



DONOR IMPACT REPORT

2022-2023

*“Because if we get this school debt-free,
there is no telling what we can do.”* -David Lucas

With that vision and the largest gift in school history, a \$5 million challenge gift, David and Linda Lucas began a new chapter in the life of Canterbury School. As parents, parents of alumni, grandparents, and as a member of the Board of Trustees, the Lucas family has served the school in many roles but always as a servant leader focused on the greater good that is our Canterbury community.

As a business leader, David knew the debt was holding the school back from reaching its full potential. Thus, he decided to make the initial \$5 million matching gift and increase it by \$2 million more when the initial match was met. Now \$14 million later, the school finds itself in the enviable position of being able to look forward with a healthy balance sheet.

In reaching this goal, there are so many families to thank, starting with 23 members of our Board of Trustees, including former Trustees, who generously gave \$2,500,000 in support of this important cause, along with 350 additional families, grandparents, alumni, businesses and foundations who gave the remaining \$4,500,000 with gifts ranging from \$25 to \$1,250,000!



BY THE NUMBERS

123

TOTAL NUMBER OF
DONORS

\$7M

TOTAL GIFT FROM THE
LUCAS FAMILY

\$1.25M

LARGEST DONOR GIFT

\$2.5M

TOTAL TRUSTEE GIVING
(INCLUDING FORMER
TRUSTEES)

19

NUMBER OF GIFTS OVER
\$100,000

12

NUMBER OF GIFTS
BETWEEN
\$50,000-\$99,999

18

NUMBER OF GIFTS
BETWEEN
\$25,000-\$49,999

6

NUMBER OF
FOUNDATION GIFTS

Dear Canterbury Community,

I continue to be amazed by the generosity of our Canterbury community.

Thank you!

So many wonderful things are happening that we would not be able to do without your generous financial support and volunteer efforts. As you will see in the pages to follow, all of the special projects like the new lockers in the Middle School, the soon-to-be refurbished Ellenberg Library, and the refurbished Sublett Commons - were accomplished this past year because of you and your support of the Canterbury Fund, Extravaganza, and the Cougar Classic Golf Tournament!

Everything you see at Canterbury is made possible through your gifts.

*Every building
Every classroom
Every teacher, staff member,
and maintenance worker
Every pencil, paintbrush, and crayon
Every athletic field, football jersey,
and volleyball
Every art classroom
Every theatre production
Even the mulch!*

Each family has their unique reason as to why they are so generous. However, in speaking with many of you, a common thread reveals itself. It is because of Canterbury's unique ability to make an impact on your family and your child's life in a way that no other institution or organization can.

When people ask me what is the most critical gift they can make to the school, I tell them to start with the Canterbury Fund because your gift to the Canterbury Fund enables us to meet the annual expenses of the school. Eighty cents of every dollar we raise goes to pay faculty and staff, and there is nothing more meaningful than that!

So thank you for your support and thank you for giving all of us at Canterbury the gift of being able to provide the best possible education for your child.



George Pappas
Associate Head of School



*2022-2023***YOUR INVESTMENT AT WORK****Operating Revenue**

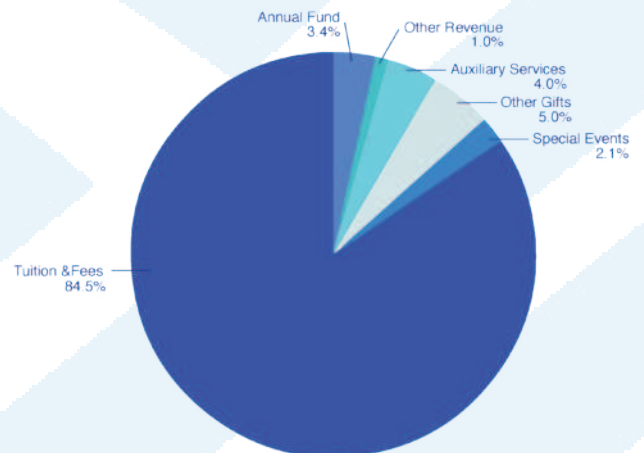
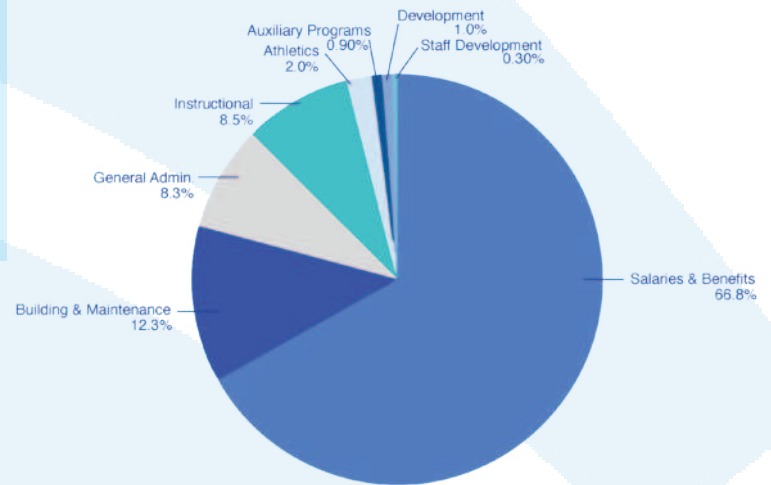
Tuition & Fees	\$ 21,974,712
Financial Aid	\$ (5,911,080)
	\$ 16,063,632
Auxiliary Services	\$ 774,470
Other Revenue	\$ 162,712

Total Revenue Before Gifts \$ 17,000,813**Gifts**

Annual Fund	\$ 652,263
Other Gifts & Contributions	\$ 891,553
Special Events	\$ 400,631
Total Gifts	\$ 1,944,447

Total Revenue \$ 18,945,260**Operating Expenses**

Salaries & Benefits	\$ 11,483,805
Building & Maintenance	\$ 2,111,944
General Admin	\$ 1,424,043
Instructional	\$ 1,467,029
Athletics	\$ 342,638
Development	\$ 134,536
Auxiliary Programs	\$ 154,213
Staff Development	\$ 50,227
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 17,168,436

Outcome \$ 1,776,824

Spreading Sunshine **AFTER THE STORM**

***“It is the hard times, the painful times, the sadness, and the grief
that knit us more closely together.”***

—Archbishop Desmond Tutu



In September of 2022, Hurricane Ian turned our lives upside down. The storm may have left a lasting impact on our landscape, but our Canterbury family is stronger than ever because of it. We witnessed hundreds coming to campus to help with clean-up efforts, and dozens more fanned out across Southwest Florida to help our families clear debris at their own homes.

Through your generous support of the Hurricane Ian Relief Fund, we were also able to bring some sense of stability to our faculty and staff and enabled them to continue their important work of educating our students. Our community raised almost \$300,000 to help more than 50 families including cash grants, rental assistance, furniture, books, computers, calculators, clothing, and more!



In 2022, our annual Extravaganza fundraising gala evolved into an online auction following the devastation of Hurricane Ian in Southwest Florida. Our Give Sunshine Auction was a sunny success, raising \$240,000 in support of our school, our teachers, and our students!

Thank you to everyone who embraced this auction, with special thanks going out to our auction chair, Lauren Casey, and vice-chair, Claudia Potter, as well as our determined committee of volunteers and the business community who donated services and merchandise.



Presented by



Smiles and high-fives were endless at the Cougar Classic Golf Tournament presented by Pinnacle Strategies. Held on Saturday, April 23, 100 golfers turned out for an afternoon of friendly competition at The Forest Golf and Country Club. With the support and dedication of the players and sponsors, the tournament raised more than \$80,000 for Canterbury's enrichment in the Arts, Academics, and Athletic programs!

*Swing into Action for the 2024
Cougar Classic Golf Tournament!*

**Saturday, May 18, 2024, at The Forest Country Club
Scan the QR code for more information and to register!**





Presented by

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Charles Idelson P'95 '01 '03, GP'23 '32 '35

Extravaganza 2023 Enchanted Forest, presented by Busey Bank, was a record-breaking success! The event, chaired by Lauren Casey, and vice-chaired by Claudia Potter, **raised over \$760,000 for our wonderful school!**

More than 300 parents, grandparents, alumni, and friends of Canterbury attended Extravaganza on Saturday, December 2, 2023, at The Forest Country Club. The evening kicked off with live music, cocktails, and a delicious dinner. The excitement continued as NBC2 news anchor and Canterbury parent, Kellie Burns-Garvey, joined together with auctioneer Jay Severson to share our phenomenal live auction packages that included everything from amazing trips and adventures to special dinners and unique experiences.



For the grand finale, the crowd raised their paddles for our Grant A Wish project, Cougar Comforts, which will bring new life to several locations across campus, including lockers in the Middle School, a makeover for the Sublett Family Commons in the Upper School, and a plan to alleviate car line congestion in our Lower School.

Throughout the years, Extravaganza themes have changed, but the support that the event provides teachers and students remains firm. It is a testament to the power of our community coming together to strengthen the Canterbury experience. Thank you to everyone for their support of this long-standing Canterbury School tradition, with special thanks to our event chair, Lauren Casey, and vice-chair, Claudia Potter, as well as our fantastic Extravaganza committee volunteers who worked tirelessly to bring the event to life!





SAVE THE DATE FOR CANTERBURY SCHOOL'S *60th* DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY *Extravaganza!*

Friday, December 6, 2024
Sanibel Harbour Resort and Spa

Mark your calendar and join us in commemorating a radiant milestone - our 60th Diamond Anniversary! Save the date for a dazzling evening of celebration and reflection as we honor six decades of Canterbury. We have arranged a room block at Marriott Sanibel Harbour for your convenience. Please mention Canterbury's 60th Anniversary when booking to secure your accommodations at a special rate. You may book by calling 1-800-767-7777 or online by scanning this QR code.



2022-2023

ANNUAL GIVING

The list below honors and acknowledges our donors whose generous support made a Canterbury education possible during the 2022-2023 school year. In coming together as one community, we were able to successfully achieve the school's mission of dedication "to academic excellence within a caring and supportive community emphasizing character, leadership, and service."

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(\$1,000,000+)

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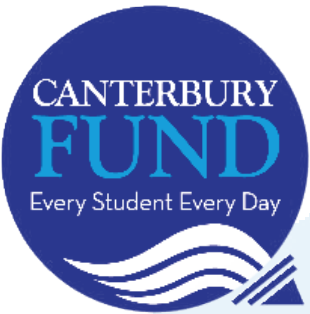
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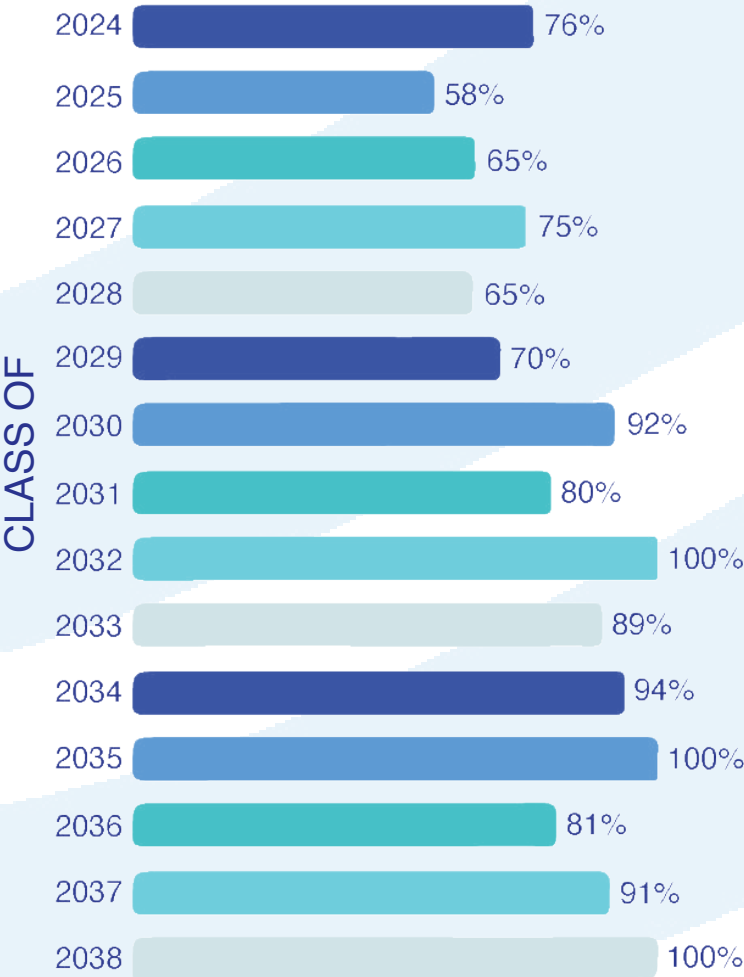


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Gloria Juncadella Caesar

Gloria Juncadella Caesar is a tax attorney with experience in various areas of business law. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Accounting and Master of Science in Taxation from the University of Miami. She also has her Juris Doctor from the University of Miami School of Law. Before moving to Southwest Florida, Gloria practiced law with the IRS Office of Chief Counsel in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania where she litigated domestic and international income tax cases. Prior to her practice with the IRS Chief Counsel's Office, Gloria gained experience in the In-house Counsel department of a large publicly traded corporation in Miami. She also clerked for the Chief Federal Judge for the Southern District of Florida. Gloria and her husband Scott, a urologist, are proud parents to Sofia '33 and Gabriella '35.



Michael Dean

Michael Dean and his wife, Dominique, have a son, Tristan '33, currently in our Lower School. Michael and Dominique relocated from Wheaton, Illinois in 2016. Michael is the owner of Francis L. Dean & Associates, a leading provider of sports and entertainment insurance. Michael is a graduate of the Illinois Fire Service Institute at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and a former paramedic, firefighter, and rescue diver. He is also a board member and Treasurer of Signal Inn Beach Resort located on Sanibel Island and a member of multiple commercial real estate entities.



Lee Levison

Lee Levison retired from the Collegiate School in New York City in 2020 after serving as Headmaster for fourteen years. Before Collegiate, he served as Head of School at the Kingswood Oxford School in Connecticut. Along the way, he was a teacher, coach, advisor, and administrator at the Noble and Greenough School in Massachusetts and the Landon School in Maryland. Earlier in his career, he served as an Assistant Dean of the College at Dartmouth College in New Hampshire. He also coached football at Trinity College, Dartmouth, and Harvard. He earned his Bachelor of Arts in History from Amherst College and his Doctor of Education from the Harvard Graduate School of Education. He and his wife, Barbara, are the proud parents of three children (34, 31, 27) and split time between Bonita Springs and Kennebunk, Maine.



Felicia Noland

Felicia Noland started her career as a Resident Coordinator in the Department of Surgery at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital Weill Cornell Medical Center in New York. She soon transitioned to nursing, a career that has spanned the last 17 years, including working locally for Lee Health and Hope Hospice. Felicia earned her Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from New York University. She is currently completing her Master of Science in Nursing with a concentration in Healthcare Leadership. She and her husband, Drew, also partnered with two other lacrosse families to open Fort Myers' only lacrosse store, Palm City Lacrosse. Felicia and Drew are the proud parents of Alana '30 and Andrew '29. She is honored to support Canterbury as a Trustee and leader of The Canterbury Mothers Club.



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Why We Give

GEORGANNE AND CLIFF WILLIAMS

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



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

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 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.



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