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makes all the
difference!*

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What a remarkable year at Liberty Christian School! While that may seem like a strange statement given all of the challenges that we have faced, we have also experienced tremendous success across our campus, departments, and community. I attribute a great deal of that success to the broad support that we have received from the Liberty family!

Support for Liberty Christian School can be seen in a variety of ways. Whether spiritually, emotionally, or financially, as well as in volunteering, our Liberty family has come through in a big way. The result has been a full school year with few disruptions and the realization of our goals: to grow in all areas of our school to meet our mission with excellence.

Thank you for volunteering, giving, and partnering with us to continue our rich history of being a leading Christian school in Texas!

We could not do it without you!

Blair McCullough, President

Dedra Brynn, Vice President of Advancement

Ashley Jordan, Development Officer





Why Your Giving Matters

As educators in our school and in Christ, Liberty Christian School shapes kingdom builders and servant leaders to be a positive force in the world. **At Liberty, students aren't just students - they are a mind, body, and soul, capable of marvelous achievements.**

The faculty and staff care deeply about each student and family. That's why we partner with parents and take a community approach to ensure students who walk our halls feel safe and receive the educational and spiritual attention they deserve.

At Liberty, we don't just teach about God in school; we teach as Jesus taught. With sincerity, compassion, and faithfulness, we offer a wide array of opportunities for students to uncover their path to success.

With our foundation in Christ and with our student-centric approach, we instill confidence in students as they gain more than just an understanding of math, science, history, and language arts.

We develop students to be compassionate, well-rounded leaders with servant hearts to make a positive impact in the world.

Volunteering

is a part of this Liberty parent's DNA



After Jenny Haskin and her husband, Travis, first toured Liberty Christian School in 2017, they both spoke to each other at the same time, saying “We found where we are supposed to be.” That fall, their son, Holden, became a Wee Warrior in Preschool, and their daughter, Harper, started the following year.

“Our first impression of Liberty was a feeling of Jesus and His love, as we saw love in the teachers and joy in the children,” Jenny said. “We also felt the family atmosphere and the educational structure we were looking for – all in one place.”

As the years have passed, Jenny has become a familiar face whenever there is a need at school, from the Denim & Rhinestones Auction to the Lasagna Lunch.

“One of the biggest blessings I have received from volunteering is the personal relationships I have developed each year with my children’s teachers,” she said. “I treasure these relationships that deepen year after year with the teachers, administrators, staff, and other involved parents and families.”

As a child, Jenny said she remembers seeing her mom dedicating her time to organizations that were important to her.

“We learned early on that volunteering is a way to give back and honor God for the blessings He has bestowed on us,” she added.

This year, the story of Esther from the Bible keeps stirring in Jenny’s heart, along with the verse “Perhaps this is the moment for which you have been created.”

Jenny explained, “God knew when He created our teachers, administrators, and staff, that they would choose to be educators during this exact time in our children’s lives; they make decisions daily to help our children learn and grow into stronger Christians, all the while as they keep our children safe and healthy.

“Our teachers, administrators, and staff love our Lord and love what they do, but this year has been exhausting for all of us, and if I can volunteer and help do one tiny thing a month, a week, or a day that encourages them or shows them that they are remembered and loved – then that is what I am going to do.”

When asked about the benefits of volunteering, Jenny replied, **“I wish others knew how their love and dedication for Liberty would grow with time spent volunteering – the blessings they will receive in return far outweigh the energy they will give.”**

An interesting fact about Jenny and her family is that they are also involved in another organization called the Rwanda Children Christian School.

“To me, there is something wonderful about being involved with children on the other side of the world who are also receiving a Christian education and could someday change the world,” she said.

At Liberty, Jenny invests her volunteer time in the Advancement Department and Partners Through Faith (PTF) events, as well as projects in Primary School

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where her son, Holden, and her daughter, Harper, now attend.

“During the week, our children spend more hours a day at school with their teachers than they do at home with us,” she explained. “So what better place to spend my time, energy, and love than with those who are loving, teaching, and guiding our children?”

She said that she believes the most important work that Liberty does is to help develop the love of Jesus in children’s hearts.

“Each year that our children grow at Liberty, they are more prepared to go out into the world and be the hands and light of Jesus,” she said. “A bonus of all our teachers’ and administrators’ hard work is that our children will also be ready for a successful educational life after Liberty, fully prepared for a successful college career where they will then go out into the world and change it for the better.”

She concluded, “I truly believe that our community of teachers, administrators, and staff are like no other – our community is like the arms of Jesus, open and ready to nurture our children, meet them where they are, and provide what they need when they need it to strengthen both their faith and their intellect.”

Volunteer at Liberty Christian School

Every year, hundreds of Liberty parents, alumni, faculty, and staff volunteer as part of our incredible Warrior community. Volunteering helps us step outside our personal lives to participate in something bigger than ourselves.

Along the way, we discover we’ve made new friends, used our gifts and talents, and had a great time.

If you’re interested in volunteering, please contact Lynn Graham at 940-294-2155 for more information.

A Few Ways to Volunteer

- Partners Through Faith Ladies Tea – April 28
- Pre-K Vision and Hearing Screening – TBA
- PTF Lasagna Lunch – May 4
- Field Days – May 13-14
- Alumni Committee – Summer 2021
- Parent Ambassador Committee – Summer 2021
- Used Uniform Sale – August 4-6

Because of your gift of time and resources, students and staff benefit in so many ways.

You have provided a way for them to discover the

Warrior difference!



As a Liberty student,

- I receive personalized college and academic advising, so **I am college ready**.
- **I embrace creativity** and explore my God-given talents.
- **I can serve** and participate in mission trips, retreats, and chapels.
- I enjoy **small class sizes** that provide an individualized, interactive environment.

As a Liberty staff member,

- **I teach a Christian worldview** to bring students into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
- **I offer opportunities** for students to develop their passion and talent areas.
- **I help athletes excel** to play sports at the collegiate level.
- **I foster learning** to create divergent thinkers, disciplined innovators, and servant leaders.

...and so much more!

Thank you for being the difference!

Denim & Rhinestones Auction

Laughter, Community, Support
for the Liberty Mission
February 27, 2021

What an amazing evening!



From the silent auction and generous gifts to the exciting live event, your participation and commitment to strengthen our community are greatly appreciated.

The Denim and Rhinestones Auction was a huge success and an evening filled with fun, fellowship, and many laughs. It was also a night full of support for Liberty Christian School.

The auction contributes to our overall goal for the school year to raise \$1.17 million for the Warrior Difference Annual Fund and Teacher Sustainability Initiative.

We are grateful to share that the amount raised for this event, including the donor matching gift challenge, was more than \$335,000!

Thank you to all of our donors, participants, and volunteers!

Now you know! Your voice is critical for recruiting and retaining outstanding students and building our network of Warriors everywhere. Enjoy a few academic highlights to share about our community. Let's celebrate these qualities that make **Liberty Christian School the place to be!**

Upper School students in **AP Biology** investigated the use of biotechnology and performed a recombinant DNA lab by adding a gene from a jellyfish to a bacteria, making it luminescent and antibiotic resistant, giving students the opportunity to see how genes can be altered to express new traits. ▼



After **fourth grade** students read the novel *A Paradise Called Texas*, they created board games to demonstrate their understanding of story elements such as the characters, plot, and setting.

From items found in their pantries at home, Upper School students in **AP and Pre-AP Human Geography** investigated food labeling by studying an article on the subject and interpreting labels, such as “certified organic,” “cage free,” “non-GMO,” and “fair trade.” They also brought items to class that surprisingly contained corn – such as oatmeal, energy drinks, and soup – to understand the ubiquitous nature of corn in products all around the world.



▲ In their exploration of the kings of Israel after the reign of Solomon, students in **sixth grade** presented his or her discoveries to classmates after each student answered four questions from Scripture about each of the kings. Students then enjoyed a competitive game called *Capture the King!*

In an ongoing project comparing and contrasting the United States' fiscal policies with those of European countries, Upper School students in **Macroeconomics** connected the way the United States government's stimulus policies affected the economy. ▼



In **first grade**, science and social studies collided for students as they learned about research and discovery in their state and animal units. Students scanned a QR code that directed them to online resources of a state and animal that they individually featured. They used facts gained from these resources to create informational posters about their state and animal that they presented to the class.

92% of the Class of 2021 met the PSAT benchmarks for Evidence-Based Reading and Writing. The national average is 67 percent.

Third grade students learned how the Founding Fathers helped shape the United States of America.

Students recognized that many Founding Fathers were gifted with persuasive speech, and students worked on developing these skills as well, connecting with the realization that God gave the gift of communication to help change the world for His kingdom.



▲ In learning about hypothesis tests and using test statistics and p-value, Upper School students in **AP Statistics** tested a baseball player's claim that two-thirds of his batting practice hits would result in home runs.

Upper School students in **Mandarin II and III Pre-AP** classes researched, designed, and presented engaging Chinese New Year activities.

A total of 74 **Middle School** students participated in Liberty's science fair this year. More than 20 of these projects advanced to the Fort Worth Regional Science Fair. Thirteen of the projects received ribbons. Students were also recognized with special awards from the American Industrial Hygiene Association, Fort Worth Audubon Society, the Water Environment Association of Texas, and Lockheed Martin. Two seventh grade students, Cade Violi and Madilyn Earle, represented Liberty at the Texas State Science Fair. ▼



Students in Upper School **Spanish IV Pre-AP** learned about street art in language by answering the following: Is it really art? What types of street art are found in cities? What examples of street art have changed a city? Was the change positive or negative? If you could choose a theme, what type of mural would you like to design for our school's world language walls?

Middle School students in **STEM** worked with fuel sources as they prepared for their *Mission to Mars*. They created a Google map of Mars with landing information for five potential spots. They assembled a flight crew, accounting for food needed and rations for each member. They also justified their landing and logistics along the way.

Students in **Pre-AP 10th grade English** probed the cultural impact of missionaries upon an indigenous population within Sub-Saharan Africa and empathized with multiple perspectives through an analysis of the book, *Things Fall Apart*.



▲ In their study of insects, **Pre-K students** observed the lifecycle of butterflies as they watched the caterpillars transform into emerging butterflies.

30.8/1388 is the average ACT/SAT score*

* Top 25 percent of the class

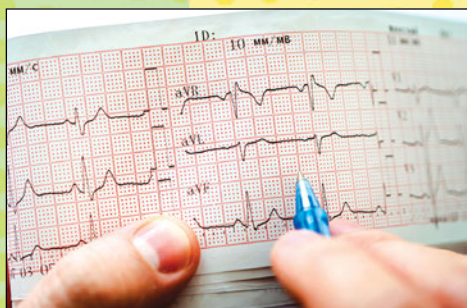
In studying the Holy Spirit, students in **11th grade Bible** discussed the difference between errors and variants in manuscripts, highlighting the Spirit's preservation of Scripture as part of a defense of New Testament reliability.

Students in Upper School **forensic science** learned how forensic anthropologists use their knowledge of bones to identify gender, age, height, identity, and trauma, etc., of skeletal remains. ▼



Primary School students in STEM created animated games and stories in ScratchJr using the design process. **Fourth and fifth grade** students collected data to help diagnose concussions and create an ecosystem for dinosaurs using Tynker.

Students in **12th grade Bible** recently investigated the concept of doubt, as many students felt remorseful if they doubted and wondered whether doubt was sin. For when they may experience doubt, students formulated a “game plan” by writing an encouraging letter to a friend, explaining how that friend might approach his or her doubt and receive comfort by God and His promises in the Bible.



▲ Upper School students in **Anatomy and Physiology** learned about the cardiovascular system with the Argyle EMS/Fire Department. They gained insight about EKGs and how the different waves can help determine when heart attacks occur.

In reading Psalms inspired by the narrative of the Bible, students in **10th grade Bible** constructed their own psalm and provided biblical references that inspired the words of it, with the goal of teaching students the discipline and privilege of praying Scripture. ▼



Students in **United States Government** investigated the role and bureaucratic duty of a Cabinet position, and the Cabinet members in the current administration and their positions, presenting their findings with the class.

Administrators work toward meeting the needs of students at all grade levels and expand dual enrollment to allow students to pursue a wide range of career and academic pathways in the context of a biblical worldview.

2020/2021 Fiscal Year in Philanthropy – *We need you!*

Thank you for your continued support in advancing the mission of Liberty Christian School. The steadfast donors, volunteers, alumni, grandparents, and families like yours continue to create the difference by supporting Liberty's greatest needs. **If you haven't had a chance to partner through giving this year, we ask that you consider giving a gift to help us finish the year strong!**

- **Total Goal: \$1,170,000**

Annual Fund Goal: \$1,024,000

Teacher Sustainability Goal: \$146,000

- **Total Giving: \$975,550** as of April 6, 2021

- **Remaining Needed: \$194,450**

How to Make a Gift

- Donate online at www.libertychristian.com/give.
- Call Vice President of Advancement Dedra Brynn at 940.294.2129 or Development Officer Ashley Jordan at 940.294.2054.



With your help, we can achieve 100%!

REMAINING NEED

\$108,450

Annual Fund (Program and Activities)

\$86,000

Teacher Sustainability

DONOR FAMILIES

394

ANNUAL GIFTS

1,244 Total

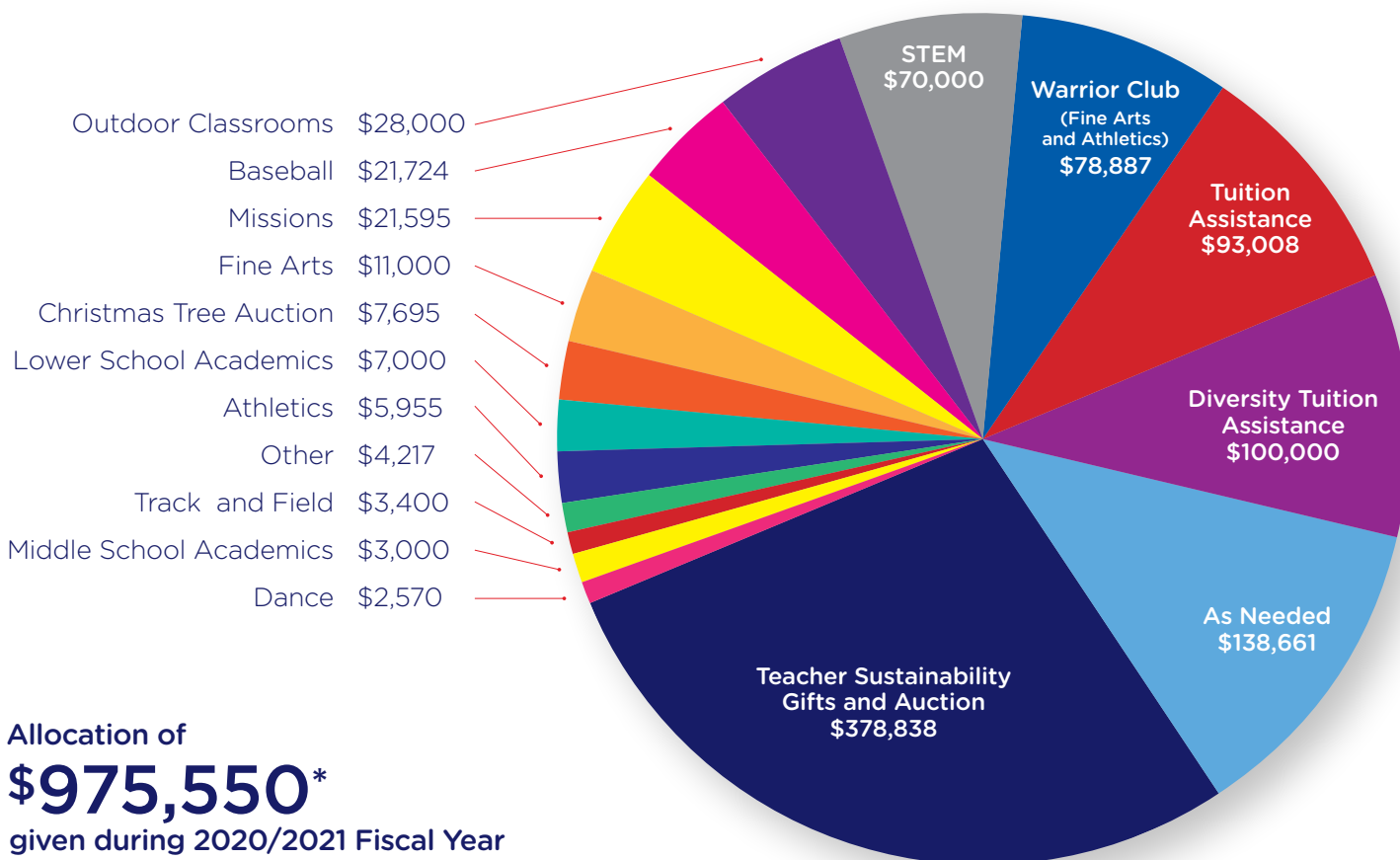
11 gifts: \$20,000 to \$100,000

13 gifts: \$10,000 to \$19,999

17 gifts: \$5,000 to \$9,999

161 gifts: \$1,000 to \$4,999

1,042 gifts: \$1 to \$999



*Not included is the \$124,000 for the above and beyond gift for Upper School laptops.



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Well done, 21!