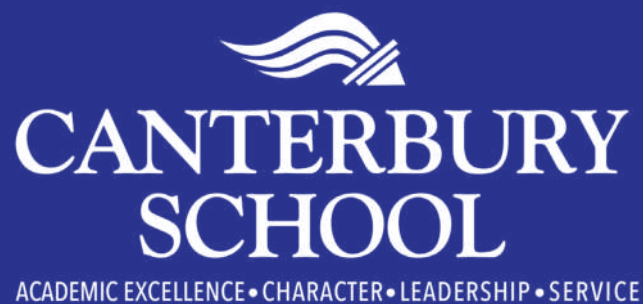
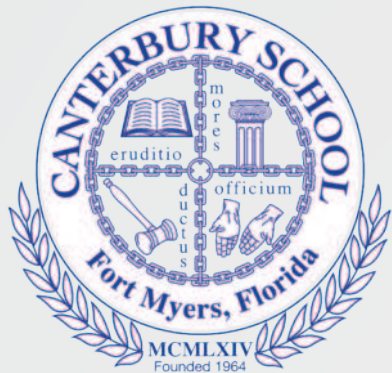




DONOR IMPACT REPORT 2021-2022

Personal stories from Canterbury families
sharing why they support the school

MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD OF SCHOOL

Dear Canterbury Community,

On behalf of our school community, I am pleased to present you with our Donor Impact Report. Your generosity and support have made a significant difference in the lives of our students, and we are grateful for your continued commitment to our school's mission.

As the Head of School, I am privileged to witness the impact of your donations firsthand. Your contributions have enabled us to provide our students with exceptional educational experiences and opportunities, allowing them to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. Your support has helped us to maintain our facilities, enhance our programs, and invest in the professional development of our faculty and staff.

We hope that you find this report informative and inspiring. It is a testament to the impact that your generosity can have on our school and the lives of our students. Thank you again for your unwavering support.

All the Best,



Rick Kirschner
Head of School



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WHY WE GIVE: A Strong School

Tom and Nina Burt are the parents of three Canterbury students, sisters Anabella '28, Siena '30, and Teagan '34. When choosing to make a gift to The Lucas Match and name the Snack Bar in honor of his family, Tom jokingly said, "I wanted to make sure we chose a place on campus where I knew I could find my daughters!"

In addition to raising their three children, the family also has a menagerie of pets, including two dogs, one cat, one chameleon, two squirrels, two turtles, 11 ducks, 10 koi, one ant farm, one beehive, and a stocked fish pond. Despite the challenges of raising three young children and 29 animals, Nina and Tom still find time for Canterbury. Tom currently serves on the Board of Trustees as part of the Finance Committee and is also President of the Canterbury Fathers Club.

Nina and Tom are supportive of all things Canterbury - whether it be the Canterbury Fund, Extravaganza, or Carnival - whatever the cause, they are down for it! As a result, when The Lucas Match opportunity became available, they felt it was important to not only continue with their current support of the Canterbury Fund and Extravaganza but to make an additional gift to help reduce the school's debt.

When asked why they chose to support The Lucas Match, Nina and Tom shared,

"We knew that reducing the debt was vital to a strong Canterbury. With Anabella starting in 2014 and Teagan not set to graduate until 2034, we knew that a strong Canterbury helps not only our girls but our faculty and staff provide all our students with the best educational experience possible!"

Started in 2018 and nearing completion, The Lucas Match has raised \$12.8 million toward the \$14.45 million campaign. With five months remaining until The Lucas Match ends on June 30, 2023, there is still time to help raise the remaining \$550,000!

If you are interested in learning more, please contact George Pappas, Associate Head of School, at gpappas@canterburyfortmyers.org or 239-481-4313 Ext. 718, or visit canterburyfortmyers.org/lucas-match/.



THE
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**"If we can get this school debt free,
there is no telling where we can go."
- David Lucas**

WHY WE GIVE: Opportunities to Thrive

Dr. Kristina Mirabeau-Beale and her twin sons, Alex and Drew Thompson, arrived at Canterbury as kindergartners, in the fall of 2020. Being the mother of twin boys, in addition to her job as a physician radiation oncologist, means that she is busy! Yet, when asked why she supports the school and in particular the Canterbury Fund, she gladly found the time to share her experience:



"Education has always been a significant priority for my family. My late father was a professor and university administrator. When it comes to my children,

I want to do all I can to provide them with every opportunity to thrive and become the best version of themselves.

Learning for the sake of enrichment and a bigger worldview - not just teaching to tests. It is also important to me that they be exposed to the arts and athletics and that their teachers are as invested in their emotional and social development as I am. When I think of all that Canterbury does for Alex and Drew, and how it relies on the Canterbury Fund to make these experiences possible, it motivates me to give."

WHY WE GIVE: Supportive Environment

Karen and John McDaniel have been residents of Lee County for more than 50 years when Fort Myers was still primarily an agricultural town. They themselves grew up on a farm grateful for the simplicity of those early days. Fast forward to 2023 and the same feeling of gratitude they had for their childhood they also have for the childhood of their granddaughter, Alexis '32.

When asked to put a finger on why they feel this way, the McDaniels shared the importance of a good education and the peace of mind that comes from knowing their granddaughter is receiving one.

"We had hoped Alexis would be able to receive a good education in an environment she enjoys.

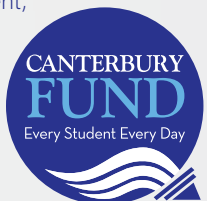
The teachers and staff of Canterbury have made Alexis (and us) feel she is in the right place for her education and well-being."



For the McDaniels, knowing that their granddaughter is in the right place and that the Canterbury Fund makes it all possible is the only reason they need to give!

The Canterbury Fund provides approximately four percent of the school's annual budget. Every dollar given is spent in the same year in support of your child's learning experience - whether it is faculty salaries, professional development, curriculum, arts, or athletics - your dollars go to make Canterbury the best school possible for your child today!

To [make a gift](#), please contact Julie Pearson, Director of the Canterbury Fund at jpearson@canterburyfortmyers.org or 239-481-4313 Ext. 213.



WHY WE GIVE: Educational Experience

When it came time for Bob and Christine Moro to decide where to send their daughter, Olivia '32, to school, a close friend and some good old-fashioned research led them to Canterbury.

"We were part-timers in Fort Myers and still living on Long Island. Our close friend, Lynn Sarver, who worked for Canterbury for many years, always spoke very highly of the school," shared Christine.

Following a tour and lots of questions, the Moro family made the decision to move to Fort Myers.

"We fell in love with Canterbury. We were impressed with the school's emphasis on academics, values, age-appropriate use of technology, and hands-on learning, as well as the small class sizes. I had so many questions, and Canterbury was able to answer them all!"

The Moro family, including their therapy dog Tux, have never regretted their decision.

"We appreciate the sense of close-knit community and inclusion the school offers. It is gratifying to observe that the faculty members are familiar with each student, and the atmosphere is joyful and positive for everyone, which holds great significance for parents," Christine said.

Knowing that their involvement makes this environment possible, Bob and Christine are supportive of all things Canterbury including the Canterbury Fund, Extravaganza, and the golf tournament! Bob's company, Pinnacle Strategies, Inc., an Estate Planning and Wealth Management firm, served as the presenting sponsor of the Cougar Classic last year and again this year. Combining his love of golf and Canterbury was a fun way for their family to say thank you!

If you would like to sponsor our Cougar Classic this year there are still sponsorships available, please visit www.canterburyfortmyers.org/giving/golf-tournament to learn more. In addition, Canterbury also offers sponsorships of our athletic facilities including naming rights for fields, scoreboards, and the yet-to-be-named beautiful press box!

Please visit www.canterburyfortmyers.org/giving/athletic-sponsorships to learn more.



WHY WE GIVE: Endless Opportunities

When Cindy and Doug Monroe and their son William moved from Michigan to Florida, the initial plan was to delay the move until William entered the ninth grade. Upon visiting Canterbury and seeing what the school had to offer, they decided they could not wait another year!

Now, five years later, William is set to graduate and they couldn't be happier with their decision. **"I can't express how wonderful William's experience has been at Canterbury," said Doug, "It's the teachers, and the programs at Canterbury. Just one example is Mr. Torres and Cougar Vision and the a life-changing opportunity it has provided for our son. We did not see that coming, nor did we anticipate that he would be so involved with lacrosse and wrestling!"**

While their son was immersed in the Canterbury experience, Cindy, too, found a welcoming group of friends as part of the Extravaganza committee. "It's been a joy to work with such smart, determined, hard-working volunteers who put on a great event for the benefit of the school.

I not only enjoyed the planning of the event but participating in the evening was a great way to meet new people and support the school. I know William is graduating, but I'm not planning to!"

If you are interested in joining the Extravaganza committee or providing auction items, please reach out to Jessica Wells, Director of Special Events, at jwells@canterburyfortmyers.org or 239-481-4313 Ext. 230.



Join us on December 2, 2023,
at The Forest Country Club!

WHY WE GIVE: Whole-Child Approach

When you think of a family who truly believes in the impact Canterbury can have on the life of a child, Sana and Oqab Abuoqab come to mind.

"Canterbury is one of the greatest gifts we can give our children," shared Sana, proud mother to Lema '20, Laith '25, Leena '27, and Ghaith '35. "With the strong curriculum, great teachers, and the variety of athletic, arts, and club opportunities, the school pushes my children to be their best and prepares them for their future."

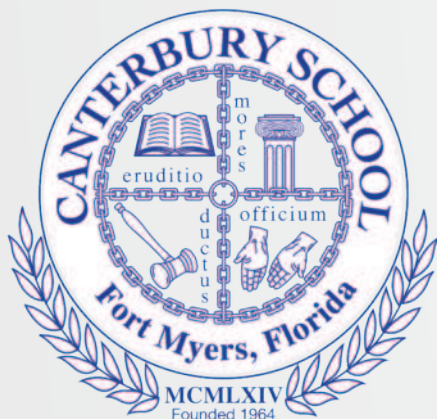
For the Abuoqab family, supporting the whole student is extremely important.

"Whatever their passions might be, the faculty and staff at Canterbury are deeply committed to helping students explore every opportunity.

That is why we choose to support the school," said Sana.

The Abuoqab family's generosity is felt throughout the entire school community, including recently, the renovation and expansion of The Abuoqab Family Tennis Complex. "We were excited to provide the lead gift for this project. We have seen in our family how important playing a sport or being part of a team can be in a child's development and how important it is to the school's mission which emphasizes character and leadership," shared Sana.

For those wishing to join the Abuoqab Family in making an impact on the educational co-curricular experience at Canterbury, please contact Associate Head of School George Pappas at 239-481-4323 Ext. 718 or gpappas@canterburyfortmyers.org as there are a few naming opportunities still available.



WHY WE GIVE: Investment in the Future

Canterbury School became an important part of our lives when we settled here in 1987. Although our children were too young to attend at that time, the fact that Canterbury existed was an important factor in our decision to move here from Hawaii.

Erin started in Kindergarten with Mrs. Debbie Blue at age 5 in 1990. Luke started in Pre-K with Mrs. Sue Dean one year later at age 4. They both flourished at Canterbury. We, as parents, were very happy to find a small welcoming community at Canterbury and remain pleased with the quality of the education and the values instilled by the professionals at Canterbury School. Each student was and still is, valued for whatever gifts and/or challenges they brought/bring with them every day.

Both Erin and Luke were "lifers" at Canterbury. They both had successful foundations in learning, social skills, community service, and the value of success, all strengthened by their time at Canterbury.

Each graduated to attend higher education at their chosen schools.

Erin attended NYU and Luke attended Savannah College of Art and Design. They both successfully graduated from their respective colleges and pursued their chosen fields of employment. Much of their successes we both attribute to the environment at Canterbury School.

Canterbury became our extended family during our years there, as students and as parents. We have all made lifelong friends in Fort Myers and cannot thank all of the parents, teachers, and administrators for enhancing our lives and enriching our lives in Fort Myers.

In choosing to include Canterbury in our estate plans, we did so knowing that our gift will help the school to continue to grow, thrive and welcome new young families to this area. Many new parents choose Fort Myers to raise their families because they recognize the importance of competitive education in an independent, nurturing, but challenging environment for their children, just as we did in our early days in Fort Myers.

If you are interested in making a planned gift, or have done so already and would like to share the good news please contact George Pappas, Associate Head of School at gpappas@canterburyfortmyers.org or (239) 718-4313 Ext. 718.

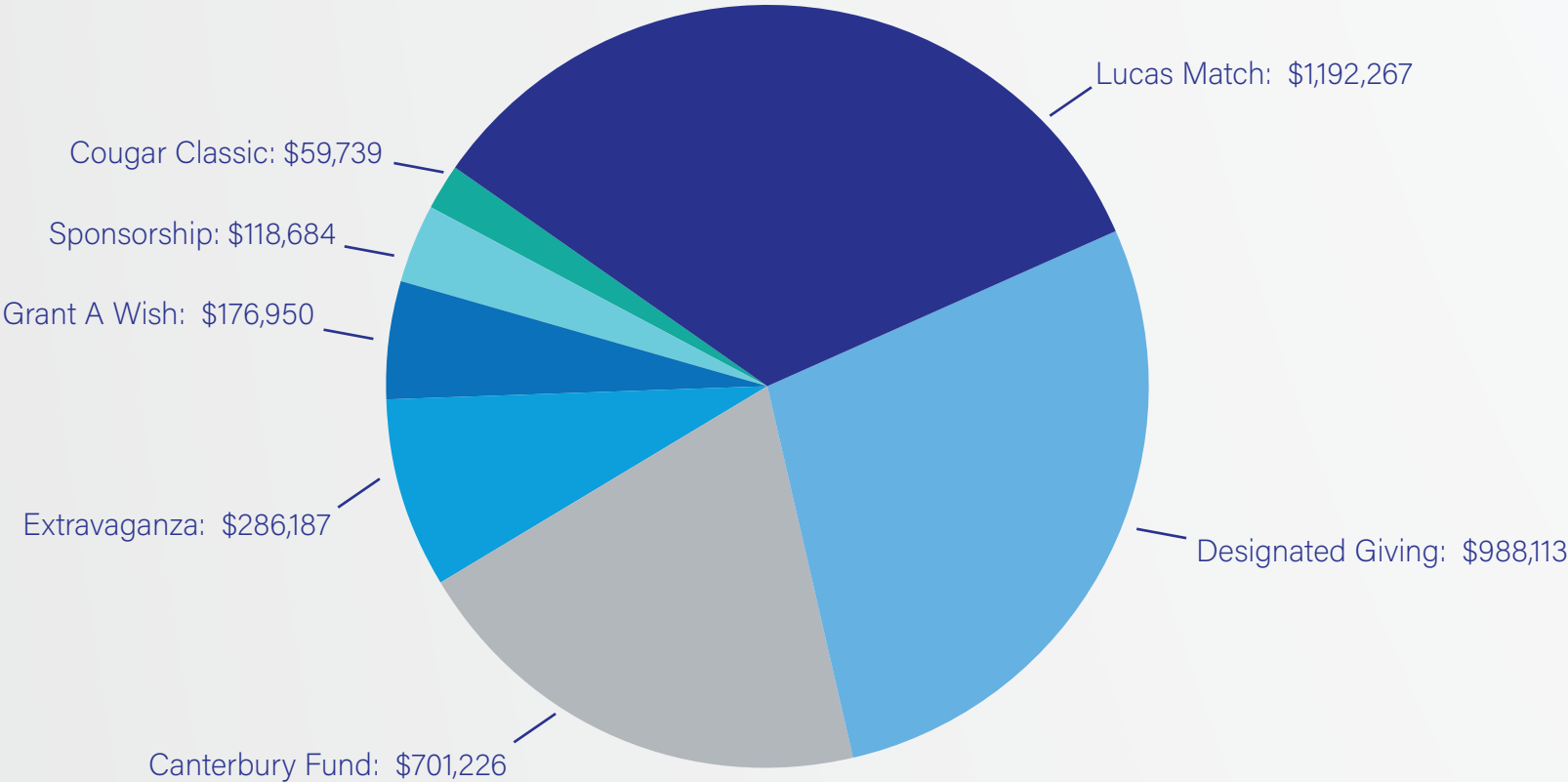


Pictured from left: Georganne Williams, Luke Williams '05, Jenna Uttley Williams, Cliff Williams, Erin Williams Lake '03, and Marshall Lake



The 1964 Society recognizes those families who have included Canterbury in their estate plans.

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