

## PHILANTHROPY AT FRENCH INTERNATIONAL

Philanthropic donations enable French International to continue moving boldly forward in our mission by supporting both day-to-day operations and larger strategic initiatives. French International has two major fundraising efforts each year: The Annual Fund campaign, launched in the fall, benefitting the greatest need of the school; and the Gala, held in the spring, benefitting financial aid. In addition, French International has begun a capital campaign to transform our campus.

*We ask that each of our families make French International one of your top philanthropic priorities.*

## THE ANNUAL FUND

The Annual Fund is the school's most critical fundraising effort and is your opportunity to directly impact the daily experiences of students at French International. The Annual Fund provides funding for teachers to bring speakers and performers on campus, up-to-date technology, professional development, and field trips and academic resources that enhance the STEAM curriculum and the library media center. It's our collective effort that ensures French International can provide students with an exceptional education that goes above and beyond the classroom. Each gift goes to support the greatest need of the school and is 100% tax deductible.

### **Why is participation in the Annual Fund significant?**

Demonstrating 100% parent participation not only showcases our community's commitment to our school and its mission, but also underscores the belief that French International is worthy of outside support. Your participation is not just a number, it's a testament to the strength of our community.

### **When will I be asked to give to the Annual Fund?**

The Annual Fund campaign runs through the length of the school year, ending on June 30th. Your contribution provides immediate support to the current year's operating budget.

### **How much should I give?**

How much should I give? Every gift is important. Gifts to the Annual Fund range from \$5 to \$25,000. The average annual gift per family is \$850. Many of our families choose to make a leadership gift of \$1,979 or greater to become a member of the 1979 Society. We understand that everyone's financial circumstances are different, and we ask that you prioritize French International as one of your top philanthropic investments and make a gift that is meaningful to your family. Gifts of every size count toward our family participation goal.

### **What is the 1979 Society?**

The 1979 Society honors the year that French International was founded. Donors who make a leadership gift to the Annual Fund of \$1,979 or greater - and grandparents, alumni, or alumni parents who make a gift of \$197 or greater - become members of the Society. Membership benefits include: special communications from school leadership; recognition in the Annual Report on Philanthropy; and an invitation to an annual celebration honoring your leadership commitment to French International. Matching gifts are included in the 1979 Society qualification! Gifts are counted within the fiscal year (July 1–June 30).

### **What is Tuition +?**

Tuition + is an option to simplify your giving to the Annual Fund by combining it with your tuition payment. Tuition + is equal to 7% of your student's tuition. You can select this option during enrollment (or re-enrollment).

# THE ANNUAL GALA

## What is the Annual Gala?

The Annual Gala is our largest community-building and philanthropic event and takes place each spring at a unique off-campus location. The event is made up of three main components: the silent auction, live auction, and special appeal. All proceeds from the gala support financial aid, ensuring that French International remains affordable and can admit a diverse student body.

*Gifts made to the Special Appeal are 100% tax-deductible. Purchases made during the Gala's silent and live auctions are tax-deductible to the extent that the gift exceeds the value of the item purchased. Raffle tickets are not tax-deductible.*

## Do my donations at the Gala count toward the Annual Fund?

The Annual Fund and the Gala are separate fundraising initiatives. The Annual Fund supports the greatest need of the school, and the Gala supports financial aid. We encourage families to participate in each of these initiatives to ensure that the school can provide an exceptional educational experience and access to our program through critical financial aid.

# THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

## What is the Capital Campaign?

The capital campaign is a one-time fundraising effort to support the capital development of our campus. This campaign will transform our campus with new Maternelle and Lower School buildings, new central pedestrian and green spaces, and improved parking and traffic flow.

## How will the Capital Campaign be funded?

This capital project will be funded through philanthropy, our campus redevelopment fund, and strategic borrowing. A successful capital campaign will help ensure that we fund our campus buildout through philanthropy and outside capital, versus tuition or operating funds.

## Are families expected to give to the Capital Campaign and the Annual Fund?

The Annual Fund is a key part of our annual budget, allowing French International to continue to add new programs and enhance our student experience. We ask that you make a strategic investment in our capital campaign that works for your family, while still supporting our important Annual Fund and events. We appreciate all of the giving by our community!

For more information, visit [campaign.frenchintl.org](http://campaign.frenchintl.org)

# SOCIÉTÉ HÉRITAGE

## What is the Société Héritage?

Société Héritage is a membership society honoring those who have included French International in their estate plans. There are many ways to get involved, including: gifts in a will (bequests), beneficiary designations, gifts from an IRA, gifts from a donor advised fund, and gifts of appreciated stock. Members are invited to the 1979 Society events and will be recognized in our Annual Report on Philanthropy.

## How can I get involved?

Société Héritage members are recognized once they have completed the [bequest intention form](#).

# QUESTIONS?

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