

Dear Parents,

My name is Mark Rice and I am your Athletic Director. Every year we have the Booster Drive which funds one third of our annual budget. The success of our Booster Drive depends upon several factors: organization, student participation, community giving, and parent involvement. I am writing to urge you to consider being involved in the success of this year's Booster Drive, which will be the evening of Tuesday, September 23. Currently, I need 85 host home volunteers and 50 student escort volunteers.

**Host Home** volunteers provide a place for assigned students to meet before they canvass the neighborhood for donations. You will pass out receipts, collection envelopes, and maps and then collect each group's donations as they return. After the groups have been dismissed, you will then return the donations to the Hastings teacher lounge where a group of coaches and teachers will be counting and recording the donations. Students are assigned to their own neighborhoods so rides, food, etc., are not required of host homes – you are just home base.

**Escorts** report to an assigned host home and then patrol the neighborhood keeping an eye on the students and provide a presence to assure neighbors that this an orderly and organized event.

If you are interested in volunteering for either of these duties or want to help organize this event please let me know by sending a reply email to [merice@uaschools.org](mailto:merice@uaschools.org), by June 18. Would you please include your address as that will help me organize volunteers by neighborhood zones.

Thanks for your support,

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