



Younger invested in Jesuit's past, present, and future

Jane Younger didn't grow up in Tampa or attend a Jesuit school, so when her daughter Sara became a Jesuit cheerleader in the early 2000s, the school on Himes Avenue was, initially, just the place where her daughter engaged in an extracurricular activity.

Every great relationship, every special bond, starts somewhere, and that was it for Younger.

Her two sons both enrolled at Jesuit, Jeffrey '06 and Patrick '09, and Younger went full-throttle into volunteering with the Mothers' Club.

A few years later, the former nurse doubled down and began working for the school as its Special Events Coordinator. Years of volunteering her support for Gaudiosa, the school's annual fundraising gala, had segued into primary responsibility for Jesuit's biggest event.

And it has become a tremendous success story. Under Younger's direction, Gaudiosa is a three-time winner of the Tampa Bay Business Journal's Favorite Fundraising Event award. Younger is a two-time winner as the TBBJ's Favorite Event Planner. And it's no wonder: Gaudiosa has raised nearly \$1.4 million for Jesuit's financial aid program the past two years.

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Still, Younger is doing even more for Jesuit. She and her husband, Jeff, have joined the school's 1899 Bequest Society. Bequest Society members have indicated in writing that they have made provisions for Jesuit High School in their will or estate plans.

"Jeff and I decided to join the 1899 Bequest Society because of what we, as a family, have experienced here at Jesuit," Younger said. "It is truly a special place, and we feel privileged to be a part of it, and are so thankful for what Jesuit has done for our family, helping to create our own 'Men for Others.'"

"We have chosen to give back a part of our IRAs," Younger said. "It's something that is learned here, to give back, and we could not think of a better opportunity to help others."

For Younger, while it is her sons who are Jesuit educated, her experience immersed in Jesuit as a parent and employee has deeply impacted her life.

"Being involved with the Mothers' Club, I was able to really learn just what 'For Greater Glory' was all about," Younger said. "I found that opportunity to be so rewarding."

"Jeff and I chaired the fourth Gaudiosa (this year, on Feb. 27 is the 13th Gaudiosa). It was soon after that I was offered the opportunity to be part of the staff. I am so thankful to work with so many wonderful volunteers who give graciously of their time, talent, and treasures."

In her typical manner, Younger credits others for the success around her.

"Honestly, none of these events would happen without all of the support of our wonderful volunteers! What a blessing for the school and for me personally. It is not only for the students and families, but for "His greater glory!" 

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