

Unity Lutheran Christian Elementary

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We Need Your Help - the "Invest in Kids Act"

Dear Unity Lutheran Christian School Community,

The State of Illinois has recently passed new tax legislation entitled the "Invest in Kids Act" of 2017. This new legislation supports our Lutheran Schools by significantly increasing the amount of charitable deductions for qualified contributions. Here is the wording from the Illinois Department of Revenue "Informational Bulletin" (FY 2017-18, October 2017):

"Illinois taxpayers who are approved can receive state income tax credits in the amount of 75% of their total qualified contributions made to one or more Scholarship Granting Organizations during a taxable year."

We ask you to prayerfully consider using this program as you make your decisions regarding support of our ministry at Unity Lutheran. Anyone considering making a tax credit scholarship



donation needs to have an account on mytax.illinois.gov BEFORE applying for a tax credit. This process can take up to 10 days and involves a mailed Letter ID. Registration for tax credit applications opened on January 2, 2018. Learn more at www.EmpowerIllinois.org/donors. We appreciate your support and generosity.

Registering is a two-step process:

Part I: Request a Letter ID at mytax.illinois.gov

You will need:

- The primary taxpayer's Social Security Number (SSN)

And

- One of the following:
 - Illinois Driver's License number
 - Illinois State ID number
 - Adjusted Gross Income from 2016

You will find "Request a Letter ID" under the "Individuals" tab at the top of the screen.

Follow the prompts. You should receive your Letter ID in the mail within 7 - 10 business days.

Part II: Activate your MyTax.illinois.gov account using your Letter ID

You will need:

- Your Letter ID
- Primary Taxpayers SSN and one of the approved documents from above
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Click the "Sign up Now!" button the login box and follow the prompts. Using your information, you will be able to look up your "IL-PIN". Use your pin and Letter ID to set your Username and Password and Active Your Account.

Once your account is active, and after January 2, 2018, you will be able to reserve your tax credit.

Thank you for considering participating in this program. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me personally at 618-874-6605 or bmclaughlin@unityesl.org. I will be most happy to visit you and go over any questions you have.

In Gratitude and Service,

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Jesus!"*

If you have any suggestions on what you would like to see in our newsletter, please let us know.

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