

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your child has been participating in a unit called “Advise and Consent” where students are learning that the government does not do everything when it comes to services needed by the public. Families, businesses and nonprofit organizations also provide some of these needed services. One of the types of nonprofit organizations they are learning about is the community foundation. The community foundation provides help to various organizations which serve the community.

They will conduct a survey of the community to determine its needs; research groups that provide assistance; write and present a proposal to fund a community need. You may be asked to participate in a survey of community concerns for one of your child’s assignments. This unit reinforces civics, economics, reading, writing, listening, speaking and research concepts and skills.

[Students will also gain the experience of what it is like to serve on a community foundation by earning a small amount of money through a one-day fundraising activity and determining how to spend it]

If you have any questions or wish further information regarding this unit, feel free to contact me. If you have knowledge of a particular nonprofit group that serves the community and may be of interest for the researchers, I would welcome such information.

Thank you for your help with this unit.

Some of the information for this unit was provided by [learningtogive.org](http://learningtogive.org).

