



To whom it may concern,

Mainspring Academy is a not-for-profit 501c(3) special education school in Jacksonville. We are proud to serve a community of students who are often missed, those with lifelong intellectual and developmental diagnoses, including autism, Down syndrome, cerebral palsy, and other severe learning and behavioral differences. Since 2015, Mainspring Academy has been fulfilling its mission to provide quality, individualized education in a safe learning environment where children with intellectual and learning differences can thrive. For many students, Mainspring Academy is the only school that is willing and able to meet their needs and give them the opportunity to reach their fullest potential.

In honor of National Random Acts of Kindness Week in February, February 12th to February 18th, 2024, our parents are holding a 7-Day Fundraiser Step Challenge called "Miles for Mainspring". The purpose of the challenge is to raise \$10,000.00 to add adaptive physical education to our school programming. Adaptive PE is an evidence-based approach for reaching students with a wide range of special needs and disabilities. Research findings from various peer-reviewed publications such as the Journal of Intellectual Disability Research, Journal of Autism and Development Disorders, and Perception and Motor Skills Research Exchange shows that adaptive PE fosters significant improvements in the areas of student motivation, motor development, and emotional regulation.

Registrants will pledge to walk 10,000 steps a day for seven days in honor of our students and school. There will be a raffle each day for seven days, with prizes worth up to \$200. Registrants who complete their 10,000 steps for the day are eligible for the daily raffle. There will be a final grand prize vacation raffle worth up to \$1000 for participants who complete the 10,000 step challenge for all seven days. The grand prize motivates more people to register to the event for our cause. In the past, our grand prize winners have won an \$1000 trip to Disney World and a weekend getaway to Flagler Beach. We are writing in hopes that your company will contribute a daily prize (worth up to \$200) or make a grand prize (worth up to \$1000).

On behalf of Mainspring Academy and most importantly, the many students who benefit from our efforts, I want to thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions about the event, or would like to learn more about Mainspring Academy, please contact us at (904) 503-0344 or visit our website at [www.mainspringacademy.org](http://www.mainspringacademy.org).

We appreciate your consideration and looking forward to hearing from you soon!

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**Respectfully,**

**Sabrena Snow, Director of Community Affairs**