



# Introducing the Momentum Fund

IMPACT Silver Spring is building a thriving, multicultural community. In the Long Branch and Wheaton neighborhoods, residents and institutions are coming together in new networks to bridge the differences of race, class, and culture through empowerment, leadership training, and collaborative action.

You can take part in the transformation of our schools and neighborhoods through the Momentum Fund, which provides stipends to participants of IMPACT's programs. In its inaugural year, the Fund seeks 20 passionate investors. Donors are invited to take part in celebrations at the end of each program.

The Momentum Fund supports participants of these grassroots programs:

## Neighbor Corps

Neighbor Corps is an intensive leadership development opportunity for diverse residents and community partners. Participants learn how to build their neighborhood networks, with a particular focus on bridging service providers and residents in need. As a group, they take on specific action projects to enhance their neighborhood and bring their neighbors together for mutual support and exchange.

Roxanne, a mother of two from Trinidad, served in the first Neighbor Corps. The experience transformed her community involvement, focusing her newfound passions on the Wheaton Community Center. Partnering with a neighbor, she created a strategy for beautifying the underutilized Center, through repainting, gardening, and the addition of a computer lab.



Ayad was also a participant in the first Wheaton Neighbor Corps. As a recent immigrant from Libya whose family was still abroad, Ayad felt disconnected from his local community. He joined Neighbor Corps both to meet his neighbors and to live out his strong sense of moral justice. Ayad became a door-knocker, connecting his neighbors to emergency social services.

## Parent Educators

Through a unique partnership with the Commonwealth's after-school literacy program, our Parent Educators are committed parents of color who seek new relationships with schools and lifelong skills in education. Assisting teachers in the classroom, the parents learn how children learn and bring their cultural perspectives and sensitivity into the classroom.

Yinette, mother of four, was a Parent Educator at Sligo Creek Elementary: "I am so proud of my kids, and I am sure they feel the same about me—now even more, thanks to IMPACT. Being a Parent Educator has given me so much knowledge. IMPACT has built my capacity in so many ways."



Janice was a Parent Educator at Glen Haven Elementary: "The program has given me motivation, self-confidence, and the opportunity to assist teachers and students in the MCPS system. It has been an experience of a lifetime to work with the students on their daily academic routine...I always feel energized and eager for the next assignment."

## IMPACT Silver Spring: Momentum Fund Donation Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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\*I would like to support my neighbors through the Momentum Fund.

Minimum gift: \$300 x Quantity: \_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*I would like to make a contribution to IMPACT Silver Spring's general fund: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*I would like to make an annual pledge to the Momentum Fund in the amount of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to IMPACT Silver Spring and return to the address below. Your gift is fully tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law.



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