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Real charity is its own reward

HOWARD CASTLEMAN HAS IT wrong: Charity does pay ("Firm reneges on scholarships," June 3).

Real charity is given with no expectation of reward or recognition in a spirit of generosity and compassion for others. If Mr. Castleman wants to be mentioned in the paper, he should buy an ad.

Thousands of dollars are contributed to charities, scholarships and special programs by Baltimore businesses every year. They are motivated by the desire to make Baltimore a better place, to support the programs their employees volunteer for and to give a helping hand to their neighbors.

That is real charity, and it pays off for all of us in a stronger Baltimore.

Just ask the people who stepped up to give money to replace the scholarships after Mr. Castleman withdrew.

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