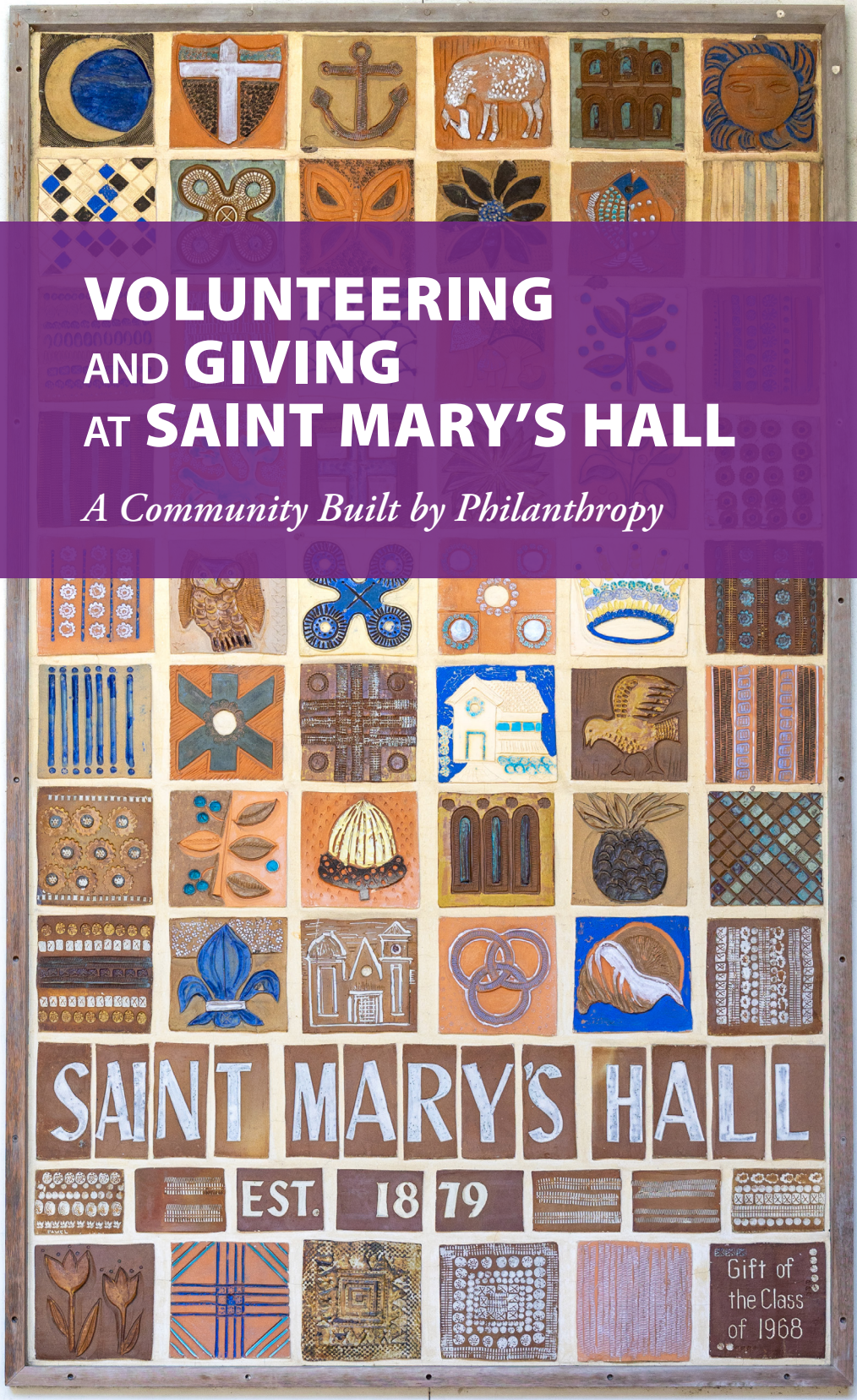


VOLUNTEERING AND GIVING AT SAINT MARY'S HALL

A Community Built by Philanthropy

MISSION

To teach students to grow in character, lead with integrity, thrive in college, and know fulfillment in life.

VISION

To know oneself, to know each other, and to know the world.

CORE VALUES

Saint Mary's Hall teaches core values, the foundation of who we are. These core values also affect how we interact with each other, and which strategies we employ to fulfill our school's mission.

Community • Curiosity • Legacy • Respect • Spirituality

The mission of Saint Mary's Hall is fulfilled through the collective support of our entire community – faculty and staff, parents, grandparents, alumni, and friends. We invite you to be an active partner in your child's education through meaningful gifts of time, talent, and financial support.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

SAINT MARY'S HALL
PARENTS' CIRCLE
Building Community, Together.

PARENTS' CIRCLE

Every parent at Saint Mary's Hall is a member of our Parents' Circle – there are no extra steps to join or dues to pay.

Parents' Circle builds connections in the SMH community by providing volunteer opportunities that engage and enrich the overall student, faculty, and parent experience.

Throughout the year, parent volunteers coordinate activities and events like SMH Fiesta, Uniform Upcycle, Spirit Events, and Form-level parent gatherings and communication. We also drive seasonal and year-long Faculty and Staff Appreciation events like Thanksgiving Pies and Valentine's Day sweet treats.

All parents are welcomed and encouraged to participate in any event sponsored by the Parents' Circle. More information, sign-up links, meeting dates, and events can be found in the Parents' Circle Portal. www.smhall.org/parentscircle







GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

THE SMH FUND

The SMH Fund, our annual giving program, remains the School's philanthropic priority and the cornerstone of our fundraising programs.

Gifts to The SMH Fund impact every facet of learning and extracurricular activity at Saint Mary's Hall – academics, athletics, fine arts, technology, financial aid, and professional development are all supported. The Fund provides unrestricted dollars to the School and plays a critical role in the day-to-day lives of every student, teacher, and program that makes Saint Mary's Hall so special.

The SMH Fund is a way to directly invest in the School's mission and ensure that Saint Mary's Hall continues to provide an exceptional education to all students.

COMPREHENSIVE CAMPAIGNS

Occasionally, Saint Mary's Hall will launch a special fundraising initiative to fund capital projects that have been identified as critical needs. Gifts to capital projects help Saint Mary's Hall construct, renovate, and maintain buildings on our 65-acre campus. Capital gifts not only benefit your children, but they also benefit future Saint Mary's Hall students. During capital campaigns, members of our community voluntarily contribute to plans that will transform the school's campus, learning, and resources.

Every capital campaign begins with a needs assessment of the campus and is followed by careful project planning before construction ever begins. Projects undertaken during a capital campaign may include:

- Construction of a new facility to provide more learning space
- Renovation of current buildings to maintain or update existing learning environments
- Increasing the endowment funds needed to maintain buildings in the future

PASSPORT

Every other year, the Saint Mary's Hall community gathers to celebrate our rich traditions, exceptional faculty and staff, and the one-of-a-kind experiences that define an SMH education. Passport is a lively evening on campus for parents, grandparents, faculty, alumni, and friends of SMH, featuring cocktails, a seated dinner, and live and silent auctions. Proceeds from Passport directly support the mission of SMH and the people who carry forward its legacy of excellence – in the classroom, on the athletics fields, in the arts, and beyond.







WAYS TO GIVE

Saint Mary's Hall relies on parents, faculty, staff, alumni, grandparents, and friends to give of their time, talent, and treasure to help us fulfill our School's mission. Supporting the School beyond tuition is vital to the programs that create the SMH experience. To maintain our strong academics, athletics, fine arts programs, exceptional faculty, and impressive facilities, we need the financial support of our community.

Each fall, every member of the SMH community receives a mailing inviting them to participate in this year's SMH Fund.

Give Online – Donors can give to The SMH Fund online at www.smhall.org/smhfund

Make a Pledge – Donors can make a pledge by contacting the Office of Development Office. Pledges may be fulfilled through a single contribution or in multiple payments. Final SMH Fund payments are due by June 30 of the school year in which they are pledged.

Stock – Gifts of securities or stock may be made through a brokerage transfer. Please contact the Office of Development Office for more information.

Donor-Advised Fund – DAFs can provide immediate tax benefits while making charitable giving easy.

Cash – Gifts of cash, check, or credit card are tax-deductible in the year the gift is made.

Matching Gifts – Many employers sponsor matching gifts and will match employees' charitable contributions. To find out if your company has a matching gift program, enter your employer's name on the SMH matching gifts page and download the forms. If you cannot access your company's form directly through the search box, contact your benefits office. Send your gift to Saint Mary's Hall with the completed and signed forms, and we will be happy to do the rest.
www.smhall.org/matchinggifts

Planned gifts – Planned giving offers a unique way to support Saint Mary's Hall and make a significant impact on the school's future. There are many ways to make a planned gift. Some examples include bequests, life insurance, trusts, and property.

THE SMH FUND FAQ

Why is participating in The SMH Fund so important?
Contributions to The SMH Fund are put to work immediately to support or enhance core programs, underwrite faculty salaries, purchase new equipment, support campus security, and maintain our beautiful campus. It is our most important fundraising effort.

I already pay tuition. Why does Saint Mary's Hall seek to raise additional funds?
Tuition does not cover 100 percent of the cost of a Saint Mary's Hall education. Gifts directly impact the people and programs that make our school so special. This means talented teachers, small classes, exceptional fine arts and athletic programs, up-to-date computer and lab equipment, and a safe, well-groomed campus. These expectations increase the cost of an SMH education. As a result, we turn to parents, grandparents, alumni, faculty/staff, and friends for financial support.

Why not just raise tuition and avoid asking for gifts to The SMH Fund?
SMH follows the business model used by most independent schools, colleges, and universities. Tuition is set at a level that is affordable and provides the majority of funding needed on an annual basis. Gifts to The SMH Fund bridge the gap between tuition and expenses.

Does my gift really make a difference?
As with other independent schools, we have fewer supporters than a university or a large charity. Because the number of donors is small and our goals and aspirations are significant, every gift is important.

How much should I give?
Giving is a personal decision for every family and we welcome gifts at every level. Each year SMH receives donations ranging from $20 to $100,000, with an average gift of $1,320. Your participation matters most, and the more successful The SMH Fund becomes, the more the School can do to enhance student programs. Some families can contribute more, some less. As a member of the SMH community, we hope you will make giving to The SMH Fund a priority.

Do corporations or foundations participate in The SMH Fund?
While corporations and foundations often entertain requests for capital and endowment gifts, they generally do not support the daily operating budgets of non-profit organizations. However, foundations, corporations, and individual donors can be motivated to support an institution through the example set by parents, as this demonstrates belief in the school and its programs. This is why we aim for 100 percent participation in The SMH Fund.

Are there other reasons to give?
Gifts to The SMH Fund strengthen the SMH community. Many people take pride in the recognition that comes with being listed as a supporter of Saint Mary's Hall in our Donor Honor Roll. Leadership donors who give $1,000 or more are invited to a brunch hosted relationships with other Saint Mary's Hall families. Finally, unlike tuition payments, gifts to Saint Mary's Hall are tax deductible.

We look forward to connecting with you!

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