



Mercy
McAuley

PACK PROGRESS

OCTOBER 2026

*OUR PATH.
OUR PACK.*

\$7,021,945

Donor Match Moves Us Past Another Milestone

As of October 20, 2026, we have received \$7,021,945 in support of *Our Path. Our Pack.*

We are deeply grateful for the generosity of our Mercy McAuley community and for the many individuals who believe in our vision and champion the Mercy McAuley mission.

Every gift to ***Our Path. Our Pack.*** is more than a donation - it is an investment in possibility, a commitment to our students, and a promise to the generations who will follow.

Your generosity helps create the spaces, experiences, and opportunities where young women discover their potential, find their voices, develop their gifts, and grow into the leaders and changemakers our world needs. Together, we are building a future where every student has the opportunity to create, inspire, lead, and learn.

This is our path. This is our pack. And together, we are shaping a future worthy of the Mercy legacy we share.



Match by the Numbers

Match Exceeded Expectations - Matching Donor Did Too!

As a new school year began, so did a new challenge to our community. In July, we announced that an anonymous donor would match all gifts and new pledges to our capital campaign received by Mercy Day, September 24. The generous match would be dollar-for-dollar, up to \$250,000.

Our community responded – challenge accepted!

Before Mercy Day, 200 donors stepped up and pushed past \$250,000. By the end of the challenge, our donors had given \$280,224. Incredible for us, our matching donor was so impressed with the response and commitment from everyone that they increased their match – still dollar-for-dollar for the full amount given. Total impact equaled \$560,448.

Here are some fun facts about the 200 matched gifts and donors:

- 16 were first gifts ever to Mercy McAuley
- 17 were second gifts to the campaign
- 36 gifts were designated to Athletics
- 22 gifts were designated to theater
- 18 gifts were designated to the visual arts
- The remaining gifts were recorded without a specific designation
- Gifts ranged in value from \$10 to \$49,200, with 34 gifts of \$1000 or more

We wish to thank all those who accepted the challenge. Of the 200, 174 were alumnae and 21 were parents and/or grandparents. By giving, you are doing more than supporting our students - you are helping shape their tomorrow and strengthen a legacy of faith, excellence, and transformative education that will endure for generations.

Mercy McAuley's Open House - Sunday, October 25, 2026, from 1 - 3:30 pm

Excited to Share Renovations with Future Students

We are looking forward to welcoming students and families from 5th grade on to our annual Open House. Last year we saw students from over 30 different grade schools. This year nearly half of our student body has agreed to volunteer at Open House.



The students visiting during the Open House are the students who will benefit from the vision we are building today. **Our Path. Our Pack.** helps ensure that when they arrive at Mercy McAuley, they experience a school prepared to inspire, challenge and support them.

During Open House we will display new renderings of the Green Room, Art Gallery, and Art Room.



Wellness Wing - Plans Set

Renderings Show Vision

Summer 2027 renovations will include transforming four current classrooms into our Wellness Wing on the ground floor. This thoughtfully renovated space is designed to serve as a centralized hub for student support services, ensuring that students have access to

the academic, social-emotional, and mental health resources they need to thrive.

The Wellness Wing will feature new offices for counselors and social workers directly across from updated classrooms for intervention specialists and our learning coordinator, creating a collaborative environment where student support professionals can work together more effectively. Renovations include new windows and HVAC systems. These spaces are being designed with input from our administration and student services team for the most effective results.

Tax-Advantaged Giving Strategies

Consider for Year End

There's still time to make your 2026 gift to Our Path. Our Pack. You might consider some of these tax-advantaged ways to give:

- A Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your traditional IRA.

A QCD allows the gift to be excluded from taxable income and can satisfy your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) for the year.

- Gifts of Appreciated Securities

Turn your investments into action by donating appreciated stock, bonds or mutual funds. You can avoid taxable gains tax and receive a deduction for the full market value.

- Don't itemize – you may deduct an additional \$1000 in qualifying charitable gifts

Beginning this year, individuals who do not itemize their federal tax deductions may be eligible to deduct up to \$1000 in qualifying charitable contributions. Married couples filing jointly may deduct up to \$2,000. Be sure to keep records of your charitable gifts, including receipts or written acknowledgements, for your tax records.

Please consult your financial advisor to explore the best giving strategy for you. Tax rules and individual circumstances vary.

**Brigitte
Foley**

PRESIDENT



**Mercy
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Q & A with Brigitte Foley

Can I visit Mercy McAuley and tour the completed renovations?

Certainly! We would welcome your visit – especially with family and friends in town for the holidays, what a great time to see and celebrate our progress. Please contact Lori Rochford at 513-681-1800, Ext. 1134 or email rochfordl@mercymcauley.org. to set your date and time.

What are the construction plans for Summer 2027?

In summer 2027 six classrooms will be renovated with new HVAC systems and

windows, improving classroom quality for both students and teachers. One of these classrooms will serve as the Campus Ministry Office. To date, 15 classroom renovations have been completed and the addition of air conditioning with new windows has been a game changer for both students and teachers. In Cincinnati, hot weather seems to extend into early October each year and thanks to our renovations, our students are no longer distracted by the heat.

As you read in the article above, summer 2027 will also include the Wellness Wing, which represents Mercy McAuley's commitment to providing students with a supportive environment where they can seek guidance for academic challenges, mental health concerns, family stressors, and college or career planning. By centralizing these services in one accessible and student-centered location with close proximity to the student lobby and cafeteria, we are strengthening our ability to respond proactively to student needs and ensuring every young woman has the support necessary for success both in school and beyond.

What is the process for donating securities?

Please notify the Advancement Office in advance of any stock transfers. Contact Lori Rochford at 513-681-1800, Ext. 1134 or email rochfordl@mercymcauley.org.
