



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Great Lakes Employees Donate Nearly \$6,000 to John Barry Elementary School**

ROCKY HILL, CONN.—Employees of Great Lakes Higher Education Corporation surprised students, teachers and staff at their adopted school, John Barry Elementary, with a check for \$5,820 on Friday, December 16. The donation is a dollar-for-dollar company match to the funds Rocky Hill employees contributed to their annual United Way Campaign.

Principal Daniel Crispino has plans to purchase additional technology for classrooms.

This is the first year John Barry Elementary has benefitted from the Great Lakes match. The partnership between John Barry and Great Lakes began in May 2016.

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*Knowing that education has the power to change lives for the better, Great Lakes Higher Education Corporation & Affiliates was established as a nonprofit group focused on a single objective: helping students nationwide prepare for and succeed in postsecondary education and student loan repayment. As a leading student loan guarantor and servicer, we have been selected by the U.S. Department of Education to provide assistance and repayment planning to more than 8 million borrowers – as well as assistance to colleges and lenders nationwide. Our group's earnings support one of the largest and most respected education philanthropy programs in the country. Since 2006, we have committed over \$172 million in grant funding to promote higher education access and completion for students of color, low-income students, and first-generation students. For additional information, visit [home.mygreatlakes.org](http://home.mygreatlakes.org).*