

The Gift of Oakwood

December 2023



I recently heard a parent say, "We gave our daughter the gift of Oakwood."

The gift of Oakwood. What a powerful way to describe what we offer students. What makes our transformative education a gift? It's really quite simple. At Oakwood, each student is gifted with:

- Teachers who understand and nurture their unique abilities.
- A place of healing from being misunderstood and inadequately taught.
- Strategic tools to overcome learning challenges.
- Hope and inspiration to achieve their potential.

In this letter, you'll read a message from the Johnsons, a family who gave their daughter the gift of Oakwood this year. You'll also be introduced to a new member of our team, Phallon Perry, Oakwood's Development Director.

Phallon shares our mission of serving bright students with great potential and she is committed to supporting efforts that will allow Oakwood to be a gift for all families who need us. Phallon shares her experience in finding the right school for her child on the next page and introduces Oakwood's Giving Tree.

As we come to the end of this calendar year, we are asking you to consider making a financial gift to the school to allow us to continue being the right gift for many families to come.

M. Lane McIntyre, Head of School



Discovering Oakwood

We discovered Oakwood after meeting with an advocate from Decoding Dyslexia Virginia. During our discussion we learned the importance of dyslexic students being in an environment that fosters not only the growth and advancement of their skills, but also an environment that supports every aspect of their learning process, no matter the subject.

Soon after that meeting, we connected with Oakwood's Admissions Director, Muriel Jedlicka, and realized this school would give our daughter what was missing from her previous academic experiences.

At her last school she was a very successful student but worked 10 times as hard to keep pace. Many of the challenges she faced were due to the fact that her previous school was unable to carve out the time she needed for added support. **Since coming to Oakwood we have already noticed some major changes:**

- Before Oakwood, reading felt overwhelming to her and at times she felt intimidated by how others would perceive her. But in just three months at Oakwood her confidence in reading increased.
- She now understands that dyslexia does not define her. Dyslexia is just one of the many attributes that make her unique.
- ***She is ready to do hard things!*** Being in the supportive environment that Oakwood provides has fueled her desire to succeed.

The few months that we have been a part of the Oakwood community have been transformative for our family and we hope other families have a chance to experience the benefits of an Oakwood education.

The Johnson Family

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Supporting Oakwood

The Oakwood Giving Tree



Many of you have been connected to Oakwood for a long time, while others are new to the community, like me. I joined the school as the Development Director in July 2023. As a mother, and longtime fundraising professional, I am drawn to Oakwood because I understand how it feels to find the **right school** for your child.

Like many Oakwood parents, these are the questions I posed when choosing the **right school** for my child.

- Is the staff knowledgeable and trained to respond to my child's needs?
- Does the school provide a safe learning environment that will allow my child to thrive?
- Can I afford to enroll my child in a tuition-based program?
- Will my child have access to technology that will promote their learning experience?

Because of your annual contributions, Oakwood can answer YES to these questions.

The Oakwood Annual Fund was created to support initiatives that are not covered by tuition such as technology enhancements, tuition assistance, professional development, and more.

Join the Oakwood Giving Tree by making a financial contribution today. Your donation will allow us to continue to provide children with all the strategies that make Oakwood the right school for families.



Phallon Perry

Phallon Perry, Development Director

The Impact of Your Donation:

- **Tuition assistance** makes Oakwood a possibility for children who can benefit from financial support
- **General support** for Oakwood's greatest need
- **Technology** to enhance the learning experience for our students
- **Professional development** opportunities for staff

We appreciate your support because it ensures that Oakwood can continue to be the **right gift** for our students' future. **Scan the QR code to make your tax-deductible donation today!**



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Oakwood Annual Fund

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Grandparent | <input type="checkbox"/> Faculty / Staff | <input type="checkbox"/> Friend |

Oakwood Giving Tree Levels

- Oakwood Canopy: \$10,000 +
- Oakwood Leaves: \$5,000 - \$9,999
- Oakwood Branches: \$1,000 - \$4,999
- Oakwood Roots: \$250 - \$999
- Oakwood Acorns: \$1 - \$249



Gift to Oakwood School

I / We wish to make a one-time general donation to Oakwood School's 2023-2024 Annual Fund in the amount of: _____.

I / We would like our gift to support: ☐ Tuition Assistance ☐ Oakwood's Greatest Need
Please identify one. ☐ Oakwood Playground (celebrating 40 years)

My gift is in honor of: _____

- ☐ I / We wish to remain anonymous; please do not include my/our name in donor listings.
- ☐ You have my/our permission to publicize this gift and include my/our name in donor listings.

All contributions are tax deductible in accordance with IRS regulations. Our Tax ID Number is 54-0898129.

Ways to Give

Online:

Visit oakwoodschool.com/support or scan the QR code using your device.



Check/Mail:

Please make check payable to Oakwood School and return in the enclosed envelope.

Credit Card Payment:

I would like to contribute \$ _____.

Name on Card: _____

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ CVC Code: _____

☐ I agree to pay the 2.2% and .30 cent credit card processing fee.

Thank you for your support of Oakwood School!

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