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Voucher backer donates big bucks to charter school serving low-income students

John Kirtley, perhaps best known as one of Florida's biggest [school voucher proponents](#), has turned his attention to [RCMA Wimauma Academy](#), which serves some of Hillsborough County's poorest farm children.

Kirtley has donated \$100,000 to the charter school's \$1.6 million capital campaign, an amount matched by the [Walton Family Foundation](#). Kirtley also offered to help the Redlands Christian Migrant Association connect with the many groups he works with to seek additional support.

"This school is a perfect example of how the distinctions of 'public' and 'private' are increasingly meaningless," Kirtley said in a [news release](#). "Just as in our tax credit scholarship program, here you have a nonprofit organization providing a customized education that low-income parents freely choose as the best for their children."

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