## A Note from the Director of Development, Lou Ellen Stansell



# Annual Report 2019-2020

Dear Families, As I reflect on this past fiscal year at

St. Mark's, I am both profoundly grateful and resolute in our cause. The 2019-20 period began with an exciting playground launch, and new hope for a challenging school year of growth and learning. Little did we know what was in store for us! 2019-20 proved to be a challenging year of growth and learning, but for all different reasons than we expected.

We remain appreciative of the generous parents, grandparents, alumni, and friends of St. Mark's. We could never have faced the challenges of this past fiscal year without the kindness and altruism of our supporters. The threads that connect us may have become tangled, or frayed, but they are still there. Philanthropy is a common thread in our community, and we are so incredibly grateful for it.

#### 2019-2020 Annual Fund

We are especially grateful for Sara and Chris Elkins, who recruited a dedicated



cruited a dedicated group of class representatives and worked hard to raise a recordbreaking \$508,036. We are proud to once again reach 100% participation among our Board

of Trustees and our faculty and staff, while also reaching 86% parent participation. Donors who gave to our Annual Fund last year appear on the following pages. These gifts are making a critical difference right now in our classrooms and programs.

#### 2020 Diamond Anniversary Gala

Hopefully you saw a full listing of our Gala supporters in our summer magazine. This year was poised to be the most successful fundraising event yet for St. Mark's! Our passionate and dedicated chairs, Ramona Murphy, Angie Chadha, along with Auction Chair, Kelly Burke, worked tirelessly through the year to prepare for a beautiful anniversary black tie affair, only to have to pivot and reschedule for a virtual event in May. This was a tremendous undertaking, and we were, once again, completely amazed by the support and generosity of many who made this event a success! Bravo, St. Mark's families!

#### **Parent Guild & Volunteers**

We remain incredibly grateful for our parent volunteers. Our parent organization, the Parent Guild, along with many other groups on campus, consistently offer their time and talents to make our community stronger. St. Mark's parents are uniquely passionate, and their commitment to our community shines through their efforts. We are tremendously grateful for the work of our 2019-20 officers: Amy Scaff, Emily Baker Amelio, Sara Ruppelt, and Yan Gao. Part of what makes our community warm and inviting are Parent Guild traditions and events. Thank you to the many volunteers who make us better

Your investment in St. Mark's makes an impact. Our community is better because of your support, whether it is a volunteer role out front, or behind the scenes, a gift to the annual fund, or the gala, or a donation to a special project. That is what these pages are all about. Our annual report serves as a record of those gifts, and a celebration of the many ways our school benefits from the benevolence of our supporters.

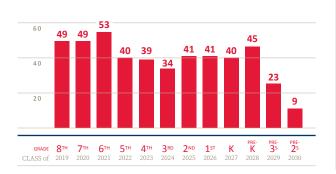
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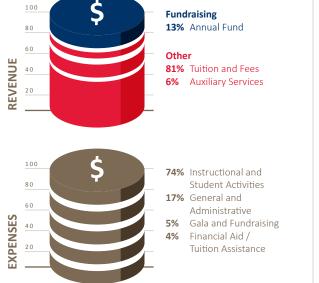
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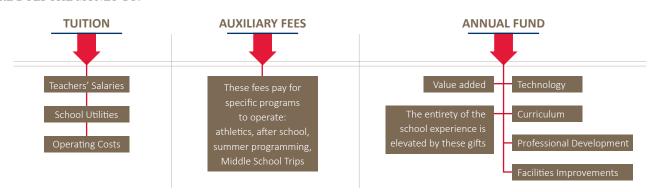
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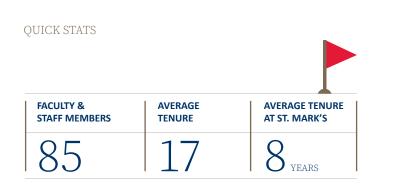




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## St. Mark's Episcopal School 2019-2020 Academic Year At a Glance



#### COMMUNITY DEMOGRAPHICS

