

HEF Launches 'Honor A Teacher' Program In City

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Recipients Honored With Donation In Their Name

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HARRISONBURG - It's customary for students to express appreciation for their teachers by giving them small gifts.

But instead of an apple, potholder or Christmas ornament this year, Harrisonburg Education Foundation is encouraging families to recognize city school personnel through its new "Honor a Teacher Program."

The way it works is community members send a donation of at least \$25 to HEF, along with the name of the teacher, staff member or administrator they wish to honor.

The teachers or staff members will then receive a letter from HEF stating that a donation has been made in their honor. The donor also will receive a letter confirming the contribution is tax deductible.

Money raised through the program will go toward HEF projects, which include scholarships for graduating students and grants for teachers, said Craig Mackail, a member of the HEF board of directors.

Ten to 15 community members have participated in the program, which started a couple months ago and will be available throughout the year, Mackail said.

"It's a great program," he said. "[It's] a nice way to honor a teacher."

For more information, log on to the foundation's Web site at www.harrisonburgeducationfoundation.org.

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