Health Administration. Upon completion of her second Masters in 2012 degree, Carolyn will earn the title of Nurse Practitioner. Aside from dedicating much of her life to her own academic pursuits, Carolyn is also an extremely successful entrepreneur. For 10 years, she lucratively owned and operated Carolyn's Scrubs and Prints in Cape Girardeau, MO. Carolyn has been the co-owner and administrator of Sikeston Urgent Care in Sikeston, MO since 2002. In St. Louis, MO, she co-founded and now operates Healthcare Associates with her husband Dr. Alywin E. Kluttz, M.D. and her daughter Dr. Chereka S. Kluttz, D.O. The Kluttz family is humble and deeply rooted in their faith. They recognize that to whom much is given, much is expected which is exemplified through Carolyn's dedication to service in the Cairo community. Carolyn is the proud mother of 3 beautiful children: Dr. Chereka S. Kluttz, Al'Lexia S. Kluttz, and Alywin Kluttz Jr.



Shanell McGoy has deep roots in Southern Illinois. Her family has lived in Cairo, Illinois since the late 1880's. Shanell is the daughter of Cornell and Sheila A. McGoy. She is a Class of 2000 graduate of Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia with a Bachelor of Arts in Comparative Women's Studies. She also obtained a Master of Public Health in Community Health Sciences from the University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health. She has had a variety of experiences in public health at community based organizations and local, state, and federal governments in such locations as Springfield, IL; Oakland, CA; Detroit, MI; Memphis, TN and at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, GA. Currently, Shanell is a Doctoral Candidate at Southern Illinois University Carbondale in the College of Education and Human Services, Department of Health Education and Recreation. Shanell is committed to education, service, and using her skills to improve her community – a lesson emphasized at Spelman. "The best response to the long list of social ills is to put into effect the Noah principle. That is, stop looking for credit for predicting the rain, its time to start building an ark." Johnnetta B. Cole



Zena Madison is a career educator and school administrator with 17 years of teaching experience in the Cairo Public School System. Zena is a proud 1986 graduate of Cairo High School. She obtained an Associate's degree from Shawnee Community College in Ullin, Illinois and a Bachelor's of Arts in Elementary Education from Southern Illinois University Carbondale in 1995. Zena has two Masters degrees, one from Southern Illinois University Carbondale in Reading and another from McKendree University in Administration. Mrs. Madison served as Assistant Principal of Cairo Jr/Sr High School for two years and currently holds the esteemed title of Principal. Her dedication to the education of children in Cairo is unmatched and demonstrated by her many years of service to the district. Immensely qualified for the role as Principal, Zena enjoys her new challenge and sees herself in the students; for she once walked the same halls and sat in the same classrooms where she is now Principal. Mrs. Madison's 3 years of experience with the United States Army certainly comes in handy when keeping the students in order. She is married to Byron Madison, Sr. and is the mother of four handsome sons.