

# FULFILLING THE PROMISE



A VISION FOR SAINT THOMAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND SCHOOL



# A Note from Our Chairs

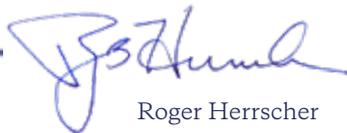
Our family's involvement with STE began more than 50 years ago. Over the years, we have witnessed STE grow from a dull grey building and a few classrooms to a fully evolved campus for both the church and school. As buildings were added - like the sanctuary, Murray Center, and upper school building - our campus changed, but the mission and vision of STE remained the same.

As the Fulfilling the Promise campaign chairs, we are enthusiastic about the future of STE. The plans for the new campus inspire us, and we believe the campaign to be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to make a real and meaningful difference in our community.

We encourage you to carefully reflect on what STE means to you and your family. Take time to think about what a meaningful gift means to you, and how you can make a significant impact with a multiyear pledge or gift of stock.

STE is building for the future. We invite you to join us with a financial contribution to this critical campaign.

  
Kirsten Shaw Herrscher '81

  
Roger Herrscher



# Our Goals

In 2016 STE launched a new strategic initiative to create a campus master plan to address aging facilities and overcrowding in our church and school. **Since then Hurricane Harvey caused two immediate goals to rise to the top as priorities for our families:**

**Goal 1.** **Unite all students on one campus**

**Goal 2.** **Restore and update sanctuary**



# The Plan

In 2017 the Building Committee selected an architectural firm that specializes in churches and schools to study our goals and propose solutions. The results are exciting and extraordinary: an imaginative design that unites our campus - the church, administrative offices, lower school, middle school, and upper school - by creating beautiful new and renovated spaces, easy access throughout for all abilities, and expanded classrooms and gathering spaces. It's a plan that will not only achieve our present goals, but also create a landmark space for our future.

2019  
Groundbreaking

2020  
Campus  
Construction

2021  
Grand  
Opening





“*STE is my second home. I know I can walk in and feel included and welcome. The new school symbolizes a new hope for a great future.*”  
- Annabeth Slagle '23, Student

# What Will It Take?

STE plans to raise \$10 million in donations to fund the improvements to our campus. The Fulfilling the Promise campaign will rely on philanthropic support from church members, current and past school parents, grandparents, alumni, and foundations.

In order to reach our goal, we need every family to consider a gift that is meaningful and stretches beyond their normal annual giving.

- Step 1.** Quietly reflect on what STE has meant to you and your family and what you want your financial partnership to look like.
- Step 2.** Make time to do two things: First, consider your gift options and second, if married, discuss with your spouse what a meaningful gift looks like to you and your family.
- Step 3.** Partner with STE in a way that reflects all your family is capable of doing to support this campaign.

# Ways to Give



## Multiple-Year Cash Pledge

You can deduct cash pledged over a period of years, up to 50 percent of adjusted gross income, making more significant campaign gifts possible. On a \$50,000 cash gift over five years (\$10,000 each year) in a 28-percent bracket, you save \$2,800 in taxes that year. Pledges must be completed by December 31, 2023.



## Appreciated Stock

Appreciated stock (held more than one year) makes an excellent gift. You avoid all capital gains taxes, will receive a tax deduction, and can deduct it up to 30 percent of your adjusted gross income.

STE is a nonprofit charitable organization. Contributions to the Fulfilling the Promise campaign are tax-deductible. More ways to give can be found on our website at [stes.org/promise](https://stes.org/promise).



# Take Action

This campaign envisions the next chapter in the history of STE. The challenges we face - overcrowding in our church and school, mechanical and infrastructure needs, parking constraints - will be met as we work together to realize a campus in harmony with beauty, truth, and goodness.

STE has always depended on the dedication of its community. Just as our founders built a strong foundation for us, *it is time* for us to strengthen and renew that foundation - for ourselves and for all those who will follow us in the future.



# Gifts Required to Hit Our Goal

#OF PLEDGES	GIFT AMOUNTS	TOTAL PROCEEDS
12	\$25,000+	\$800,000
40	\$15,000	\$600,000
50	\$10,000	\$500,000
120	\$5,000	\$600,000
200	<\$5,000	\$500,000
422	GIFTS NEEDED	\$3,000,000
86	Gifts Already Secured	\$7,000,000
508	TOTAL GIFTS & PLEDGES	\$10,000,000



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## OUR MISSION

At Saint Thomas' Episcopal, our mission is to form honorable men and women through a classical education grounded in a Christ-centered worldview.

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