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Annual Day of Giving a Great Success

To the John Jay College Community:

I am thrilled to report that John Jay’s 2018 Annual Day of Giving which took place on Wednesday, November 14th was a resounding success. We set out to raise $50,000 for the Student Emergency Fund and have surpassed this goal, raising $104,167—over 7 times the amount we raised last year for the fund—and gifts are still coming in. The first $50,000 will be matched 2 to 1 by the Carroll and Milton Petrie Foundation which means that we have raised over $204,167 for our students!

So many of you participated from every corner of our community including administrators, faculty, staff, alumni and students. Nearly 100 volunteers made calls in our phone bank and more than 352 individuals donated generously to the fund. Mahatma Gandhi said that “the true measure of any society can be found in how it treats its most vulnerable members.” Your actions on the Annual Day of Giving make these words even more powerful and demonstrate our community’s compassion and support for the most vulnerable among us. Thank you!

The Student Emergency Fund provides critical relief to students facing food and housing insecurity, family crises, property loss due to catastrophic events like flood and fire, and other difficulties so they can remain in college and complete their degrees. Thank you, again, for stepping forward to support students who need our help.

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