



Cultivate

Both schools stood out as centers of excellence in southeast Atlanta –

gaining recognition for innovative teaching and outstanding student performance. During the 2010-11 school year, the schools merged to form ANCS. The merger created an exciting moment of expansion and redefinition but, unfortunately, collided with an economic downturn and further restrictions in local and state funding. Family and community support kept the doors open, but with limited resources, ANCS had to cut back on language programs and increase class sizes during this period.

We are still recovering from years of limited resources and funds. As we cultivate our strategic plan, renew our charter, and build our fundraising profile, it is critical that we show the engagement and participation of our community in these efforts. If we can demonstrate the ability of our community to come together 100% and dig deep at home first, we will improve our opportunities to qualify for external funding.



Nurture

It all started with an acorn –

a dream to create a new kind of public school for our children. In 2002, with the collaboration of parents, teachers, and the community, the Neighborhood Charter School opened in the historic Slaton building in Grant Park. Thanks to the commitment, energy, and financial support of these early organizers, the school continued to grow and evolve through a series of charter renewals and despite a damaging fire in 2003. The acorn and oak were, and continue to be, vital symbols of the school reflecting the way that students are nurtured and encouraged to learn in a supportive and creative environment. In 2005, many of the same parents helped to create the Atlanta Charter Middle School, located in Ormewood Park.



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Gather & Grow

The Atlanta Neighborhood Charter School

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87% of our funding goes directly toward teaching and learning. Remaining funds support our facilities, social and emotional learning programs, and technology initiatives.

What was once an acorn, grew into a mighty and resilient oak –

and now, we ask you to help ANCS thrive. This is a critical moment in our history, as we work to retain the unique qualities of creativity, community, and collaboration that are so important to our school, and work to secure our future success.

As we embark on this new campaign, we have two key goals:

- 1. to raise at least \$200,000 this year and \$700,000 over the course of three years (2014-2017)
- 2. to ensure 100% of our families and staff make a donation to the annual fund

What is our suggested donation? Our suggested donation continues to be \$400 per student. Spread out over the year that is \$33 a month or a little over \$1 a day. But every donation counts, regardless of its size. Your participation makes a difference and impacts the future of our school.

ANCS was nominated as the top charter school in Georgia in 2013. Our test scores are consistently higher than other schools in the region. We are a member of the Coalition of Essential Schools, and our new initiatives, such as our farm-to-school food nutrition program, commitment to health and wellness, and implementation of Conscious Discipline and mindful education, continue to highlight our innovation and our dedication to progress in education. You can ensure that we continue to thrive and that our children continue to leap to new heights.



YES! I want to make a donation to the Gather & Grow Fund. I understand that the amount I give is not as important as the fact that I give what I can. **Our goal is 100% family participation.**

1 Donation Method

Please choose from one of the following options:

- My check is enclosed, payable to Atlanta Neighborhood Charter School
- I will make my donation via the website at atlncs.org

2 Donation Amount (we suggest \$400 per child per year)

A one-time donation in the amount of:

- \$100 \$400 \$800 \$2500
- \$250 \$600 \$1200 Other \$ _____

OR

*A repeating donation in the sum of \$ _____, once every:

- Month Quarter Year

**Note: this option is only available online at atlncs.org.*

3 Contact Information

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

Student Name(s) _____

Student Name(s) _____

4 Relationship to Student

Please choose from one of the following options:

- Parent/Guardian Family Member
- Grandparent Business
- Friend Other _____

Please mail your pledge card & donation using the enclosed envelope to the address on the back of this brochure or drop it off at ANCS. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us directly via email at annualcampaign@atlncs.org.