

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Dear RHS team members,

November is a beautiful time of year. The leaves are changing colors, there is a chill in the air. The holidays are just around the corner, full of family gatherings and guilty pleasure desserts (It will have to be a cheat day for me!) It's the perfect time of year to reflect on all we have to be thankful for.

I try to keep in mind that I would not be the person I am today if it were not for the experiences and opportunities along my way. My travels as a military kid, my opportunity to attend college, my jobs throughout the years that led me to MSU and the people that I have worked with, who fostered my passion for what we do here. Not everyone in our great community has the same privileges and opportunities that I have had. There are thousands of people here in the capital area that are not so fortunate. To the best of my ability, I want to help provide those same opportunities for those less fortunate. That's why I am a proud member of the Michigan State University Community Charitable Campaign (MSUCCC) steering committee, and that's why I'm choosing to participate in this year's campaign.

The MSUCCC is a campaign devoted to raising money for local charities through the support of the Capital Area United Way. Your pledge to the campaign helps support more than 120,000 people yearly in the tri-county area, many of whom are close to campus. Capital Area United Way fights for the health, education and financial stability of every person in every community. Through community grants, United Way supports worthy programs in our area and other community projects. Now that we are entering the giving season, the campaign is open and I hope you will consider this opportunity.

There are a lot of reasons to give back, and it's more than being "the right thing to do." It reflects on who we are as people - it demonstrates your compassion, your concern for the wellbeing of the extended Spartan family, beyond the edges of campus. Giving back can also strengthen our community, and a strong community with a higher quality of life is more inviting to our incoming students. **But most of all, it feels good. Knowing that you've helped to better the life of someone else is a great reminder to appreciate what we have.**

The divisional goal for this campaign is to raise \$20,000. That would mean each RHS team member donated just \$25. That's \$0.50 a week. With that \$25, your donation could provide fresh fruit and vegetables for seven families. Or medical care and prescription assistance to three people without health insurance. Or help four parents learn the skills needed to support their children in the classroom. What is that \$25 to you? Four lattes? Visit MSUCCC's website to



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pledge your \$25 donation and then visit us on the 3rd floor of 1855 Place. Our Starbucks coffee machine will be waiting for you.

I donate to MSUCCC because I want to provide opportunities to those who are not as fortunate as I am and I encourage you to consider donating as well. With that \$25 each, we can reach our divisional goal of \$20,000. We constantly talk about our students' neighborhoods - imagine what that amount of money could provide for OUR neighborhoods. It would be a substantial step towards providing basic needs, education, and security for every person in our community.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vennie Gore". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Vennie Gore
Vice President for Auxiliary Enterprises
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