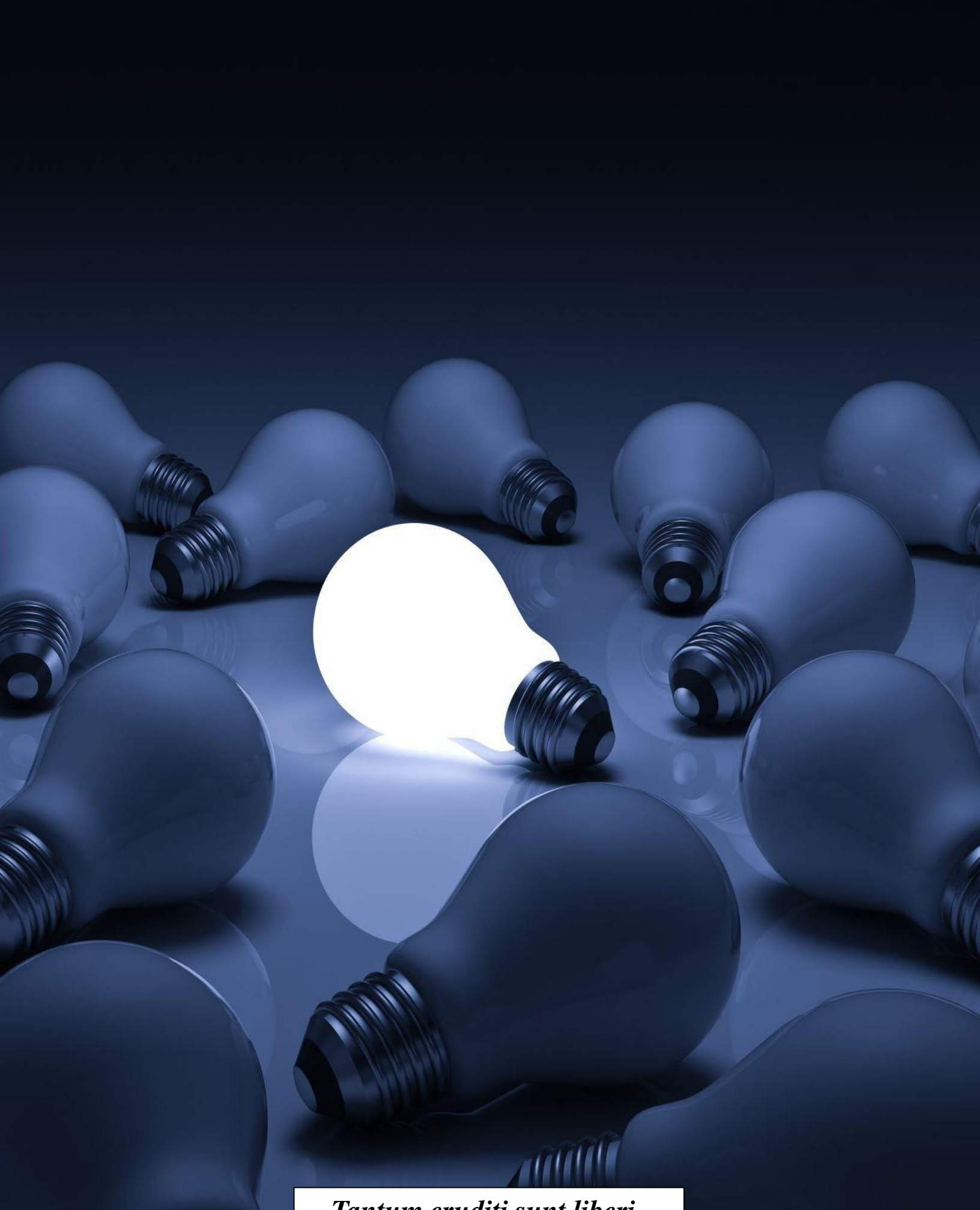


The background of the entire page is a photograph of a large group of graduates. They are seen from behind, wearing dark blue academic caps with gold tassels and blue gowns. The focus is on the backs of their heads and shoulders, creating a sense of a large assembly.

HANDBOOK

# HCHC CO-OP

Homeschool Co-op & Umbrella Group | EST 2014



*Tantum eruditi sunt liberi.*





# A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

*On behalf of our faculty, I'm delighted to welcome your child to HCHC Leadership Academy – a private preparatory for homeschoolers, where our direct purpose and mission is to provide a high-quality blended education, social and field trip opportunities, and ensure that high schoolers have college preparedness.*

*In our partnership with Liberty University, we provide **faith-based** online courses for full-time students in grades K thru 12. It's a fully accredited curriculum that results in either a standard diploma or advanced diploma and puts your child on track to earning an accelerated college Associate Degree from Liberty University.*

*And we continue to offer parents a **secular** and in-person curriculum using our Blended Education Model. We offer several classes held outdoors at local farms and parks. Parents need not concern themselves with grading, testing, nor indoctrination with our faith-neutral and non-religious courses.*

*This handbook provides information about our cooperative, located in Columbia, Maryland. It covers responsibilities and expectations set forth in policies and guidelines for both faculty and students. Please take the time to carefully read it and reference it whenever you have questions.*

*Thanks for entrusting us with your child's supplemental education. We look forward to another successful year with our gifted and talented student body, and I'd like to personally welcome you and your family to our Community.*

*Sincerely,*

*Rayna Remondini*



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We're a group of homeschooling and unschooling families in **Central Maryland** working together to provide a safe space for homeschoolers to engage in learning and social opportunities. Our mission is to provide a high-quality education in a diverse, inclusive, and nurturing environment for students **nationwide**.

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# BLENDED LEARNING

HCHC helps families raise healthy, curious and happy children. Join us for Organic Farming each year and get 8-weeks of fun, hands-on learning in Earth & Animal Science. Excellent for tactile and kinesthetic learners!

Your child will enjoy hands-on lessons and outdoor fun at a local, organic farm, with a weekly curriculum, and guidance to build your very own backyard garden. 1x week, 90-minutes. Masks required\*

More than ever homeschool families with young kids, realize the importance of spending purposeful time outside. Studies show that children need outdoor play to experience valuable social interactions that can't be gained from spending time in front of a screen.

Spending time out on the farm gives families an opportunity to make purposeful outdoor play achievable — rain or shine.





# PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Parents are expected to actively participate at Day School a minimum of 2 weeks out of a 12-week term and 1 week out of an 8-week term. Parents may elect to pay a \$50.00 **Opt-Out Fee** if they're unable to volunteer their time to the co-op.

## Volunteer Jobs Include:

- Lunch Attendant
- Recess Attendant
- Teacher Assistant
- Co-op Teacher
- Clean-up Crew
  - Bathrooms
  - Classrooms
  - Trash PU
- Hall Monitor

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Together as a community, we create a safe and welcoming environment for students to learn, socialize, and explore. Parents are free to learn alongside their child, remain on campus and tele-work, or drop-off.

Parents are expected to be available for their children in times of need and/or emergency. Those who elect to drop-off are subject to signing a Liability Waiver, must remain within a 20-mile radius of campus and are charged a \$15 **DROP-OFF Fee** per occurrence.





**Join the classroom.  
Become a co-op teacher.**



**Request an interview today.**

Send inquiries to [info@hchomeschooling.org](mailto:info@hchomeschooling.org)

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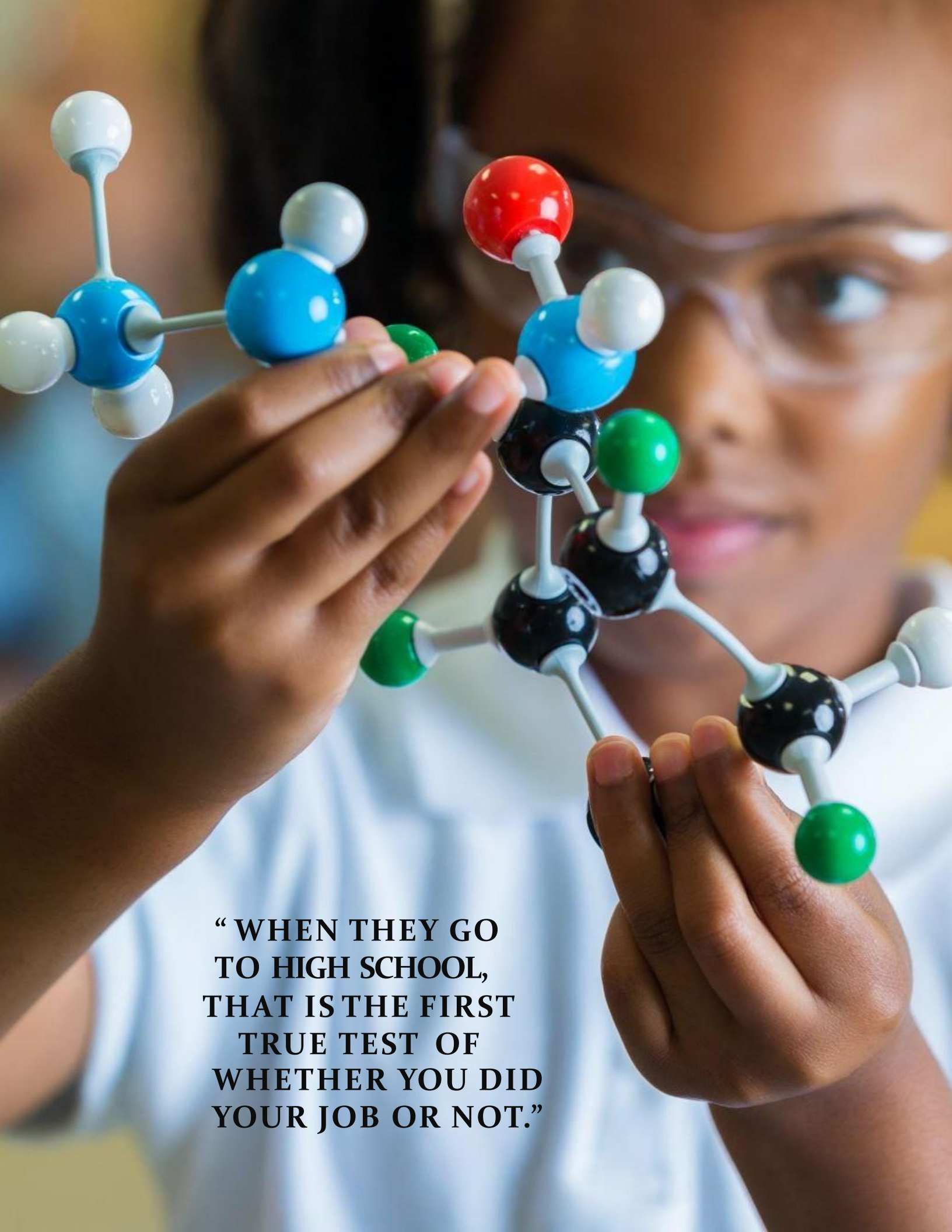


## OUR PEDAGOGY & PHILOSOPHY

Like many classical-type homeschooling programs, HCHC stresses memorization of basic facts—geography, history, science and math—throughout the early years, which is easily accomplished through play and song. Writing skills are introduced as early as third grade, and Latin is made available when in demand. Throughout the middle and high school years, facts and the study of classic literature are used as a foundation upon lessons in rhetoric and logic, plus formal writing and research.

Once or twice a week, students meet up at our brick n' mortar facility—located in Columbia, MD – for Day School. Children break into age-appropriate learning pods, each led by a certified tutor or qualified parent teacher, where they recount lessons of the previous week and learn new concepts to be studied at home. During the remainder of the week, parents are expected to take full responsibility for their child's home education program and instruction.





**“WHEN THEY GO  
TO HIGH SCHOOL,  
THAT IS THE FIRST  
TRUE TEST OF  
WHETHER YOU DID  
YOUR JOB OR NOT.”**





# SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS

The cooperative hosts regular social events throughout the year that are posted to our Meetup [social calendar](#), Facebook page, and announced via our e-newsletter with regularity.

## Past events include:

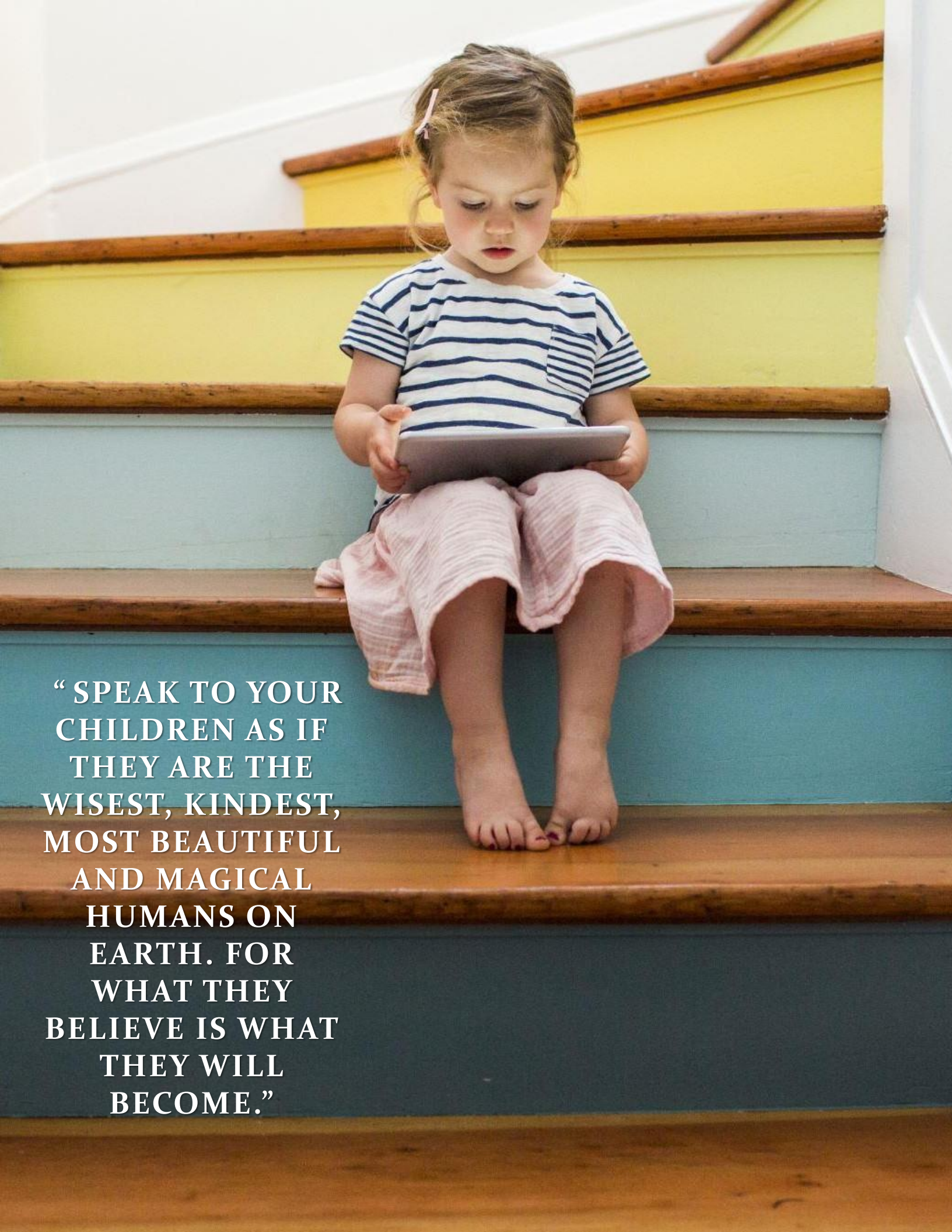
- Variety/Talent shows
- Bowling excursions
- Halloween parties
- Scavenger hunts
- Art in nature
- Hiking trips

HCHC's Field Trip Coordinator schedules community field trips throughout the year, offering students a chance to cultivate a sense of curiosity about the world around them. Suggestions for field trips are welcome and can be submitted for review.

## Upcoming events:

- Picture Day
- Spelling Bee
- Geography Bee
- Advancement Ceremony



A young girl with brown hair tied in a small ponytail with a white hair tie, wearing a blue and white striped t-shirt and pink shorts, is sitting on wooden stairs. She is looking down at a tablet device she is holding in her hands. The stairs have wooden treads and risers, and the wall behind her is painted in alternating yellow and light blue horizontal stripes. The lighting is soft and natural, suggesting an indoor or sheltered outdoor setting.

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# AFFORDABLE PAYMENT PLANS

Each family pays tuition for each child to cover facility maintenance, instructional supplies, and tutor costs. Although resource materials are made available via HCHC's Teachers Pay Teachers (TpT) website, families purchase the curriculum of their choice. We offer a 12-week fall semester, two 8-week terms during the spring semester, and an 8-week summer program. Classes meet 1x or 2x a week for 60-minutes, with few exceptions.

- FREE \$0.00** - Meetup Membership
- \$55 - \$199** - Umbrella Group Annual Fee
- \$29.00/hr.** - Online/In-Person Courses
- \$155.00/mo.** - Day School 1x week

HCHC Leadership Academy is a *private homeschool tutorial* – a cross between private school and co-op. By Maryland state law, certified tutors are not allowed to provide homeschooled children with “thorough instruction.” According to the COMAR, that is the responsibility of the parents. Therefore, HCHC tutors guide students through the week’s course material. Parents take this information and use it however they see fit throughout their homeschool week. Some use it as a supplement while others use it as the base of their core homeschool curriculum. It’s very flexible.



# SUPPORT SCHOOL CHOICE

Help continue our support of homeschooling families when you [donate](#) a small amount to the organization each month. \$5, \$10, \$50 goes a long way to help a child and family in need.



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