



Central Park School for Children

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Dear Partners in the Durham Community,

We are a group of middle school students from Central Park School for Children Middle School in Downtown Durham and we have been given the opportunity to do something that has never been done before. We want to create a group of solar supporters called the Downtown Durham Solar Collaborative. We have the ability to help not only our school, but our community, by placing solar panels at our Middle School building. In doing so we would become the first school we know of in the world with both an off-the-grid system and a grid-tied system. But we need your help!

We have received \$10,000 grants each from NC GreenPower and State Employees Credit Union. However, we need to raise \$13,000 more by the end of October if we want to make this project happen. We REALLY want to make this project happen.

Four years ago, when we took one of our 4th grade classrooms off the grid, President Obama tweeted, "If these 4th graders can do something about climate change, there's no reason why we all can't."

We believe solar electricity is part of the solution of our energy future and we want to show that it's accessible no matter your age. Once the panels are installed we will be monitoring their production and contribution to the neighborhood as part of science class. The money that we receive for the energy

that is produced will be used to build a portfolio of microloans that we, the students, will manage. We will use our funds to support clean energy projects around the world on a platform like Kiva. By funding microloans the money from our panels will be able to be used over and over to help clean energy make a difference everywhere!

Whether you are able to give to our project or not, your business will receive clean solar electricity from our school. If you are able to donate, we want to show that we value your partnership in the Downtown Durham Solar Collaborative with different levels of sponsorship:

\$250 - - Your business will be listed as a sponsor in all press and will also be distributed to the many families of those that attend CPSC.

\$500 - - Benefits listed above and your business will receive a Downtown Durham Solar Collaborative window decal to show that you support clean energy and education.

\$1000 - - Benefits listed above and your business will be listed as a sponsor on the permanent sign that we create on-site to tell about the solar panels

\$5000 - - Benefits listed above and you retain rights as the Lead Sponsor, listed as such in all publications, being cherished and adored, and pretty much saving our solar keisters.

You can contribute at my.ncgreenpower.org and feel free to contact us with any questions at solar@cpsfc.org. Thanks for helping us build a stronger and cleaner downtown Durham!

Sincerely,

Middle School Students at Central Park School for Children

