



ANNUAL GIVING FUND

2021-2022

THE BRIARWOOD SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

The Briarwood School empowers students with diagnosed learning differences or intellectual disabilities to reach their maximum potential through diagnostic-prescriptive instruction in a structured academic environment.

DEAR PARENTS & FRIENDS OF BRIARWOOD,

A new year is on the horizon, and we all are hopeful that our return to normalcy will bring with it new growth, fresh insights, and a positive trajectory forward. The Briarwood School has always been an innovative educational environment that provides systematic, structured remediation. In 2022, The Briarwood School will celebrate 55 years of educating students who present a variety of learning challenges. We are proud of the many accomplishments that our students have achieved throughout these years and are looking forward to a future filled with opportunities as they continue to learn and grow. As you know, our students are smart, capable, and fully invested in becoming their best selves both in and outside of the classroom.

So far this school year has been one of many "firsts." The first time I wore a mum, the first time I stepped out on a humid Houston 110 degree day, my first day as the head of school at Briarwood - the list goes on. When I first met second grader Joanna, she was greeting our visitors as a student ambassador for the first open house of the year. I went out the front door, gave her a "fist bump" and asked her to practice her greeting with me, and what I got was totally unexpected. She proceeded to ask me who I was and what I did here. When she found out about my role as Head of School, she asked if we could get a real mustang for our mascot...and we could keep it at a ranch...and all of the students could go and visit it...take care of it...and eventually bring it out to the school for the homecoming. After explaining this to me, she finished by looking me in the eye and asked if this would be possible. I thought oh boy, what did I get myself into? I made no promises on the mustang, but invited her to the tailgate at the end of the month to which she accepted, came, and ate candy and danced all night!

While this story highlights a fun event that was designed to bring families together and build community, our goal at The Briarwood School is to build a solid academic foundation while also increasing self-esteem and interpersonal communication skills. Joanna is a fine example of a thriving, developing, confident Briarwood student who I am thrilled to have met in my first few weeks on the job. This young lady will move mountains!

In closing, I ask for your help. Please consider a donation designed to enhance our program and fulfill our mission of educating students like Joanna who truly embrace all that we have to offer here at Briarwood. Your generous support is greatly appreciated. **Go Mustangs!**



DAVID MENDLEWSKI | HEAD OF SCHOOL



The Briarwood-Tuttle School

Annual Giving Fund

Your charitable contribution will help us fulfill our core philosophy - ***Every child can learn and has the right to be taught in the way he or she learns best*** - which we have successfully done since 1967. In 2022 Briarwood will be celebrating 55 years.

- The Briarwood Annual Fund provides essential, unrestricted income to support the school's current-year operating budget for items not covered by tuition.
- Gifts to the Annual Fund ensure each student is prepared for life beyond The Briarwood School. Your investment supports our steadfast commitment to help students with learning differences grow and flourish. The Briarwood School and The Tuttle School provide funding for faculty and staff members to attend national conferences and workshops.
- Your gift also provides students with the integrated technology they need like assistive software, laptops, tablets and interactive media to support their learning differences.

“As the parent of a student who was blessed to attend The Briarwood School, I feel that it is my family’s responsibility to give back. I give back for several reasons. First, while attending Briarwood, my daughter received a quality education, both in and out of the classroom. Next, it is my hope that by putting something back, someone else will be able to receive the same quality education. Finally, it is my way of saying, ‘thanks’.”

ANNUAL FUND DOLLARS SUPPORT:

34% ACADEMIC INITIATIVES

25% COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT

21% TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENT

20% TUITION ASSISTANCE



Contribute to the Annual Giving Fund 2021-22



TUITION COVERS
80%
of the Cost of a
Briarwood Education



20% OPERATING
Budget Needs to
be Raised

EVERY GIFT MATTERS
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THE GOAL OF THE ANNUAL GIVING FUND IS
♥ ♥ ♥ **\$450,000** ♥ ♥ ♥


GRANDPARENTS
Can Donate
THEIR TIME, TALENT
AND TREASURE

2021-22
BUDGET
8.5
Million

THE **TUTTLE**
School at Briarwood
THE **BRIARWOOD**
School

Why doesn't tuition cover all education costs?

- Briarwood sets tuition at the lowest cost possible to make a specialized Briarwood education an affordable option for more families. Our students come to us out of need based on a diagnosed learning difference.
- The gap between tuition cost and the cost to educate a student is filled by tax deductible gifts and the AGF.

**Every gift of
any amount
is greatly
valued and
appreciated.**

