

## Annual Fundraising Hope Lutheran School

Thanks to your support last year, students from age 2-12 are blessed with experienced and caring teachers and staff and are enjoying the benefits of Christian education. Our fundraising efforts for the school year (fall 2017 to spring 2018) are underway. Status reports and presentations on specific funding activities are being communicated via the congregation's e-mail distribution list, mailings, and during church announcements on Sundays. We hope this approach will improve communications and if you ever have any questions please contact a Fundraising Focus Group member or the school office (529-8080). The FFG members are listed at the end of this article. Our goal is to have the majority of these funds collected by the end of January 2018 so that we can plan for the next school year. The following paragraphs provide **specific details** on our current focus: **Idaho Tax Code giving.**

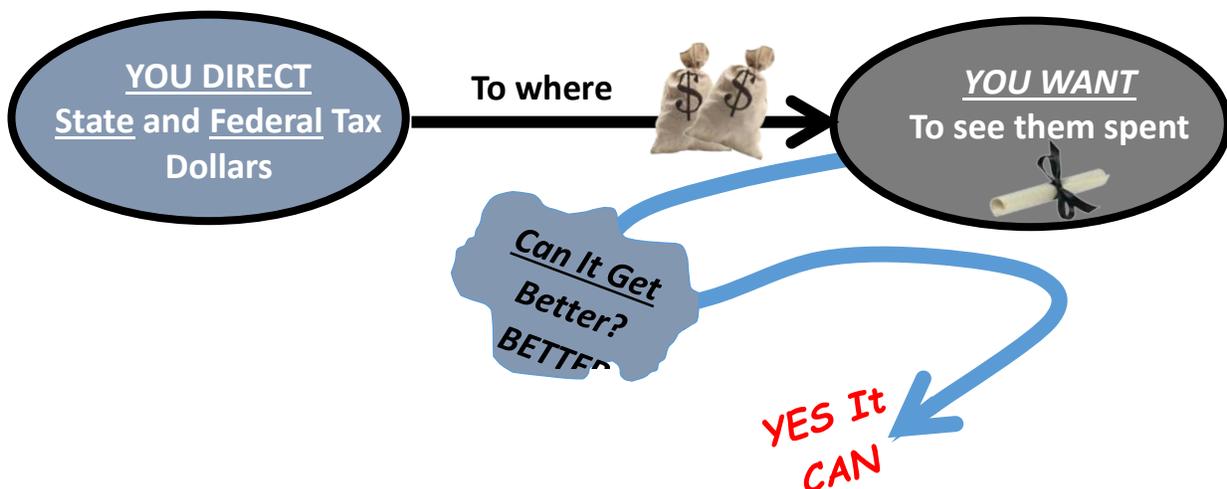
The State of Idaho will generously **reduce YOUR TAXES by subtracting 50% of your donation** to an educational institution from the taxes you owe. There is an upper limit on just how generous the state of Idaho wants to be and it is **\$2,000 for a married couple filing a joint return** and **\$1,000 for a person filing a single return**. These values are much higher for a business; see the **Request For Partners** on our web site [allabouthope.org](http://allabouthope.org) for more information.

So this is how it works. A married couple filing a joint return and donating \$2,000 will have **\$1,000 taken off their taxes**. In addition, if they also itemize their deductions, they will **reduce their "taxable income"** by **\$2,000**, which in turn will reduce the amount of State and Federal taxes they owe. The RFP has more information on this option and you will need to **talk to your tax consultant** to understand your specific return potential and estimate your "out-of-pocket" expense. **The two big advantages** of giving this way are:

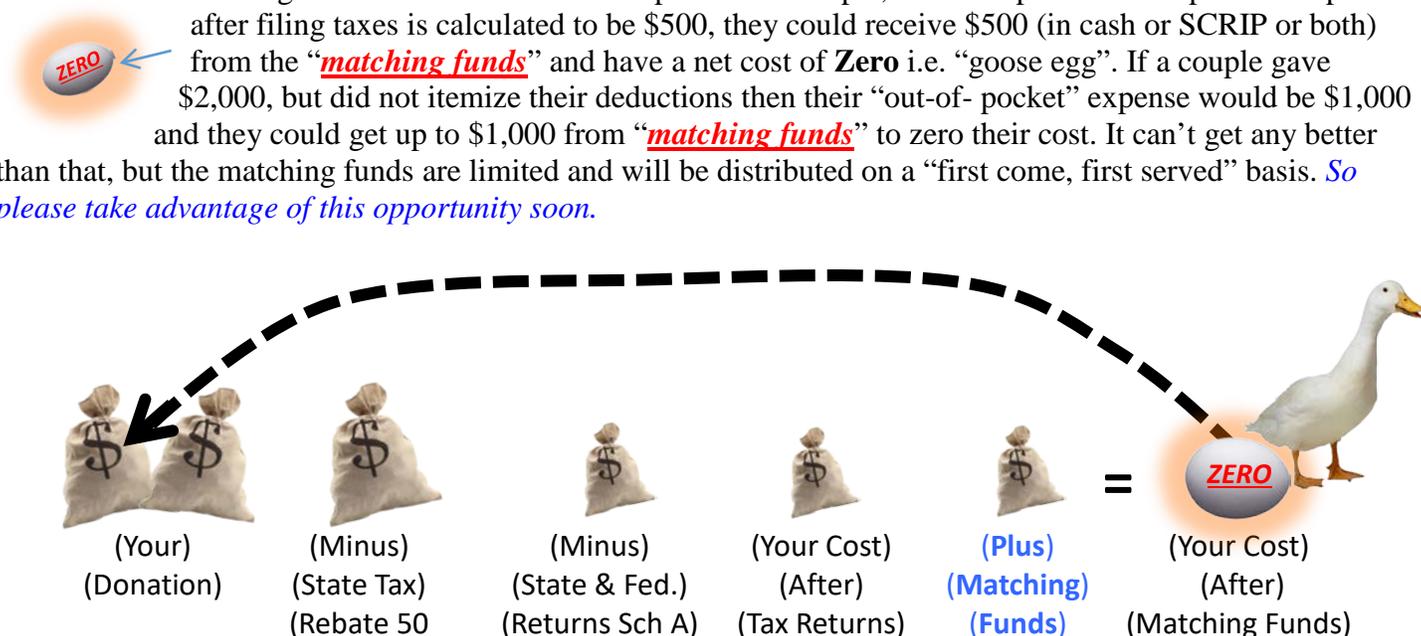
- (1) Your **GIVING IS MULTIPLIED** by using the state matching funds. Your actual "out-of-pocket" cost after you get your tax return is much less than the money that was donated e.g., the final cost of giving \$2,000 could be less than \$500. This works for businesses on an even larger scale – see the RFP!



- (2) **You DIRECT TAX DOLLARS**



[New this year, we are offering “incentives”](#) to: (1) get new donors into this program and (2) encourage other donors to increase their giving to the maximum state allowed levels. Funds for this effort are coming from larger donors who are willing to “gift” money in a “matching funds” strategy to lower or **eliminate** the donor’s “out-of-pocket” cost. That’s right; your cost can be **zero** after you get your tax returns. This is how the “matching funds” rebate works. In the previous example, if the couple’s “out-of-pocket” expense after filing taxes is calculated to be \$500, they could receive \$500 (in cash or SCRIP or both) from the “matching funds” and have a net cost of **Zero** i.e. “goose egg”. If a couple gave \$2,000, but did not itemize their deductions then their “out-of-pocket” expense would be \$1,000 and they could get up to \$1,000 from “matching funds” to zero their cost. It can’t get any better than that, but the matching funds are limited and will be distributed on a “first come, first served” basis. *So please take advantage of this opportunity soon.*



[How to Give:](#) Your giving can be done with a check or electronically (go to [allabouthope.org](http://allabouthope.org) and at the bottom of the page just click on the “Donate” button). Next identify:

- (1) **The amount** of “matching funds” you want to off-set your “out-of-pocket” expenses
- (2) **The form of** “matching funds” e.g., SCRIP, or a cashier’s check, or both
- (3) **How you wish to receive** your “matching funds” – mail or personal delivery to your home.

Put this information in an envelope marked “Hope School” and (a) place it in the offering, (b) mail it to the school (2071 12<sup>th</sup> St., Idaho Falls, 83404), or (c) simply talk to an FFG member. When you choose SCRIP, please identify the store, the dollar amount and number of gift cards. A SCRIP order form is included at the end of this article. We appreciate you using SCRIP (store gift cards) because it is another form of fundraising for the school. You can use the SCRIP for your Christmas shopping or simply use them as Christmas gifts and skip the shopping hassle. If we don’t have your specific SCRIP on hand it will take about two week for delivery.

Contact any FFG member, or the church office, with questions, suggestions, and contact names of companies or people that you think may be inclined to support the school. The FFG members are Mitch Meyer, Roger Henry, and Bob Holzworth. Get in touch with the church office, at 208-529-8080, to obtain their contact information.

[We need your help making contacts. One way you can do this is to pick up a copy of the RFP at church and give it to anyone that might be interested in understanding our situation and the different giving options.](#)

Above all else **we need your prayers for success, guidance, and wisdom** in establishing new relationships with like-minded community members and businesses. [Thanks for taking the time to read this information](#) and if you have questions or comments please contact us.

## SCRIP Information

### GROCERY/DEPT. STORE

Albertsons \$25 \$100  
Dillard's \$25 \$100  
Herberger's \$25 \$100  
JC Penney \$25 \$100  
Kohl's \$25 \$100  
Macy's \$25 \$100  
Sam's Club \$25 \$100 \$250  
Sears \$25 \$100 \$250  
Shopko \$25  
Target \$25 \$100  
Walgreens \$25 \$100  
Walmart \$25 \$50 \$100 \$250

### HOME, OFFICE & AUTO

Auto Zone \$25  
Bed, Bath and Beyond \$25 \$100  
Home Depot \$25 \$100 \$500  
Jiffy Lube \$30  
Lowe's \$20 \$25 \$100 \$500  
Office Max \$25 \$100  
Pier 1 \$25  
Staples \$25 \$100

### SPORTING GOODS

Bass Pro Shop \$25 \$100  
Big 5 Sporting Goods \$25  
Cabela's \$25 \$100  
Dick's Sporting Goods \$25 \$100  
REI \$25

### TOYS, BOOKS, Electronics

Barnes and Noble \$10 \$25  
Best Buy \$25 \$100 \$250  
Build A Bear \$25  
Nook \$10 \$25 \$100  
Radio Shack \$25  
Toys R Us \$20

### HEALTH & BEAUTY

Bath & Body Works \$10 \$25  
GNC \$25  
Great Clips \$25  
Master Cuts \$25  
Sally Beauty Supply \$25  
Smart Style \$25  
CLOTHING  
Aeropostale \$25  
American Eagle Outfitters \$25  
Buckle \$25  
Claire's \$10  
Eddie Bauer \$25  
Foot Locker \$25  
Gap \$25 \$100  
Gymboree \$25  
J Crew \$25  
Journeys \$25  
LL Bean \$25 \$100  
Men's Warehouse \$25  
Motherhood Maternity \$25  
Old Navy \$25 \$100  
Payless Shoes \$20  
Shoe Carnival \$25

### ONLINE RETAILERS

Amazon \$25 \$100  
American Girl \$25 \$100  
Dell Computer \$100  
Disney \$15 \$25  
Harry & David \$25  
iTunes \$15 \$25  
Lands' End \$25 \$100  
Oriental Trading Co. \$25  
Zappos \$25

### FOOD AND BEVERAGE

Applebee's \$25 \$50  
Arby's \$10  
Buffalo Wild Wings \$10 \$25  
Burger King \$10  
Carl's Jr. \$10  
Cheesecake Factory \$25  
Chili's \$25 \$50  
Chuck E Cheese \$10  
Cold Stone Creamery \$10  
Denny's \$10  
Domino's \$10  
IHOP \$25  
Jack in the Box \$10  
Jamba Juice \$10  
Noodles & Co. \$10  
Olive Garden \$25  
Outback Steakhouse \$25  
Panda Express \$25  
Panera Bread \$10 \$25  
Papa John's \$10  
Papa Murphy's \$10  
Pizza Hut \$10  
Red Lobster \$25  
Red Robin \$25  
Starbucks \$10 \$25  
Subway \$10 \$50  
Taco Bell \$10  
Texas Roadhouse \$25  
Wendy's \$10

### MISC.

Edwards Theater \$9.50 \$25  
Jo-Ann Fabric \$25  
Michaels \$25  
Pet Smart \$25

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