



Mercy
McAuley

PACK PROGRESS

NOVEMBER 2025

OUR PATH.
OUR PACK.

Welcome to *Pack Progress*!

Together, we've achieved something extraordinary: **\$5,191,327 raised as of November 12, 2025 - 94% of our \$5,500,000 goal!** More than 270 gifts, from \$10 to \$1 million, are fueling transformative opportunities for young women in Greater Cincinnati. Every dollar moves us closer to ensuring an education rooted in the Catholic, Mercy tradition - an investment that will shape lives and communities for generations.

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Capital Campaign Featured at Open House

On Sunday, October 26, Mercy McAuley welcomed hundreds of prospective students, **representing 38 different schools**, at our annual Open House. We took the opportunity to share information about *Our Path. Our Pack.*, and shared renderings of the stretch phase: the Theater green room, the dedicated Arts Wing, the Art Gallery and our on campus Athletic Complex and Turf Field.



As expected, parents appreciated the enhanced safety improvements and updated classrooms, and future Wolves were excited to learn about the upgraded theater, art and on campus athletic facilities. Current students, acting as tour guides, shared enthusiasm for the air conditioning!



Women for Mercy McAuley Luncheons

The Alumnae Leadership Team recently hosted two luncheons – one at Western Hills Country Club and one at Clovernook Country Club. The guests included alumnae and friends from Mother of Mercy, McAuley and Mercy McAuley.



Brigitte Foley, President, spoke of the collective power of women who are united by a shared mission, and how when women give together, our collective strength is unstoppable.

While the events were a great opportunity for catching up with friends old and new, they also provided a chance to hear the latest updates on *Our Path. Our Pack.* fundraising and renovations. Teachers **Abby Wells** and **Gina Keith** shared their perspectives as alumnae and faculty on the upgrades and new spaces. **Robyn Novak**, alumna and board member, explained the connection between design and how students see and use spaces.



Year End Giving – Tax Advantaged Gifts

As 2025 draws to a close, we invite you to reflect on the difference you can make in the lives of Mercy McAuley High School students. Your generosity to the capital campaign helps shape futures, empower young women, and sustain the mission of excellence in Catholic education.

Here are some meaningful ways to give:

IRA Charitable Gifts

If you're 70½ or older, consider a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your traditional IRA. A QCD can be a great way to reduce required minimum distributions (RMDs) and optimize the tax benefits of giving.

Donor Perspective

"As a retired McAuley alum from the Class of 1973, I'm grateful to be in a position to give back to the school that shaped my career as a physician. This year, I made a significant gift to the Mercy McAuley Capital Campaign through a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from my IRA, a tax-smart way to give for those over 70½. It's truly a win-win for both the donor and the school."

Gifts of Appreciated Securities

Turn your investments into inspired action. By donating appreciated stocks, bonds, or mutual funds, you can avoid capital gains tax and receive a deduction for the full market value.

Stock transfers from a non-Charles Schwab & Co., Inc., financial Institution: Initiate a transfer request to the firm holding the securities, and include Schwab's DTC number: 0164.

DTC Number: 0164

Account Number: 2872-2971

Account name: Mercy McAuley High School

Please notify the advancement office of any stock transfers. Call Analisa Condon at 513-681-1800 x1160 or email condona@mercymcauley.org.

Accelerate Your 2026 Giving

Looking ahead? You can accelerate 2026 gifts into 2025 to potentially increase your tax benefits.

Keep in mind the 2025 Standard deduction thresholds:

- Joint: \$31,500
- Head of Household: \$23,625
- Single: \$15,750
- Plus \$2,000 per person age 65+

Your gift to the capital campaign – no matter the size – makes a significant impact. Together, we can make a difference that lasts far beyond December 31. Please consult your financial advisor to explore the best giving strategy for you.

If you have any questions about *Our Path. Our Pack.* contact Lori Rochford, Capital Campaign Coordinator, at rochfordl@mercymcauley.org or call 513-681-1800, Ext. 1134.