



Bringing life and learning opportunities to Edina Public Schools students who are economically disadvantaged

## Big News for Edina Give and Go

As Edina Give and Go begins its 4th year of bringing life and learning opportunities to Edina students who experience financial adversity, we are excited to announce that we have recently received our own 501c3 status from the IRS.

### What does this mean for you, our supporters?

Essentially, it means that you may now give directly to Edina Give and Go. Your tax-deductible donations will be recognized as gifts to Edina Give and Go rather than to our fiscal sponsor. Gifts may be made via credit card through our website or by check made payable to Edina Give and Go. Our Employer Identification Number (EIN) is 47-5031672.

### What does this mean for Edina Give and Go?

We are "growing up," and we no longer operate under a fiscal sponsorship agreement. Edina Give and Go is now a stand-alone charitable organization striving to be nimble in meeting the needs of our students in a fluid environment.

We are pleased that the administration, teachers, and support staff of Edina Public Schools recognize the importance of the opportunities we make possible for our students. With your continued support, we remain committed to helping more students of all ages by granting individual and program requests throughout the year.

Edina Give and Go relies completely on contributions from the generous members of our community to help the three of every 30 Edina students who struggle financially. We ask that you continue to spread the word about Edina Give and Go by referring your neighbors to **GIVE** so every **EDINA** student can **GO**. Visit us at [www.EdinaGiveandGo.org](http://www.EdinaGiveandGo.org). You can also help by liking and sharing our posts on social media and telling your friends and family about our mission.

With your help, we look forward to many more years of working to make our community a leader in supporting **ALL** students. On behalf of Edina Give and Go, I thank you for your support. Please contact me with any questions, concerns, or ideas. I am happy to answer your questions in person, on the phone or via e-mail. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

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## Now collecting school supplies

### School Supply Drive

Edina Give and Go is collecting school supplies now through September. Please consider picking up some of the following supplies as you are out running errands:

- Single subject spiral notebooks
- Loose leaf note paper
- Pocket folders
- Highlighters
- 3 Ring binders
- Pens
- Dividers/tabs (for 3 ring binders)
- Pencils
- Kleenex

There are 3 options for drop-off of school supplies:

- 1) In the lobby of the Edina Community Center.
- 2) In our office (room 336 of the Edina Community Center)
- 3) At the Edina location of Red's Savoy Pizza (4960 W 77th St, Edina, MN 55435). **Red's Savoy has generously offered to give you \$5 off of your pizza purchase if you donate school supplies!**

Edina Give and Go is grateful for any help you can provide! Watch our [Facebook](#) page for more information!

## Summer is GO Time Update



Summer is GO Time is in full swing! This year, rather than having three concentrated weeks of camps as there were the past two summers, Summer is GO Time participants were each given an allowance of \$500, and were able to use that money to register for camps throughout the summer. We are thrilled with the way this has helped engage more students. Our goal was to

enroll 45 students, and 50 enrolled! Students are participating in activities ranging from archery to computer programming, and they are having a blast!

In addition, Edina Public Schools asked Edina Give and Go if we could help them pay for students take part in the Summer of Opportunity at YMCA Camp Kici Yapi. Because of the success of our spring fundraiser, we were able to contribute \$5,500 so that 30 students could go to camp for a week. Thank you for your generosity!

## Meet Andrea Bernhardt



Andrea Bernhardt is the Community Resources and Involvement Coordinator for Edina Community Education Services. She grew up in Excelsior, and lives in Prior Lake with her husband, Troy, and their two boys. She enjoys spending time with family and friends, photography, Zumba, tennis, golf and traveling. She is a great supporter of Summer is GO Time, so you may have enjoyed the opportunity to meet her at our annual fundraiser this spring.

We are so fortunate to have such a dedicated advocate for kids working with us and with Edina Community Education. Her work is absolutely essential to the success of Summer is GO Time. She brings a wealth of experience to her position. Andrea worked with kids in various park and rec programs around the metro area as a teenager and went on to earn her B.S. in Parks and Recreation with an emphasis in Outdoor Recreation and Education from the University of Minnesota - Twin Cities campus. She then worked for community ed programs in Chaska, Edina, and Osseo. While in Osseo, Andrea says she "worked with out of school time programming utilizing state and federal funding for students at risk. We received a 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant which made free out of school time programming possible for junior high students in areas like arts, recreation, academics, dance, summer programming, and other enrichment activities. We had four 21st Century Community Learning Centers and 13 schools that had free programming available for students that were in need of programming. I worked there for four years, and when an opening occurred back with Edina Community Education I jumped on it."

"I was really excited about the opportunity to work with youth, adults, volunteers, and the Edina Resource Center. I love helping people and giving families more opportunities to learn new things and experience something they may not try otherwise. That's really what drew me to this position was that it had a little bit of everything that I love! To see the success that is possible when students and individuals have new opportunities is amazing. I worked a lot with data and reporting in my position with Osseo and my favorite type of data is the qualitative data which are the success stories of students and individuals. I am excited about the possibilities moving forward and excited to work in the Edina Community again." Andrea's goals for her work in Edina include: ensuring that all learners have every opportunity possible in our community, creating and sustaining effective and valued partnerships, and connecting community members to resources.

Working with Andrea is a privilege and a joy. She has such a heart for helping disadvantaged students feel welcome and a normal part of each class they take. She works tirelessly to ensure that they are comfortable, that they have transportation, and that they get to participate in the classes that mean something to each of them.