

### IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS!

- 1) Copy and paste ALL OF the content below THIS HIGHLIGHTED PART into an email.
- 2) Add YOUR NAME to the bottom of this email,
- 3) In the SUBJECT LINE write: **"My church youth mission trip to New Orleans"**
- 4) Make sure these instructions are NOT included
- 5) Send yourself a test message first and check to make sure the links to the giveMN.org site work before sending!
- 6) SEND TO ALL YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY THIS WEEK.
- 7) Send a reminder email out to the same people on November 15th!

Dear Friends and Family,

As you may know, every June our church, Macalester Plymouth United Church in Saint Paul, Minnesota, sends a delegation of High School students on a mission trip. This trip marks an important rite of passage for the youth in our congregation. We put our faith into action as we do God's work of helping those less fortunate and in need. By experiencing this hard and meaningful work we must dig deep into your own faith and reflect upon our own values. We also gain life-changing insight into our abilities and become confident about the difference we can make in the world. For many youth in our church this trip has marked the beginning of a life committed to social justice and mission work.

This June we have decided to travel to New Orleans to help rebuild after in the hurricane and flood relief efforts. Your donation will help to offset our travel expenses to New Orleans. We will be staying in a college dormitory while we work there.

So, what if you could help us win \$1000 just by giving 10 bucks? **In just 2 weeks, on November 15,** Give to the Max Day, *you* can. Last year, more than 47,000 donors logged on to GiveMN.org and gave over \$13 million to Minnesota charities in 24 hours during Give to the Max Day. Together, we have the power to raise millions of dollars for thousands of nonprofits. The **MPUC Youth Mission Trip 2013**, with GiveMN.org – a first-of-its-kind giving website for nonprofits in Minnesota – is working to create a stronger nonprofit community for Minnesota.

GiveMN's Give to the Max Day amplifies your giving impact in a number of ways:

- **Win a Golden Ticket!** \$1,000 will be given to a random donor's charity every hour (24 chances!). You could be that donor!
- **Put us on the Leader Board!** \$12,500, \$5,000 and \$2,500 prize grants will be awarded to the top three nonprofit organizations (colleges and universities excluded) which receive the *most dollars* in 24 hours during Give to the Max Day.
- **NEW THIS YEAR!** At the end of Give to the Max Day, one donation from across Minnesota will be randomly selected for a \$10,000 Supersized Golden Ticket! Help us increase our odds by making your gift on November 15.



[http://givemn.razoo.com/story/2013-Youth-Mission-Trip-To-New-Orleans?referral\\_code=share](http://givemn.razoo.com/story/2013-Youth-Mission-Trip-To-New-Orleans?referral_code=share)

*You may schedule your donation today!*

As you consider your charitable end-of-year giving, please consider participating in **Give to the Max Day** November 15 as part of our year-end Annual Fund Drive. GiveMN is easy to use, and your gift to the **MPUC 2013 Youth Mission Trip** will make a huge difference to our ongoing work.

Sincerely,

[youth name]

**What is GiveMN?**

GiveMN.org is the smart way for you to discover, support and engage with the charities that are right for you. The online giving platform allows you to easily find organizations that match your giving goals, support them through secure credit or debit card donations, receive automated tax deductible receipts through email, and conveniently track and record your donations in a single online location. You can now also fundraise for your favorite causes—like us!—on GiveMN too by creating a fundraiser page.