



MILLION DOLLAR  
**TEACHER**  
PROJECT

TAKE A TEACHER TO LUNCH  
IMPACT REPORT

---

WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU !!

# LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

On behalf of Million Dollar Teacher Project (MDTP), thank you for sponsoring our second program year of our Take a Teacher to Lunch (TTL) initiative! We were able to learn from last year's pilot launch of the program and make some important changes that will contribute greatly to the growth, sustainability and expansion of the TTL program across Arizona. We made some amazing gains this year and made a lot of happy teachers. When that happens STUDENTS win! This year was a major success, but we couldn't have accomplished any of this without your support, partnership and dedication.

As you know, we are a young organization still working to grow our budget so we have the ability to grow greater capacity and infrastructure around our programs. Which is an issue many organizations face in the social sector. This challenge can often stunt the growth of an organization and it's ability to create the wide spread change it aims to. Based on the focus of our work, the emphasis on this is increasingly important in the state of Arizona in the wake of teachers calling for better treatment through the #RedforEd and the struggles that state continues to face with improving our education system.

I know I am preaching to the choir saying this to you, but the work of creating stronger schools starts with creating a stronger teaching profession. Through supporting TTL, you have made an investment in ensuring more students receive an excellent education everyday. You have not only contributed to the growth of our model but also have helped underserved communities move one step closer to being thriving environments of success lead by its teachers. TTL is one of our most important programs as our goal is to turn teacher recognition into a year-round, sustained effort so the 10's of thousands of teachers in the state know they are appreciated and your partnership in this work makes a world of difference. Thank you for believing in us and the possibilities of how education can be improved in our state.

Sincerely,  
Lloyd Hopkins



# WHAT IS MILLION DOLLAR TEACHER PROJECT?

Million Dollar Teacher Project was established October 2016 as a mechanism to strengthen schools in Arizona. The work of the organization revolves around the principle that the most cost-effective and sustainable way to improve schools is to direct more resources and support directly to the teaching profession so schools have the ability to attract great talent in to every classroom. The mission of MDTP is to elevate the teaching profession through increased recognition, compensation and support. Our vision is to create a world where every student is taught by a highly trained, qualified, understanding and engaged teacher.

Recognition, Compensation and Support are the three pillars that we develop community-centered, grassroots approaches around to push the needle forward in the teaching profession, schools and the education system.

# Take A Teacher To Lunch

**We CELEBRATE teachers over lunch!**

But this event is much more than just that!

The teaching profession can largely be a thankless job, especially at Title I schools in the low income communities. TTL provides an intersection between the business, nonprofit and education community to elevate the teaching profession and engage teachers in a meaningful way so they feel recognized and appreciated for being the life changing professionals they are.

The true magic of the event is the fact that it is community driven! One of the best ways to create a program that can be scaled and replicated in new areas is to involve the community.

We completed our 18<sup>th</sup> , and final celebrations of the 2018/19 school year at August Shaw Montessori School in the Phoenix Elementary School District. The event was won by Mrs. Wheelington, one of the dedicated teachers of Shaw Montessori, during the Phoenix Elementary School District's Excellence In Education Dinner. In addition to that, this is also the same school our Founders children attended for PreK and Kindergarten, making this celebration extra special.

# 2018-19 TTL IMPACT REPORT

- 18 Take a Teacher To Lunch Celebrations.
- We celebrated nearly 900 teachers which helped us impacted over 25,000 students
- \$15, 615.79 in dollars and \$9,000 of in-kind donations was raised this year towards the program



GATEWAY  
SCHOOL



MONTE VISTA  
SCHOOL



Osborn School District



Shaw Montessori School



We celebrated teachers at Madrid Neighborhood School, Synergy Public School, Simpson School, Wilson Primary School, Alhambra Traditional School, Gateway Elementary School, Monte Vista Elementary school, Osborn School District, Granada Primary, Shaw Montessori and Pendergast School District. With a few of these locations receiving multiple celebrations.

On our post event surveys over 60% of respondents reported feeling greater appreciation as teachers after the event and, on average, over 50% reported interest in connecting with our program sponsors after the event.

# 2018-19 TTL Sponsors



Sponsored 18  
lunch celebrations



Prize sponsor for 2  
lunch celebrations



Sponsored 6  
lunch celebrations



Microsoft

Provided volunteers for 5 lunch  
celebrations from their Chandler  
store



Sponsored 2 lunch  
celebrations

**FETTER  
REALTY**

Sponsored 1 lunch celebrations  
& volunteered at 4



Prize sponsor for 4  
lunch celebrations

# 2018-19 TTL Food Sponsors



culinary  
dropout



SUBWAY



\* Each restaurant listed sponsored 100% of the catering for the celebrations they participated in.



MILLION DOLLAR  
TEACHER  
PROJECT

# Upcoming MDTP Events

## June - August

Mixer  
Above  
the Lake  
III

Million  
Dollar  
Teacher  
Tree

Last  
Supper  
of  
Summer

Visit [www.milliondollarteacherproject.org](http://www.milliondollarteacherproject.org) for more information





“Thank you for making everyone feel special. It's not often teachers are appreciated for all they do.” -Teacher



MILLION DOLLAR  
**TEACHER**  
PROJECT



“Thank you to everyone that was involved with the event. I thought it was awesome!!” - Teacher





“good job! I had a very nice time” - Teacher





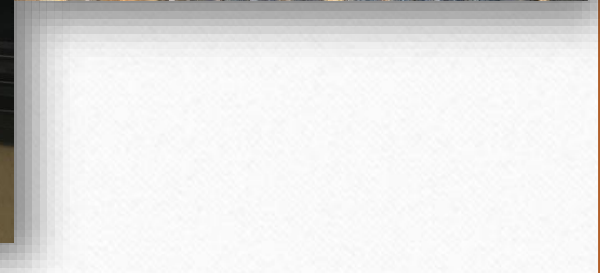
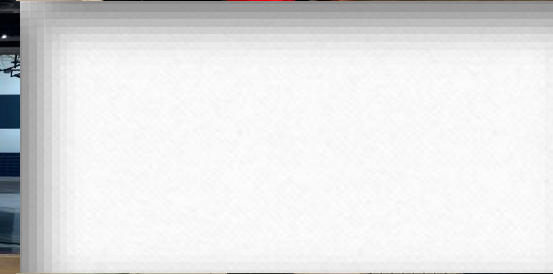
“It was nice to have lunch, we never get lunch for free, not even from the cafeteria.” - Teacher



MILLION DOLLAR  
**TEACHER**  
PROJECT



"I loved the Kahoot game, and it is a very nice event. Thanks!" - Teacher





TAHNK YOU FOR YOUR  
SUPPORT !!!!

---