

# DEDICATED TO MAKE A CHANGE



## Dear friends of DTMAC,

Do you know how much \$250,00 is?

This may seem like a strange way to begin a newsletter, but think about it: \$250,000 is more than four years of college tuition. It's a down payment on a house. It's a solid gold Halloween costume and a Christmas tree made of emeralds. Okay, maybe not, but it's a LOT, is what we're saying. And right now, Dedicated to Make a Change is in the running to win \$250,000. That's right. No fooling.

The Chase Mission Main Street Grant is an annual award given to 12 small businesses to help them grow and develop. Businesses apply, gather votes and move on from there for final consideration. For L3Cs like DTMAC that are pioneering a new way of doing business that puts mission first, not just nominally but legally, and profit second,

a grant like this presents an astonishing opportunity. With \$250,000, we could grow our programs and our staff, reach more youth, educate businesses, foundations and investors about the L3C model, and further our mission in ways we can only imagine right now. But in order to do it, we need your help.

The good news? Helping us is easy. Go to Dedicated to Make a Change's page on the Mission Main Street website, sign in with Facebook, and cast your vote for us. Then share the link with your friends and ask them to vote too. We only need 250 votes to make it to the next stage of consideration. Here's the link: <https://www.missionmainstreetgrants.com/business/detail/80814>.

While you're voting, of course, we'll be carrying on with our programs and moving forward with our work. This past week we hosted the introductory information session for Prevent & Prevail at Parkridge Community Center, and the program itself is just around the corner. We're continuing to tutor, to develop the HOPE Scholarship Program, to plan for the spring NOLA trips, and to work with youth to develop their own program ideas and initiatives.

We're so excited about what's ahead, both in our programs and in this incredible grant opportunity. We wish you the same hope, excitement and joy as we head toward winter together,

*Dedicated to Make a Change, L3C*