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Dear Donor:

Public education is at the root of our family tree. We come from a family of teachers. Both of our mothers taught in country schools in the 1940's. Ron's father was a teacher, coach, and administrator for 57 years. Lori spent many years teaching here in Grand Island at Lincoln Elementary.

Our tree only grows stronger as the branches continue the education lineage. Our children, Emily, Jeff, and Tim, are all products of this fine school system. **Grand Island Public Schools is personal for us.** We saw our children thrive as they followed the path from Newell Elementary, to Walnut Middle School, and to Grand Island Senior High. They each were the beneficiary of dedicated and loving faculty and staff who made a significant difference in their lives. In addition to their classwork, our children learned the value of hard work, commitment, and teamwork. They were ready for college and each pursued their dreams of nurturing and helping others. Two are teachers, one is a nurse. We are proud of them and we are grateful for their GIPS education.

So, what is special about Grand Island Public Schools? The answer is, **YOU, US, This Community.** Grand Island has always come together as a community to invest in students so that **OUR** tradition of excellence continues. We did this as parents at Newell, Walnut, and GISH. We now invest with the GIPS Foundation. The work of our GIPS Foundation takes on so many forms including dual credit and college scholarships, classroom grants, individual grants, music, sports, and arts grants and everything in between. So many of the stories about the difference we make for individual students are untold...but the work is powerful and it is what sets our schools apart. Last year, with help from donors like **YOU**, the Grand Island Public Schools Foundation delivered **\$1,228,210** in additional opportunities to students!

**The Tradition continues with YOU!** We need your help to invest in these value-added student opportunities. Annually, we must raise funds from donors like you so we can continue to invest in opportunities for our students that are beyond the school budget.

We hope that you will join our family and the teachers and staff of GIPS by investing in additional opportunities for our students. Your gift to the Foundation is an investment in excellence for our students. The tradition continues with **YOU!**

Sincerely,

Ron & Lori Depue, Community Campaign Chairs

P.S. Last year 89% of our Teachers and Staff gave to our GIPS Foundation. Help us match their generosity by sending your gift for students today!

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