Endowed Funds at Germantown Friends School

The following list of endowed funds have been created by generous alumni, current parents, parents of alumni, foundations and friends of GFS to support the students, faculty and physical resources of Germantown Friends School. Endowed funds are invested in accordance with the school's investment policy, and a portion of the income is spent each year in support of its designated program. We are grateful to the donors and their families who have enriched our community with their legacy, and to those who continue to support these funds with new gifts.

NEWLY CREATED ENDOWED FUNDS

The Open Door Fund

Supports financial aid for GFS students, with preference given to students in middle and upper school. It was established as an expression of gratitude by an alumna who experienced firsthand the power of financial assistance while a GFS student. Deeply influenced by a GFS education that elevates the acquisition of excellence in academics by simultaneously nurturing the values of service to others and respect for all, she created this fund to provide the same opportunity (i.e., an "Open Door") for each of its recipients. She also shares with those recipients the words of her own father, "No one can ever take away a good education."

ENDOWED FUNDS SUPPORTING ACCESS AND AFFORDABILITY

Community Scholars Program

The endowed funds below provide support for students designated as Community Scholars.

Alice and Herbert Sachs Scholarship for Lower School Community Scholars

Established in 2010 by Alice Sachs, a longtime GFS faculty member, and her husband Herbert Sachs. Alice and Herbert are the parents of Rob '96, Andrea '92, and Michael '91.

Andrew W. Mason '52 and Dorothy M. Mason Scholarship Fund

Established in 2015 by Andrew Mason '52 and his wife Dorothy to recognize the 50th Anniversary of the Community Scholars Program.

The Anne and Philip Glatfelter III Family Community Scholars Fund

Established in 2016 by The Anne and Philip Glatfelter III Family Foundation, a longtime supporter of the Community Scholars Program, in recognition of the program's 50th Anniversary.

Class of 1944 Lower School Community Scholarship

Established by the Class of 1944 on the occasion of their 60th Reunion to support Lower School Community Scholars.

Class of 1971 Scholarship Fund

Established in celebration of their 50th reunion, this fund supports financial aid for students designated as Community Scholars at GFS.

Class of 1974 Community Scholars Fund

The Class of 1974 Community Scholars Fund was established in celebration of their 50th reunion and supports financial aid for students designated as Community Scholars at Germantown Friends School.

Community Scholars Program Endowment

Established in 1965, this is the original endowment for the Community Scholars Program. Since then, hundreds of alumni, faculty and staff, parents, parents of alumni, and friends of GFS have contributed to this fund.

David Godin Scholarship Fund

Established in 2014 by PwC Charitable Foundation, Inc., with the support of Deirdre Godin and Gabriela Godin '19, in memory of David Godin.

DeWitt Wallace – Reader's Digest Fund

Established in 1992 to further DeWitt Wallace–Reader's Digest's mission of helping American youth fulfill their education and career aspirations. Today, this organization is known as The Wallace Foundation.

Edward E. Ford Foundation Fund

Established in 1995 with a grant from the Edward E. Ford Foundation.

The Eric W. Johnson ’36 and Gay G. Johnson CSP Fund

Established in 2024 by Rebecca Johnson ’70, Lawrence Weisberg, and Jeffrey G. Johnson ’71, the Eric W. Johnson ’36 and Gay G. Johnson CSP Fund provides financial aid for students designated as Community Scholars at Germantown Friends School.

Florence R. C. Murray Scholarship Fund

Established in 1984 by the trustees of the Florence R. C. Murray Charitable Trust.

Gerald A. Denisof ’53 Community Scholars Fund

Established in 2016 by Gerry Denisof ’53 to recognize the 50th Anniversary of the Community Scholars Program.

Harriet Fuerst Lower School Community Scholarship Fund

Established in 1998 by William and Jill Steinberg in honor of Jill’s grandmother, Harriet Fuerst.

Howland Community Scholars Program Endowment

Established in 1995 by Nancy Howland, parent of Lyle ’75, Courtney ’72, and Alexandra ’64.

Jonathan E. Rhoads ’56 Community Scholarship Fund

Established in 1996 by the Annenberg Foundation in honor of Jonathan E. Rhoads ’56.

Justin Berg Memorial Community Scholarship Fund

Established in 1992 by Ronald Berg and Roberta Berg, parents of Daniel ’04 and Lauren ’04, in memory of Ronald’s father, Justin Berg.

Kathy and Jenny Freilich Memorial Community Scholarship Fund

Established in 1986 by Stanley Freilich and Judy Freilich in memory of their daughters Kathy ’82 and Jenny ’87.

Lower School Community Scholars Fund

Established in 1999 with broad community support and fulfilling the recommendation of the School’s Strategic Planning Committee, this fund is designated to support Lower School Community Scholars.

Paterson Community Scholars Fund

Established in 2021 by Morton, Jamie ’84, John ’94, and Ben ’00 Paterson in honor of Marie Kuo Paterson and Lisbeth Sundin Paterson, this fund supports financial aid for students designated as Community Scholars at GFS.

Richard P. Goldman Scholarship

Established in 2002 on the occasion of Dick Goldman’s retirement from GFS as Associate Head for Finance and Development, in recognition of his particular interest and expertise in ensuring access and affordability, his scholarship benefits a Lower School Community Scholar.

Ted and Stevie Wolf Community Scholars Fund

Established in 2016 by the GFS School Committee to honor Ted Wolf ’47 and Stevie Wolf on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the Community Scholars Program. This endowment was funded by proceeds from the CSP 50th Anniversary Gala.

Financial Aid

The endowed funds below are used to provide scholarships to students with demonstrated financial need.

André Robert Lee ’89 Fellowship

Established in 2020 in honor of André Robert Lee ’89, the André Robert Lee Fellowship is awarded to one or more talented, intellectually curious students, who bring diverse perspectives and are driven in pursuit of their educational endeavors. Fellows receive tuition grants, are offered mentorship, and participate in programming focused on justice through the exploration of equality, diversity, inclusion, and change. Fellows commit to support one another, to be mentors when given the opportunity, and to advocate for themselves and for positive change within the GFS community and beyond.

The Andrew Keidel ’96 Scholarship Fund

Established in 2018 by Robert and Carole Keidel in loving memory of their son, Andrew, this endowed fund supports students in need of financial assistance at GFS.

Beatrice Gaylord Wistar Ufford, Class of 1925 Memorial Scholarship

Established in 1991 in memory of Beatrice Gaylord Wistar Ufford, Class of 1925, by Wilbur Ufford, her husband, and her children, Charles and Beatrice.

Catherine Early Mitchell Scholarship Fund

Catherine Early Mitchell, the mother of William Donald Mitchell Jr. '85 and the inspiration behind this scholarship, was a tireless advocate for education and lifelong learning. Her life was an example of the value and transformative power of education. A high school dropout, Catherine worked as a seamstress in the garment industry for over 15 years and dreamed of attending college. At 41, she received a G.E.D., scoring in the 93rd percentile. She then applied and was admitted to Temple University. At 45, Catherine graduated from Temple cum laude with a B.A. in Education. She went on to have a successful career as an educator, social worker, and entrepreneur. William Donald Mitchell, Jr. '85 established this fund to honor his mother's legacy and provide deserving students with the same opportunity he had at Germantown Friends School.

Cohen Family Scholarship Fund

As an expression of their commitment to education for all, David L. Cohen, Rhonda R. Cohen, Joshua Cohen '08, and Benjamin Cohen established this fund through the Huron Foundation in 2024 to increase financial aid and access at GFS.

Donald and Lois Hamilton Endowment Scholarship Fund for the Visual and Performing Arts

Established by the Hamilton family, along with the faculty, staff, and campers of Lighthouse Arts and Music Camp, this fund provides need-based financial aid to students interested in the visual and performing arts.

The Don Kawash Fund

Established in 2014 in memory of Don Kawash, beloved music and history teacher serving 32 years at GFS, by his cousins, Joe and Kathy Buckley, this fund supports students with a love of music.

Emily D'Ancona '93 "Little Person's Fund"

Established in 2008, in memory of Emily D'Ancona '93 by her family and friends to support a Lower School student.

Financial Aid for Quaker Children

Established in 1995 by the trustees of the Tyson Memorial Fund.

J. Morris and Anne T. Evans Scholarship Fund

Established in 2013 by J. Morris "Morrie" Evans '39 and his children, Peter '76, Laura '70, Wendy '68, Wally '66, and Joe '64, in memory of his wife Anne '39.

John Harkins and Andrew Harkins '81 Memorial Scholarship

This fund was originally established in 1993, in memory of Andrew Harkins '81 by his family and classmates. This fund has been re-dedicated to include John, bringing him back together with Andrew in perpetuity through this endowed fund. Income from the fund is awarded annually to a student in need of assistance, who has a particular interest in the visual arts, and whose work and approach to learning includes these qualities: curiosity about the world, risk taking, courage, enthusiasm, and dedication.

Lovida Hardin Coleman Sr. and Lovida H. Coleman Jr.'s Scholarship

Established in 2014 by Lovida Hardin Coleman Sr. and William T. Coleman Jr. to recognize Lovida Sr.'s service on the GFS Scholarship Committee in the 1960s. Significant gifts were added from and in memory of Lovida H. Coleman Jr. '67, a pioneering attorney, human rights champion, philanthropist, and indomitable spirit. Family and friends, including William T. Coleman III '65 and Hardin L. K. Coleman '71, also support this fund.

Maguire Scholars Program Endowment

A city and statewide program established by the Maguire Foundation to honor James and Frances Maguire's legacies of helping students prepare for a brighter future, this fund is to help ensure that access to a GFS education is available to academically talented high school students who show leadership and commitment to community service.

Mertz Family Scholarship Fund

This scholarship was established in 2006 by the Mertz family, a multi-generational GFS family, to be given to a "fine and worthy student" in need. The family includes Oscar E. Mertz, Jr. (Class of 1928), Martha Forster Mertz (Class of 1934), Karl A. Mertz (Class of 1935), Robert A. Mertz (Class of 1961),

Martha Mertz Schafer (Class of 1963), Anita Mertz Holmes (Class of 1964) and Oscar E. Mertz III (Class of 1975).

Northwest Philadelphia Scholarship Fund

Established in 2012 by an anonymous donor to benefit students living in Northwest Philadelphia.

Ross Roby Memorial Scholarship Fund

Established by Tom Roby '75 and his siblings, Kate '71, Dan '69, and Nick '67, in memory of their father Ross Roby.

Scholarship Endowment Fund

This general endowment fund provides scholarships to any student with demonstrated financial need.

The Shubin Family Fund

Established by Susan D. Shubin in memory of her husband Charles I. Shubin, M.D. '58 to support financial aid for students at GFS.

S. Michael Cohen '82 Scholarship Fund

Established by S. Michael Cohen '82 and his wife, Amy Cohen, to support financial aid for GFS students.

Spirn Family Scholarship

Established in 2025 by Samuel Spirn '99 and Kate Gulliver, the Spirn Family Scholarship Fund was established to support students who qualify for financial assistance at GFS, with preference given to those who receive financial aid of at least 85% of the cost of tuition.

Sterrett Mayson '66 Endowment Scholarship Fund

Established in 2001 by Keith Morgan to honor Sterrett's memory, this scholarship is awarded to one or more Upper School students with preference given to students whose parent(s) is/are deceased.

West Williams Family Scholarship

Established in 1999 as the West Family Scholarship by Ted West '71 and Anna Louchheim West '71, Sally West Williams '72 and Andy Williams '72, Bruce West '74 and P.R. West '75, Ann West Figueredo '80 and Vince Figueredo, and Tom West '82 and Eve West, in honor of their parents David and Susan Quillen West, both graduates of the class of '49. This fund was renamed in 2015 to honor Sally and Andy Williams for their decades of service to GFS. The scholarship is awarded to the child of a GFS alumnus/a.

Non-Tuition Financial Aid

Recognizing that there are expenses beyond tuition associated with a GFS education, these funds support co-curricular needs of students including academic, artistic, and athletic opportunities.

The Abigail Rebecca Cohen '91 Fund for Study and Travel

Established in 2015 by Jonathan Cohen '88 and Julia Pershan in memory of Jonathan's sister, this fund provides financial assistance for students participating in school-sponsored academic travel and study programs.

Carol Baldwin Moody/Mary F. Morgan Scholarship Fund

Carol Baldwin Moody '74 established this fund in 2006, in memory of her mother Mary Morgan, to support seniors who are challenged with expenses associated with college applications.

Class of 1969 Fund

Established by the Class of 1969 on the occasion of their 50th reunion, and in memory of three of their classmates, this fund is to support the pursuit of a particular interest or passion, outside of the classroom setting, by a Community Scholar.

Class of '66 Sterrett Mayson '66 Fund for Students

Established by the Class of 1966 in memory of Sterrett Mayson, this fund assists students who pursue international travel or study, artistic projects, academic work, research, or community service in the summer after junior year at GFS.

The Herbert Schiele, Jr. Memorial Fund

Established by Edith Schiele in memory of her husband Herbert, this fund provides assistance for musical instruction for talented students.

The Isaac B. Starr '90 Memorial Fund

Established by Harold and Emmy Starr in memory of their son, this fund provides financial support for either student-athletes pursuing athletic enrichment, specialized training and camps, and/or activities associated with the college process or to support college visiting for students (and a chaperone) whose financial circumstances would

not otherwise allow such visiting to occur.

The John and Marion Stokes Memorial Fund

Established in 2018 by Michael Metelits and Nicki Nathan in memory of Marion Stokes and John Stokes '38, this fund provides support for needs of students above and beyond tuition, providing access to academic, artistic, and athletic opportunities.

The Joseph M. Rubenstone '40 Fund

Established by his wife Eddi and daughters Sally '69 and Liz '73, the Rubenstone Fund is supported by hundreds of donors and provides for non-tuition needs, such as books, class trips, music lessons, and athletic equipment, for Community Scholars.

ENDOWED FUNDS SUPPORTING TEACHING AND LEARNING

Maguire Innovation Fund for Progressive Education

Created in 2017 by the Maguire Family, this endowment is a competitive fund that supports innovative programming and targeted projects that closely align with current school priorities.

Athletics

Community Basketball and Enrichment Camp Fund

Established in 2021, the CBE Endowment supports a summer program for students from GFS and neighboring schools, primarily in the Germantown area. CBE combines basketball and classroom instruction while building on the relationships formed between coach and camper.

David E. Stokes '69 Memorial Fund

Established in 2006 by David Stokes '40 and his wife Joanne in memory of their son David E. Stokes '69, who died in his junior year during a basketball practice, this fund endows the Stokes Athletic Banquet, held each year to recognize senior athletes.

Community Education

The Germantown Friends School Community Education Fund

This inaugural endowed fund for community education programming will ensure that Germantown Friends School can continue to provide academic enrichment for students attending area public and charter schools, training and support for a diverse pipeline of aspiring teachers, and opportunities for community involvement and connection between GFS and neighboring organizations. This investment will, for the first time, provide sustained funding and greater stability in this critical area of GFS' work.

Departments

Abigail Rebecca Cohen '91 Art Fund

Established in 2002 by Jonathan Cohen '88 and his wife Julia Pershan in memory of his sister, this endowment supports the annual Abigail Rebecca Cohen '91 Art Lecture, bringing renowned artists to GFS to present their works and stories to students. This fund also supports the art department.

Barker Endowment for Classics

Established in 2006 by a bequest from Elizabeth Barker '37, this fund supports the ongoing excellence of the Classics Department.

Bodine Family Fund

Established in 2021 by Susie Bodine Holahan '62, Molly Bodine Bergmann '65, Lucy Bodine Nattrass '68, and Connie Bodine McCann '73, in honor of their parents, John Weeks Bodine '29 and Elizabeth Reimann Bodine '37. The Fund is also created in memory of Allen B. Clayton: a long time mentor to musicians of all ages at GFS; a joyful, gifted composer, performer and arranger of music; a teacher of music theory; a conductor of instrumental and choral ensembles; a man of peace and good will.

The Christopher Allen '09 Fund

The Christopher Allen '09 Fund, established by John Allen and Joyce Krajian, supports a lecture series in journalism in memory of their son. Christopher lost his life in 2017, while covering the conflict in South Sudan as a freelance reporter. Out of a deep desire to seek truth, Chris was committed to bearing witness to the human experience from under-reported areas of the world, focusing on those least likely to be heard. Through print and photography, he gave voice to the voiceless. The series features eminent journalists and writers who explore the human experience through their work both at home and abroad.

David and Barbara Loeb Music Fund

Established in 2011, this fund supports the maintenance and, as needed, acquisition of instruments used in all three divisions of the GFS music department.

David Loeb ’51 and Barbara Loeb Funds for Technical Theater

Two funds were created in 2012: one to establish the full-time position of Technical Theater Director, and the other to provide resources for the maintenance and acquisition of equipment to ensure consistent, first-rate performances and events in the Loeb Performing Arts Center, including improved audio/visual recording and streaming, as well as opportunities for students interested in learning technical theater skills to have hands-on training.

Edith Levy Schneewind ’50 Fund

Established by Louis E. Levy ’46, Joan Levy Coale ’44, Carol Levy Franklin ’58 and their mother Margaret Wasserman Levy, to advance the teaching of reading. Funds may be used for books and equipment, tutoring, or teacher salaries.

Ella King Torrey ’75 Memorial Arts Fund

Established in 2007 in memory of Ella King by her mother Ella R. Torrey, with additional gifts from family and friends including John F. McCloskey, this fund supports the arts at GFS and is the namesake of the Ella King Torrey ’75 Gallery in the Front Hall of the Main Building.

The Endowment for Math and Science Education

Established in 2025 to support math and science education at Germantown Friends School.

Michael D. Epstein Fund for Civic Engagement and U.S. History

Established in 2025 in memory of GFS in-house counsel and faculty member Michael D. Epstein, this fund promotes student civics education and engagement, with the goal of preparing individuals to be active and responsible members of their local and national communities and to contribute to a thriving democracy.

Patricia Reifsnyder History Endowed Fund

Established in 2012 by Ted Fernberger ’67 on the occasion of his 45th Reunion in honor of GFS history teacher Pat Reifsnyder and the inspiration she provided him, the Class of 1967, and generations of GFS students, this fund supports the history program at GFS.

Peter H. Spitz ’43 Science Fund

Established in 1990 by Peter and his wife Hilda to support and enrich the science department.

Six Saints Music Fund

Established by Robert W. Giess ’57 and other alumni members of The Six Saints jazz band, which performed from 1953-1957, this fund's purpose is to provide financial assistance to GFS students and faculty within the music program, to enhance musical performances, and/or to bring quality musicians to perform at the school.

Warren L. Towle ’30 International Language Fund

Established in 1987 by Warren L. Towle ’30 to support the Modern Language Department.

Faculty Compensation

Faculty Leadership Fund

Established in 2011 by David West and Susan Quillen West, both from the Class of 1949, with significant gifts from many others, this fund recognizes the leadership, service, and commitment of faculty members by providing supplemental salary support based on both leadership and classroom teaching performance.

McClelland Fund

Established in 1982 in memory of Mary Warner Sharpless McClelland ’36 by her classmates, and later joined by friends and family, this fund supports salaries for Master Teachers.

Nancy Webster ’36 Mentorship Fund

Created in 2012 in memory of Nancy Landenberger Webster ’36 by her husband Maurice Webster ’35 and their children Rebecca Webster McKinnon ’64 and Stephen Webster ’61, this fund supports stipends for teachers who mentor other faculty members.

Waring Teachership

Established in 1988 by Margaret Waring Evans ’28 and Ann Waring Thompson ’31, along with family and friends, this fund supports excellence in teaching at GFS.

Teachers' Salaries Endowment Fund

One of the school's oldest endowed funds, this fund recognizes the school's long-term commitment to maintaining competitive salaries and honoring teaching as a profession.

Faculty Professional Development

Class of 1952 Faculty Study Grant

Established in honor of their 50th reunion, this endowment funds a study grant each year for a faculty member(s) from any discipline, with preference given to a proposal that reflects a desire to explore and analyze issues confronting our world, especially for study in developing countries, or areas of social concern around the globe.

Class of 1959 Memorial Fund

Created in memory of deceased classmates on the occasion of their 50th reunion, this fund honors the excellent teachers from whom the Class of 1959 benefitted and supports enrichment programs for current faculty.

Class of 1960 Professional Development Fund

Created in celebration of their 50th reunion, this fund honors the excellent teachers from whom the Class of 1960 benefitted and supports enrichment programs for current faculty.

David Mallery '41 Professional Development Fund

Established in 2010 by David's wife Judith Chappell Mallery '52, their children Roger '77 and Diane '80, David Loeb '51 and his wife Barbara, and David West and Susan Quillen West, both from the Class of 1949, this fund recognizes David Mallery's extraordinary contributions to the GFS community as an alumnus, teacher, School Committee member, parent, national leader in the field of professional development for educators, and beloved friend to many. This fund, in addition to generating its own stream of directed income, serves as the umbrella fund for other named funds designated to support professional development at GFS.

Rainey/Reinke Faculty Arts and Humanities Fund

Established in 1996 by Nancy Hoffman and Bob Schwartz in appreciation for the excellent teaching at GFS, and in honor of Peter Reinke and Penny Rainey, this fund supports professional development opportunities for GFS Middle and Upper School teachers in the arts and humanities, including summer study, research, or curriculum development.

Warren L. Towle '30 International Language Fund

Established in 1987 by Warren L. Towle '30 to support the Modern Language Department.

Our Campus

Class of 1958 Campus Beautification Fund

Established on the occasion of their 50th reunion, this fund provides ongoing support for campus improvement and beautification projects.

Friends Free Library Fund

At the request of the Library Committee of the Germantown Monthly Meeting in 1976, all administrative and financial operations of the Library were merged with and assumed by Germantown Friends School. This fund supports the operations of the Friends Free Library and is augmented by the Poley Trusts.

Levy Family Fund for the Library

Established in 2004 by Louis E. Levy '46 and his wife Jane Delaplaine Levy '48, with additional gifts from family and friends, this fund supports the Friends Free Library.

Susanna S. Kite Fund

This fund was established by supporters whose belief in the GFS mission runs deep and who understand that the study of our school's history stands to inform and inspire our future. The purpose of the Susanna S. Kite Fund is to support the interpretation of GFS history, with preference given to the curation and display of the archival collection.

Supporting Student Work

Amelia Lebowitz-Begg '06 Fund

Established in 2007 in memory of Amelia by her family and friends, this fund memorializes and celebrates Amelia as a passionate artist and writer whose creativity and spirit greatly enriched the GFS community. It supports Polyphony, the GFS literary magazine.

Frank Stokes '57 Student Research Fund

Established in 2013 by Frank Stokes '57 to honor the tenure of Richard L. Wade, head of GFS from 1993-2013, this fund supports independent student research projects, with preference for science-related projects.

Unrestricted Endowment

Carolyn N. and Joseph M. Evans, Jr. Fund

Established in 2017 by Joseph Evans ’64, and his wife Carolyn, this fund acknowledges the crucial role of unrestricted endowment resources in supporting the operating budget, addressing unforeseen needs, capitalizing on opportunities, and supporting the key priorities of Germantown Friends School.

Class of 1972 Memorial Fund

Established by Sally West Williams ’72 as a way to honor deceased classmates now and in the future, this endowed fund supports the GFS educational experience by providing unrestricted support for the school's greatest needs.

Maurice and Nancy Webster Family Endowment

Established in 2006 by Maurice Webster ’35 and his wife Nancy Landenberger Webster ’36, and supported by their family, this fund recognizes the importance of unrestricted funds to meet unexpected needs and seize opportunities.