



# Supporting **Lamplighter**



## Mission Statement

Dedicated to igniting the potential of each child, Lamplighter engages children in the joy of learning through intellectual discovery in a creative, inclusive, and collaborative environment.

## Statement of Inclusion

A community of varied voices will strengthen the education of Lamplighter students and enrich the lives of all of its members. Lamplighter will, therefore, strive for the lamps that we light to reflect the ever-changing community in which we reside. We value individuality and encourage all children to reach their potential, while respecting their similarities and differences. We are united in purpose and committed to working together to accomplish the mission of The Lamplighter School.

To learn more about supporting Lamplighter contact the Office of Advancement at 214.369.9201, ext. 365 or online at [www.thelamplighterschool.org/give](http://www.thelamplighterschool.org/give).



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For families who value a strong educational foundation, Lamplighter delivers serious education wrapped in the wonder of childhood.

Tuition is the single most significant source of operating revenue for the school. However, fundraising is essential to the life of Lamplighter. Our current campus and facilities were made possible by generous donors. Countless physical improvements and curricular enhancements have occurred because individuals and organizations have invested in our unique mission.

As with other independent schools, Lamplighter benefits from a tradition of generous giving. There are many ways that you can support the School and its mission. We hope you will participate in ensuring Lamplighter's excellence in education and continuing success for generations to come.







# Where does your money go when you support **Lamplighter?**

	Tuition	Lamplighter Fund	LPA Auction	Endowment	Tribute Gifts	LPA Dues & Spirit Store	Planned Giving														
Purpose	Tuition covers 88% of the yearly operating budget and is the School's primary source of income. To keep tuition rises at a minmium, the budget is supplemented by various giving intiatives throughout the year.	Every year Lamplighter Fund gifts provide direct funding for educational initiatives and operational enhancements that tuition alone does not cover.  Lamplighter Fund is the School's highest fundraising priority and 100% parent participation is always the goal!	Auction serves as the Lamplighter Parents' Association's largest fundraiser and community builder of the year with numerous volunteer opportunities.	Endowment gifts are held and invested by the School. A portion of investment income is drawn annually to support specific programs.	Tribute gifts are given to honor or recognize friends, children, family members, or teachers.	LPA dues and the Spirit Store fund the community building activities of the LPA such as grade level activities, cultural awareness, community outreach, and faculty and staff appreciation efforts.	A planned gift is any gift that a donor includes in their estate planning. It often allows the donor to keep more of what they have earned through their lifetime, but allows a far greater gift to Lamplighter in the future. All donors who make a bequest to Lamplighter will be included in the Founders Legacy Society.														
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Designation Areas	Lamplighter Fund gifts are unrestricted. They are used during the <b>current fiscal year</b> to support operating priorities.	Proceeds from Auction have made an impact in many areas of the School including the building and naming of the LPA Barn. Proceeds are typically directed to the LPA Faculty Professional Development Endowment Fund, unless otherwise determined.	Endowment gifts can be designated by the donor to support a specific area within the School such as faculty salaries, Erik Jonsson Media Center, or technology. Named endowment opportunities are also available.	Tribute gifts can be designated to Lamplighter Fund, the Erik Jonsson Media Center, or any existing restricted or endowed fund.	LPA dues and Spirit Store proceeds fund the LPA operating budget and provide community building activities throughout the year.The Spirit Store includes all spirit wear merchandise and is also a platform for ticket sales and other LPA initiatives.	Planned gifts can be designated by the donor to support a specific area within the School.															
Solicitation	The School solicits contributions to the Lamplighter Fund with the help of volunteers through letters, email, the website, phone calls, and social media outreach.	LPA asks for Auction participation through email, the school website, eNews, phone calls, personal contact, and grassroot efforts.	To learn more about endowment giving opportunities or to establish a named fund, please contact the Chief Advancement Officer at 214.369.9201, x354.	The purchase of books at the Media Center Open House and the Birthday Book Program are organized solicitations for tribute gifts.	The LPA encourages participation in these programs through email, the School website, and eNews.	To include Lamplighter in your estate plans, please contact the Chief Advancement Officer at 214.369.9201, x354.															
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Impact	Lamplighter Fund gifts make a difference for current students by providing the School resources that are used to ensure excellence in the academic program every day.	Auction has raised millions of dollars to provide additional resources for the School while offering social events for the Lamplighter community.	A strong endowment creates a source of income beyond tuition and serves as a permanent asset that improves the financial stability of the School.	Tribute gifts celebrate the relationship individuals have with Lamplighter as well as enhance the educational experience of our students.	LPA events, communication, and volunteering enrich the School in immeasurable ways. Supporting the operations of the LPA strengthens the School community.	Gifts will benefit future generation of Lamplighter students.															
Charitable Contribution?	No	Yes	In some cases, depending on the contribution	Yes	Yes	No	Please consult your tax professional.														