



## **The Wildcat Fund 2018-2019 Impact Report**

To the generous members of our Parish:

As a community, we are called to offer our time, talent, and treasure in many ways. In the 2018-2019 academic year, we asked you to reflect on the impact that OLGC has had on your life, whether as a student, parent, alumni, or community partner and support the creation of The Wildcat Fund, a new investment in the mission of our school. Not only did you answer that call, your generosity established the foundation that will provide lasting positive effects on the daily operations of our school community.

The Wildcat Fund is now the cornerstone of our fundraising efforts. It is made up of annual gifts from parents, faculty, board members, grandparents, alumni, former parents, and parish friends. The Wildcat Fund generates revenue that is critical to the school's operations and enables students to receive an educational experience of the highest quality, thus creating confident, faith-filled, life-long learners.

Thank you for making a tremendous difference in the lives of our students, faculty, and staff, both in and out of the classroom. We appreciate your demonstration of faith in our community, your overwhelming support for our school, and your partnership to achieve and surpass our goals together.

Enclosed is an overview of how The Wildcat Fund will benefit the entire OLGC community in the coming months, as well as an Honor Roll of Generosity, which details all those family and friends that have made gifts to the Fund between July 1, 2018, and June 30, 2019. Your significant contributions will make an immediate, tangible, and impactful difference in transforming our campus into a safer and more secure environment.

St. Francis de Sales stated, "The Lord delights in every little step you take." We are beyond grateful for the steps you took in support of The Wildcat Fund.

Sincerely,

Rev. Matthew J. Hillyard, OSFS  
Pastor

Mrs. Adrienne Jewett  
Principal

Mrs. Amy Schlanger  
Director of Development

In its inaugural year, The Wildcat Fund set an aggressive goal of \$150,000. Your generosity far exceeded all expectations and projections! Your support generated \$200,000 in gifts during the academic year, with over \$43,000 collected in one 24-hour period during our Day of Giving in March.

All donations, both unrestricted and designated, support and advance the mission of Our Lady of Good Counsel School. Four critical areas were determined as the beneficiaries of The Wildcat Fund, with *Campus Safety and Security* identified as the Special Project for 2018-2019. The funds raised specifically and directly address the following community initiatives:

- Recruitment and Retention of Faculty and Staff
- Advancing technology and the Innovative Classroom
- Addressing the needs of our Growing Campus and
- Delivering Need-Based Tuition Assistance

The Wildcat Fund is able to accomplish significant strides in each of these four critical areas in its first year. With respect to the Special Project, the funds will support the installation of resources critical to the safe and secure integration and connection of the entire campus.

#### **THE LAPTOP PROGRAM FOR FACULTY AND STAFF**

Each Faculty and School Staff Member will be equipped with a Dell Laptop, Dell Docking Station, and all necessary equipment to modernize their work experience both at school and at home. These improved workstations will allow teachers up-to-date access to current technology, increase their utilization of varied programming and tools, and ease connectivity to other learning devices, all while offering new portability and flexibility. Teachers will be able to extend their productive administrative, grading, and planning time beyond the walls of their OLGC classrooms, therefore offering improved work-life balance for our valued educators.

As the Laptop program is implemented for the teachers, desktops formerly housed in the classrooms will be repurposed to service the School in a variety of new ways. The Technology Lab will receive a full set of desktops, the Library will receive a full classroom set of computers for testing purposes, and updated desktops and iPads will be integrated into the classrooms to improve access to learning tools, apps, and programs.

#### **THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A VISITOR MANAGEMENT SYSTEM WITH SAFE VISITOR PROTOCOL**

The safety and security of our students and staff is of utmost importance. Beginning in September 2019, OLGC will partner with LobbyGuard to install a Visitor Management System at the School. Currently utilized in Fairfax County Public Schools, LobbyGuard is a comprehensive visitor management and front office automation system designed to increase building and facility security and awareness through a process of tracking, screening, and badging visitor traffic. Key features to the LobbyGuard security approach include:

- Instant tracking and record creation of school visitor traffic and the automatic notice of potential threats before a visitor is allowed to enter the school.
- Scanning of all Driver Licenses and hundreds of other visitor ID formats in order to proceed through locked Reception doors,
- Real-time Background Checks against national sex offender databases, criminal databases and red-flag lists,
- Printing of highly visible and color-coded badges based on the reason for a visitor's entry into the school (i.e. volunteer, authorized vendor, late drop off/early pick up), and
- Web-based and mobile access to visitor records and reporting to ensure active awareness of persons in our school facilities for safe daily functioning and in the event of an emergency.

The end result will be a safer and more efficient entry point to protect our school environment from unwanted or unauthorized visitors and one that is scalable as our community grows and expands. The brand-new LobbyGuard kiosk will be established in the vestibule of the main School building and will be active at the start of 2019-2020 school year.

#### **A NEW AND IMPROVED TWO WAY CAMPUS-WIDE RADIO COMMUNICATION SYSTEM**

In addition to the LobbyGuard Visitor Management System, OLGC will roll out a new Two-Way Radio Communication Program that will fully connect School and Parish Leadership, Teachers, and Staff across our multiple campus buildings. Two-way Radio technology is a top communication tool utilized at schools across the nation. Through the purchase of brand new "Voice over IP" Smart Radios and the installation of additional external wireless access points throughout the campus, OLGC will now have instant "one to one" or "one to many" communication options. Engineered for stronger reception, this radio traffic can be prioritized to protect the most vital communications in a crisis, or just allow improved communication between Leadership and Staff when positioned at various spots both inside and outside the Campus buildings.

#### **THE INSTALLATION OF AN UPGRADED INTERCOM SYSTEM FOR SCHOOL-WIDE PUBLIC ADDRESS**

The Biamp Vocia product platform has been selected to replace our school's current Public Address (PA) System, which is no longer supported by the manufacturer. Vocia uses a digital communications technology which provides excellent audio clarity and intelligibility, while modernizing our communication infrastructure. Vocia integrates with our existing communications platforms and provides the expandability and supportability needed for long term efforts, as well as critical safety implementations.

The prospective project will deploy a Biamp Vocia implementation to the entire school this summer with full functionality expected for the coming school year. Introducing Biamp Vocia to our staff is expected to be a seamless transition with minimal interruptions. We believe that all faculty will benefit from Biamp Vocia's powerful communication platform, enhance our safety measures, and help ensure that all messages are heard and understood.

#### **Honor Roll of Generosity**

Thank you for your investment in the mission of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic School through your support of The Wildcat Fund. We are truly grateful to all those who chose to support our efforts and appreciate the demonstration of faith in our goals to cultivate faith while achieving academic excellence, both in and out of our classrooms.

Between July 1, 2018, and June 30, 2019, OLGC received gifts totaling \$200,000 from 165 Donors, including 70 gifts from 68 Donors during our Day of Giving. In alphabetical order, we would like to express our gratitude and thanks to the following contributors to The Wildcat Fund:

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