

Mamawi Atosketan Students benefit from Employer's Matching Fund & Pay Blessing Forward

A friend of Mamawi Atosketan Native School (MANS) recently doubled his contribution to Alberta's mission school without taking another dollar from his bank account. The kind donor simply submitted an application and copy of his receipt from MANS to his employer's Charity Matching program—another tax-smart way to increase money going to God's cause.

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The tax credit to the donor returns half of the donation to him, but the employer matches the original gift. The effect is that the gift realized by the school is actually four times more than the cost to the donor.

"That goes a long way for us," said

Gail Wilton, principal of MANS, when she received news of the second and unanticipated donation.

The timing was perfect: the parents, students, and staff of the school were in the midst of a bake sale to benefit the victims of typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines, and the more than \$400 dollars they raised for ADRA's Philippines relief effort would be matched by the Canadian Government, making the MANS impact nearly \$1,000. "That's a lot of money for our school community to raise," observed Wilton, who credits Charissa Hawes, Grade 2 teacher and elementary vice-principal, as primary organizer and fundraiser—a part of the school's program of regular community service. Parents helped in several aspects of the sale and are proud of what their children accomplished.

Wilton also recognized the opportunity to reinforce the biblical principle of "cast your bread upon the waters, and it will return to you after many days"—a teachable moment created by a savvy and generous donor.

DID YOU KNOW?

At Year End, many employers will match the donations employees make to a charity. Guidelines vary, but schools are often a favourite charity for employers.

Year End Giving Tips

1. Giving Marketable Securities (shares) directly to the Church give you a bigger tax receipt than if you cash the shares in and give the proceeds. The Church also receives a larger gift.
2. Donating a partial interest in your home can provide you with a significant tax credit and refund without changing anything in your use of your home during your life. The tax credit can be used immediately or carried.



MANS' Community Service curriculum includes a variety of outreach activities—Students of the Mamawi Atosketan Grade 2 class made posters to promote the sale of their contributions to the November school-wide bake sale that raised more than \$400 for Typhoon Haiyan victims in the Philippines.

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