



The IDEAL School of Manhattan

ANNUAL REPORT of GIVING 2024-25









Mission

The IDEAL School of Manhattan is an inclusion school dedicated to creating a diverse community that affirms and accepts the full identities of all people, while inspiring academic excellence, creative leadership, and a desire to build a more just and equitable world.

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INTRODUCTION

In this year's annual report, we celebrate the remarkable growth made possible by our community's generosity. The trustees, families, friends, and staff recognized in these pages have provided vital financial support during the 2024–25 fiscal year, enabling us to expand our impact and strengthen our programs. Thanks to your dedication, IDEAL continues to thrive and look ahead with excitement to the years to come.



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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

Dear IDEAL Families and Friends:

The 2024-25 school year marked IDEAL's second year in its new home at 5 Hanover Square. Over the course of the first year in our forever home and the following summer, we made further improvements and personalizations to the five floors the school occupies, which had been built specifically for our special student body to serve as a model of accessibility and inclusion. Many thanks to those who continued to make contributions to the school's capital campaign to help cover the costs associated with these improvements.

Of course, the contributions of our large and diverse body of donors make it possible to run a school that specializes in serving students with and without disabilities, both within and outside our inclusive classrooms. I am pleased to share that for the 2024-25 academic year, IDEAL received monetary donations from 87% of families, 94% of faculty and staff members, and 100% of members of the Board of Trustees. We present these impressive numbers to institutional funding organizations when seeking grants and donations to demonstrate our school community's commitment to our mission. Overall, giving this year brought the school \$1,949,759, far surpassing our \$800,000 goal. More than 850 individuals, families, and organizations made significant contributions to our continued success, and we are happy to name all of them in this document, and I am proud to express the gratitude of our Board of Trustees.

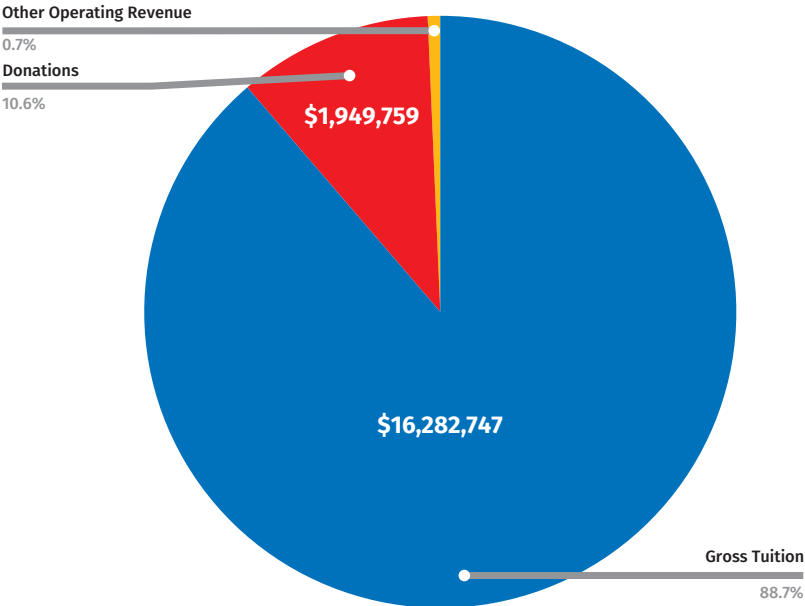
Donations from our friends, families, faculty, and staff allowed us to bring our students to visit museums and shows, to take part in the Billion Oyster Project, to visit Washington, D.C., to continue to take free SAT classes, and to participate in new projects in the 2025-26 school year, including the use of 3D printers, a hydroponics garden, and a LEGO Robotics lab.

I also want to say a special thank you to our Board of Trustees, who contribute in so many ways, including hosting fundraisers in the Hamptons, the Yale Club, and at Siwanoy Country Club, and who donate and source incredible items and experiences that make our annual Gala an exciting and successful event.

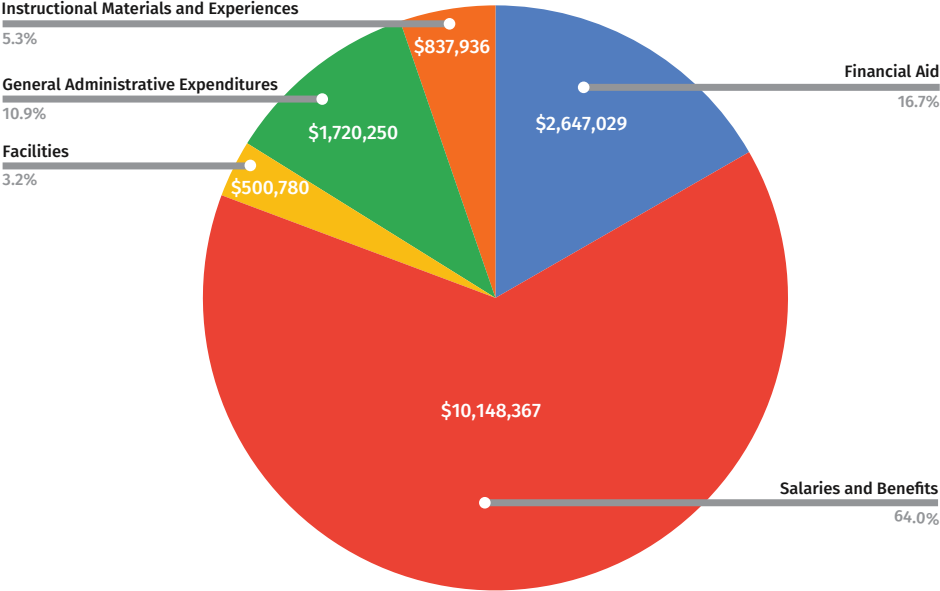


Jay Eisenhower
President of the Board of Trustees

OPERATING INCOME



OPERATING EXPENSES



A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Dear IDEAL Families and Friends:

In our second year at 5 Hanover Square, IDEAL has grown in both reach and impact, thanks to you. We deepened partnerships with local businesses and charities, expanded outreach, and welcomed families from new neighborhoods. Our first subway campaign and postcard mailings generated inquiries citywide, and we were honored to be recognized as the Nonprofit of the Night at a Brooklyn Nets game. These efforts helped make our fall admissions open house our most successful yet. Beyond our building, students and faculty volunteered at Battery Urban Farm and raised oysters as part of the Billion Oyster Project, contributing directly to restoring New York Harbor.

Academically, your generosity fueled new programs that inspire and challenge our students. We launched the Writing Revolution in High School and a Middle School environmental science course tied to the Billion Oyster Project. Teachers worked with Pediatric Assessment, Learning & Support (PALS) to strengthen classroom routines and executive functioning skills, while Cathryn Berger Kaye trained faculty in her customized advisory program, piloted successfully in Middle School.

Athletics gave our community more to celebrate. For the first time since 2017, IDEAL teams brought home championships: the Middle School Boys won the MSAL title, and the High School Boys captured the Metro League trophy. These victories, proudly displayed in our lobby, reflect the dedication of our students and coaches, and show what an inclusive sports program can be.

Our Civil Rights Community Day featured NY1 anchor Cheryl Wills, who highlighted IDEAL students' projects on air. With support from Lightswitch Learning, we also welcomed NBA player Quinn Cook and singer Jason Derulo to debut their children's books, creating unforgettable moments of inspiration.

Service remains central to our mission. On MLK Day, students across all divisions supported seniors, nonprofits, and food banks, and our Next Steps Transition Program adopted an ongoing volunteer session with Trinity Church.

Finally, we celebrate the Class of 2025, the members of which are attending colleges and programs nationwide. None of this would be possible without you. Thank you for making IDEAL truly IDEAL.



Janet Wolfe, Head of School



THE CLASS OF 2025



The members of the Class of 2025 were accepted to 68 different colleges or postsecondary programs. They were offered \$661,458 in scholar dollars. The full list of acceptances is below, with an asterisk designating multiple acceptances and bold representing the schools where our students matriculated.

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THE OPEN DOOR SCHOLARSHIP FUND

IDEAL's student community reflects the rich diversity of New York City, and we are extremely proud of our socioeconomic diversity. The Open Door Scholarship Fund, established in 2010, allows us to continue to provide access to an independent school education for students from under-resourced communities. Every dollar donated to the Open Door Scholarship Fund goes directly toward the tuition of students in the Standard Program.

We seek individual, corporate, and foundation partners to support this effort by funding scholarships for children in need. More than 83% of IDEAL students receive financial assistance, and the average financial aid award is 94% of tuition. This represents an investment of approximately \$2.5 million annually, which is approximately 15% of the school's expenditures. Open Door Scholarship funding allows the school to continue to invest meaningfully in the program and to meet the needs of our diverse student body. Thanks to the generosity of donors to the Fund, our Open Door Scholars are thriving.

If you are interested in supporting the Open Door Scholarship Fund, please contact CFO Margaret Conklin at mconklin@theidealschool.org. All gifts to the Open Door Scholarship Fund are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law.

ALUMNI NEWS

Sadie Kesten '23

Sadie is in her junior year at Goucher College in Maryland. She is majoring in computer science but also enjoys taking theatre classes. Sadie took part in several plays and musicals while at IDEAL, standing out as Rapunzel in *Into the Woods*. This summer, Sadie spent three weeks studying abroad in Scotland. Part of the class included attending the Fringe Festival in Edinburgh, the world's largest performing arts festival.



Troy Providenti '21

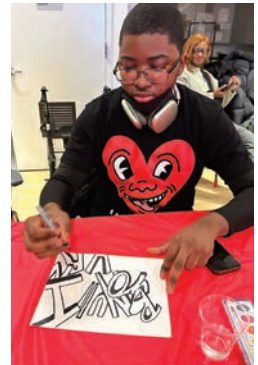
After graduating from IDEAL, Troy continued his education at InclusiveU at Syracuse University before launching an impressive post-graduation journey. He started his own tie-dye business, secured a position as an assistant at a dentist's office, and now serves as the Director of Strategic Partnerships at Turn Down for What, a social club for adults with Down syndrome.



Sydney Sclar '22

Currently enrolled in the Melissa Riggio Program at Kingsborough College in Brooklyn, Sydney is enjoying a rich mix of academic and personal pursuits. She takes classes on campus, loves cooking, and explores creative hobbies like dance, pottery, and ballet. Outside of school, she cherishes time spent with her nephew and enjoys attending comedy shows. Reflecting fondly on their time at IDEAL, she especially enjoyed the candle-making workshops.





THE APEX PROGRAM

This year, IDEAL's Athletic and Physical EXcellence (APEX) program offered five sports across three seasons: cross country and volleyball in the fall, basketball in the winter, and track & field and pickleball in the spring. APEX teams range from club-level to varsity, and are available to all students in Grades 5-12, promoting fitness, teamwork, and skill development throughout the year.



Basketball Champions

For the first time in IDEAL history, both our Middle and High School boys basketball teams were champions in the same season! The Middle School boys team secured the Middle School Athletic League league title – the school's first championship since the Middle School girls team's 2017 victory. A week later, our High School team fought hard to bring home the Metro League trophy with a 47-41 win. Years of grit, determination, and countless hours of practice came together



in an unforgettable, history-making season for IDEAL athletics.

THE ARTS AT IDEAL



Fall Play

In December 2024, Upper School students performed *Law & Order: Fairy Tale Unit*, a playful twist on the TV classic. The production featured many Upper School student actors, costume designers, and set creators, with direction by Maggie Seymour and assistant direction by Lou Ann Pavelin.

Spring Musical

IDEAL's production of *Disney's Frozen Jr.* was made possible through the work of 33 talented cast, crew, pit musicians, and costume designers, all under the direction of Maggie Seymour and Lou Ann Pavelin, with musical direction by Will Simbol and choreography by Grace Brewster. The show was performed at Edmond J. Safra Hall at the Museum of Jewish Heritage on May 6 and 7, 2025.



Artbeat and the Upcycled Fashion Show

IDEAL's annual ArtBeat, held on June 10, 2025, celebrated a year of creativity with a day showcasing visual and performing arts. Families, faculty, students, and staff enjoyed gallery walks showcasing work from Grades K-12+, guided tours led by seniors, and dynamic Upper School band performances. The afternoon concluded with the lively Upcycled Fashion Show, featuring student and faculty models, mixed with encores from the day's top-voted bands.

PARTNERSHIP WITH LIGHTSWITCH LEARNING

This year, IDEAL's partnership with book publisher **Lightswitch Learning** brought extraordinary experiences to our students. We are grateful to the Lightswitch team for broadening our students' perspectives and reinforcing the importance of effort, creativity, and self-belief.

Students in Grades 3–6 and our seniors met performing artist **Jason Derulo**, who chose IDEAL to announce his children's book, *Dream It! Sing It! Do It!* In a memorable moment, his publisher delivered the very first printed copy minutes before he read it aloud to our students. Mr. Derulo spoke about family support and perseverance, values central to IDEAL, and each student received an advance copy of his book.

On January 31, former NBA player and author **Quinn Cook** visited IDEAL to share lessons from *The Cook Book: A Recipe for Success*, emphasizing faith, determination, connection, and kindness. He ended the day with a basketball game alongside students in Grades 8–12 and APEX coaches. He stayed with us until every student received a signed copy of his book.



CIVIL RIGHTS COMMUNITY DAY



On May 19, IDEAL hosted its annual **Civil Rights Community Day**, welcoming Emmy Award-winning journalist **Cheryl Wills** of Spectrum News NY1 and her brother, cartoonist **Clarence “Big Boy” Wills**. They shared personal stories that underscored themes of persistence, advocacy, and the power of education.

Mr. Wills captivated Lower School students with stories about his art and life as a cartoonist and a person with autism. He created many personalized sketches for students and provided all of them with a signed copy of *“Big Boy” Wills, Cartoonist*, a book about his life and work published by Lightswitch Learning, who also published his sister’s collection of children’s books.

Ms. Wills introduced her newest book, *The Emancipation of Grandpa Sandy Wills*, which chronicles the life of her great-great-great-grandfather, a formerly enslaved man who fought for the Union during the Civil War. Her account of uncovering his burial site and securing recognition for his service highlighted the importance of honoring history and advocating for justice.

The Civil Rights Community Day showcased IDEAL’s commitment to cultivating informed, empathetic, and engaged citizens. Ms. Wills was so impressed by our students’ research projects, she filmed several of them for a piece that ran on her NY1 broadcast, where she called our school a “national model of excellence.”

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

The IDEAL Parents Association (PA) fosters a strong sense of community and serves as a link between IDEAL families, faculty, and administration. Through volunteerism, event coordination, and collaborative initiatives, the PA played a key role in supporting IDEAL’s mission. All parents and guardians of IDEAL students are automatically members of the PA, and volunteer class representatives keep families informed about school life and PA initiatives.

In the 2024–25 school year, the PA led and supported community-building and fundraising efforts, helping family giving to the Annual Fund reach 87%. Events such as The IDEAL Way 5K, Potluck Dinner, and Hot Chocolate and Used Uniform Sales brought our community together, while parents and class representatives also supported initiatives including Giving Tuesday, the Scholastic Book Fair, the Annual Gala, and celebrations for our graduating classes.

We are deeply grateful to the PA leadership and to every family who helped to enrich our students’ lives and strengthen the IDEAL community.



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IDEAL's Annual Gala commemorates our mission and raises significant funds to support the school's operating budget. The 2025 Gala, titled **Come One, Come All**, highlighted the power of community and togetherness.

On February 25 at Pier 60, Chelsea Piers, we celebrated IDEAL's 20th Annual Gala – marking two decades of joyful gatherings and meaningful impact. **More than 400 tickets were purchased for the event, which raised \$316,486.**

This year's event was hosted by 11-time Emmy Award winner **Frank DiLella**, anchor of NY1's *On Stage*, and featured unforgettable performances by Broadway stars **Jennifer Sánchez** and **Michael Maliakel**, who was accompanied by IDEAL parent Jamie Schmidt, who was Mr. Maliakel's conductor

during his run in *Aladdin* on Broadway.

IDEAL's senior class acted as ambassadors and greeters. Several also spoke on stage, and they performed "I Need More Love" by Robert Randolph and the Family Band accompanied by Mr. Simbol and Mr. Prodis.

The gala celebrated identity and inclusion, honoring three organizations whose missions align closely with IDEAL's as leaders in inclusive practices. Our honorees were **Tracy Nixon** and **Jane Providenti**, representing Gigi's Playhouse NYC, **Alex Reznik**, founder of Complete Playground, and **Mindy Sheier**, founder of Runway of Dreams and Gamut Management.

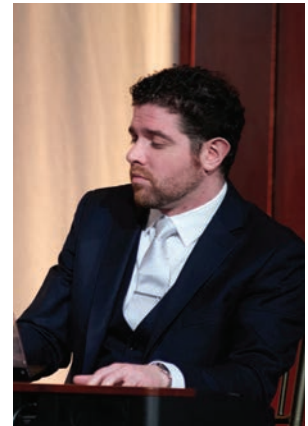
Through ticket sales, the raffle, silent and live



auctions, donations, and special hand raises, more than 300 supporters contributed to the school, including the more than 75 in-kind donors who made our auction and raffle possible.

We are grateful to all who made the evening a success: Our talented performers, event sponsors, item donors, and dedicated Gala Committee.

The entire IDEAL family thanks you, our friends, for making IDEAL's 20th Annual Gala a success and for sharing in our joy. Your support, as always, will make a lasting impact on the lives of our students.



2025 IDEAL Gala Committee

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Dan Kesten	Ryan Zaccaro
Larissa Regala	

Top left: Frank DiLella; top right: Jennifer Sánchez; middle: Michael Maliakel; above, l-r: accompanists Jamie Schmidt and Stephen Murphy

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Weltmann Lighting

Brooke Wiese and Lucero Hernandez

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Top, l-r: IDEAL co-founder Michelle Smith, Jane Providenti, Tracy Nixon; middle: Mindy Scheier hugging an IDEAL student; bottom: Alex Reznik

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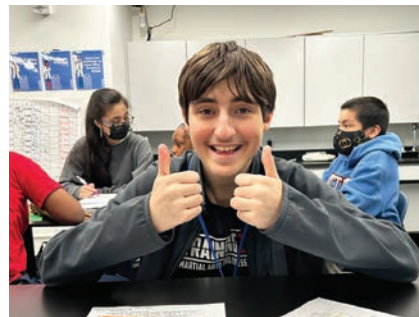
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FAMILY GIVING BY GRADE

Each year, IDEAL builds a significant amount of fundraising into its budget, which virtually all independent schools do. We can't reach our goals without financial support beyond tuition.

We ask every community member to make a donation back to the school. We count every donor, no matter the amount they contributed, with a goal of 100% participation.

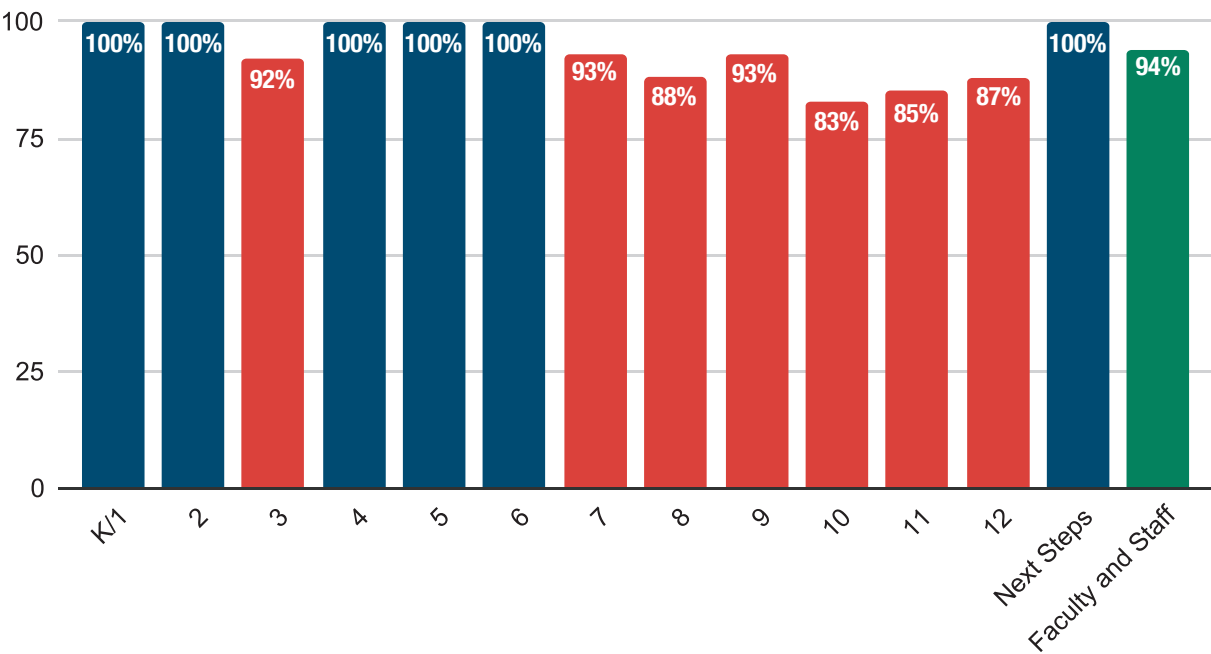
The importance of giving back financially to IDEAL is that a high donation percentage among

families, faculty, and staff is a powerful tool to use when we reach beyond our community to institutional donors and seek grants. Small donation can lead to much larger amounts.

In 2024-25, family giving to the Annual Fund reached 87%, and faculty and staff giving reached 94%. Six grades completed their 100% goal.

Donations to The Annual Fund also include contributions to the Faculty and Staff Gift Fund and the Open Door Scholarship Fund.

Family Giving Percentages by Grade



TRUSTEE FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES

Three fundraisers hosted by IDEAL trustees and their families raised \$89,602 for our school this year.

Evan Azriliant has been an IDEAL trustee since the school's founding. He is a staunch supporter of the school's mission, and an important part of our Gala fundraising. In July, 2024, Mr. Azriliant held his annual **Yale Club Cocktail Reception** fundraiser.

At the event, the 14th he has hosted, Mr. Azriliant's friends, family, and IDEAL community guests gathered for a fun evening of cocktails and conversation and

raised \$17,087 for our school.

Jane Providenti, mother of **Troy '21**, was an IDEAL trustee from 2019 to 2025, and Troy's father, **Anthony Providenti**, was a member of the Board Advancement Committee. For more than 20 years, the Providenti family has held a fundraiser in East Hampton to raise money for LuMind, which raises funds for Down syndrome research and IDEAL, recently adding several more organizations. The annual **Summer Double Dip**, a fun day of swimming and mingling with a basketball tournament, has

raised more than half a million dollars over the years. This year, the Summer Double Dip brought \$10,000 to IDEAL.

IDEAL co-founder and vice president **Mitch Rubin** and his son **Max '18**, brought back **An IDEAL Day of Golf** this year. Held at Siwanoy Country Club, the event brings friends old and new to the historic course for 18 holes, lunch, dinner, and cocktails with a live auction. The event raised \$62,515 this year, and a highlight was fellow trustee Michael Lorch and his team bringing in the best score.



Building for Our Future

A capital campaign to fund IDEAL’s next chapter at 5 Hanover Square

IDEAL is building its future in Lower Manhattan. The school’s building is so much more than a new space. It symbolizes the power of IDEAL’s mission and the potential for future growth. Your continued support will help us reach our new home’s potential.

With an IDEAL foundation in place, we can continue to outfit and improve classrooms, athletic facilities, and therapy suites, grow our programs and provide students with learning opportunities inside and out of the classroom. The goal of the capital campaign is to raise \$2 million over five years. Gifts can be made all at once, or over the course of the campaign. See the next page for a list of donation and naming opportunities.

The members of the IDEAL Capital Campaign Committee are happy to meet with you to discuss your choice of naming opportunities and funding options.

Please reach out to any of the individuals listed below to make a gift to the capital campaign.

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Cash Contributions, Checks, and Credit Cards

A gift of cash is the simplest and most efficient way to support The IDEAL School of Manhattan. Cash donations are put to immediate use for programs, financial aid, salaries, professional development, and other projects. Checks can be sent to the attention of CFO Margaret Conklin. Donations can be made by credit card at www.theidealschool.org/giving or by contacting Margaret Conklin at 212-769-1699 or mconklin@theidealschool.org.

Matching Gifts

Your gift can be doubled if you are employed by one of the more than 1,000 businesses and companies that match employees' and retirees' donations to nonprofit organizations. You can obtain the appropriate forms from your company's human resources department or corporate foundation and forward them to IDEAL with your gift. You will receive credit for both the original gift and the matching gift, and your employer will also be listed as a donor.



Securities

Gifts of appreciated securities may enable the donor to take a tax deduction on the full value of the gift and avoid capital gains on the transfer. In many cases, the actual cost to the donor is far less than the value of the gift to the school. To make a gift of stock or for more information, please contact CFO Margaret Conklin at 212-769-1699 or mconklin@theidealschool.org.

Planned Giving

Planned giving can offer many tax advantages for donors and their heirs by naming The IDEAL School of Manhattan as a beneficiary of an estate, trust, or insurance policy, or by establishing a charitable gift annuity. Prospective donors should seek the advice of an attorney since gifts of this kind require variations to accommodate individual circumstances.

Gifts-In-Kind

Gifts-in-kind are tangible items, such as works of art, auction items, equipment, books, furniture, real estate, and similar non-monetary contributions. A gift of tangible property may result in a tax deduction for the donor.



**There's still time
to support IDEAL!
The fiscal year runs
from July 1-June 30.**





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