2025

IMPACT

THE GRAUER SCHOOL

JOYFUL LEARNING. IMAGINE THE POSSIBILITIES...





BECAUSE OF YOU, DISCOVERY THRIVES AT GRAUER.

As we reflect on 2025, we are filled with gratitude for the families and friends whose generosity strengthens every corner of our campus. Your support fuels student discovery, teacher excellence, and a learning environment where curiosity, courage, and compassion are alive each day.

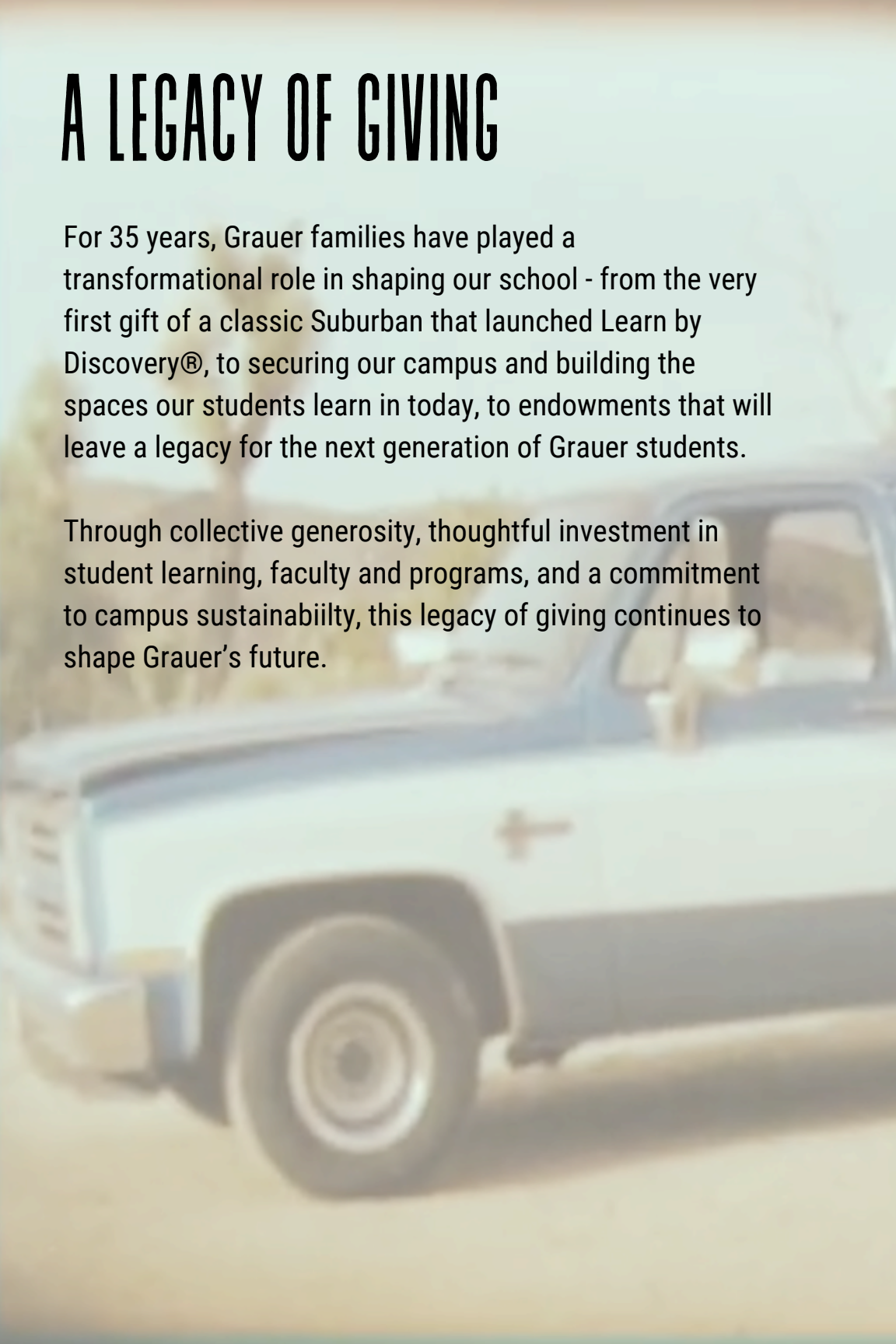
This Impact Report highlights what we made possible together - strengthening connection and nurturing a joyful culture of learning where students and teachers thrive and collaborate to make a positive difference in the world.

DISCOVER THE POWER OF YOUR IMPACT

A LEGACY OF GIVING

For 35 years, Grauer families have played a transformational role in shaping our school - from the very first gift of a classic Suburban that launched Learn by Discovery®, to securing our campus and building the spaces our students learn in today, to endowments that will leave a legacy for the next generation of Grauer students.

Through collective generosity, thoughtful investment in student learning, faculty and programs, and a commitment to campus sustainabiilty, this legacy of giving continues to shape Grauer's future.



2025 HIGHLIGHTS

1. A Rock 'n' Roll Gala at The Belly Up supporting our Visual & Performing Arts Programs.

2. Over $300,000 raised on our Annual Giving Day.

3. The addition of two new members to our talented Board of Trustees.

4. A combined commitment of $100,000+ to advance our STEAM programs, strengthen our financial aid programs and support our exceptional faculty.

5. Establishment of the Luddy Commons, a nearby Grauer Property that is now fully occupied and supported by a Campus Sustainability Endowment Fund.



Grauer thrives because of families who give generously - not only financially, but also through their time and talent. In 2025, parent volunteers played an essential role in supporting students, faculty, and the broader school community.

- Parent Association & Room Parents
- Giving Day Ambassadors
- International Student Hosts
- Gala Committee
- Admissions Event Hosts
- Teacher Appreciation
- Career Fair & Parent Lunch & Learns
- Plus, community-building activities, including:
  a hiking club, book club, cooking classes,
  parent pickleball and a poker tournament

TIME, TALENT AND LEADERSHIP

As both an educational institution and a public charity, Grauer is guided by a dedicated Board of Trustees whose leadership reflects deep commitment to our mission and long-term sustainability.

Our trustees include current parents, alumni families, and community members who steward Grauer's vision with care and purpose.

Interested in leadership-level service? Please connect with Dana.

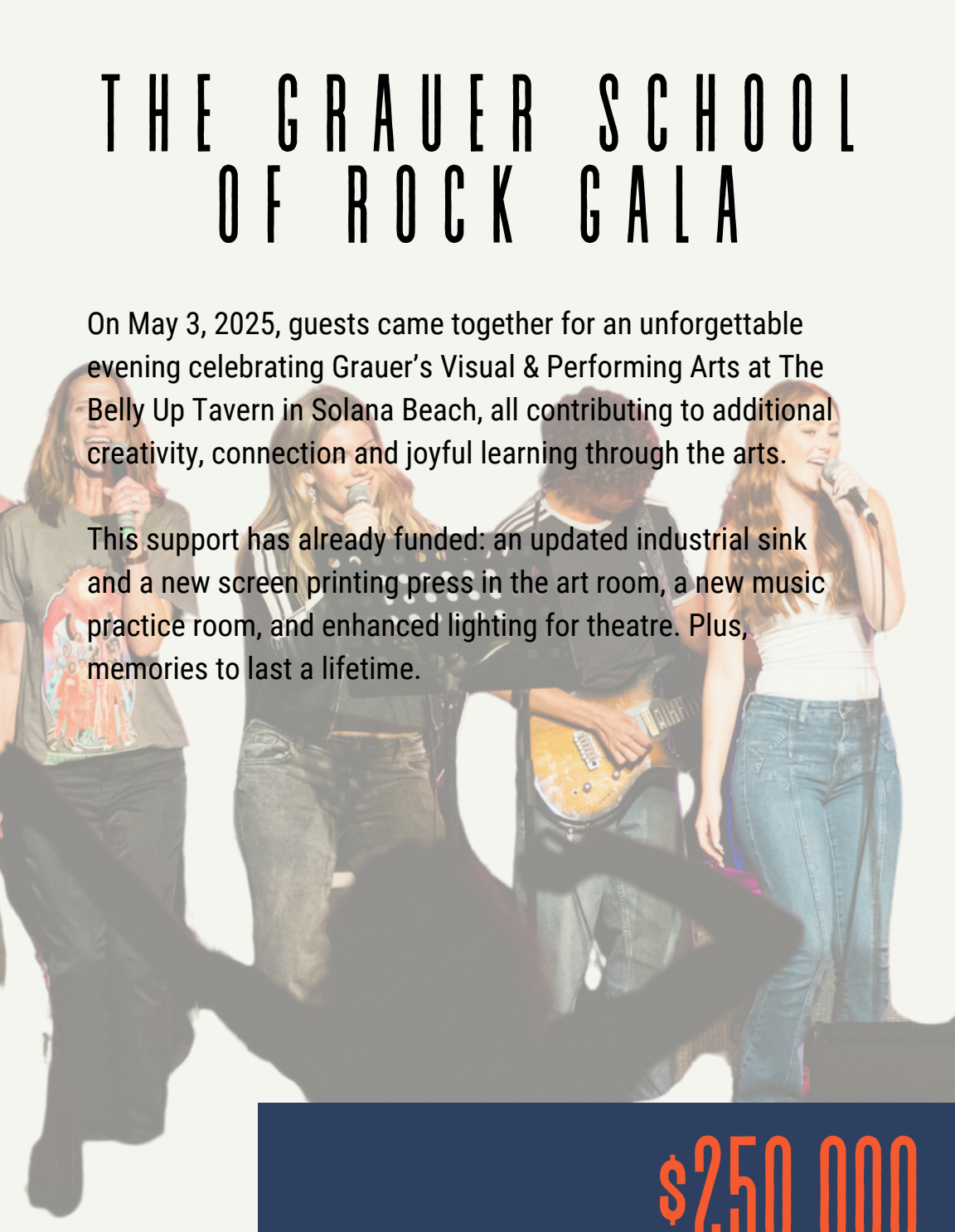
2025 Grauer Foundation for Education Board of Trustees

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THE GRAUER SCHOOL OF ROCK GALA

On May 3, 2025, guests came together for an unforgettable evening celebrating Grauer's Visual & Performing Arts at The Belly Up Tavern in Solana Beach, all contributing to additional creativity, connection and joyful learning through the arts.

This support has already funded: an updated industrial sink and a new screen printing press in the art room, a new music practice room, and enhanced lighting for theatre. Plus, memories to last a lifetime.



$250,000

225 GUESTS

21 ROCKIN' PERFORMANCES

GRAUER GIVING DAY

EXPANDING IMPACT OVER TIME

Your gifts to the Annual Fund help us do what we do at Grauer, even better—more enrichment activities, expeditionary learning experiences, and avenues to make learning more joyful.

2025-2026

$307,000

Participation: 77% Avg. Donation: $1,775 # Leadership Gifts: 34

2024-2025

$192,000

Participation: 89% Avg. Donation: $1,025 # Leadership Gifts: 26

2023-2024

$122,000

Participation: 65% Avg. Donation: $850 # Leadership Gifts: 17

THE ENDOWMENT STORY

2007 The Grauer School established the Teacher Endowment Fund.

2019 The Access to Grauer Endowment and the Loewy Linz STEAM Endowment Funds were established.

2023 The Grauer School purchased a nearby property (Luddy Commons) and established a Campus Sustainability Endowment.

TODAY The Grauer School has four Endowment Funds that not only help us be great at what we do, but will continue to pay out to advance our mission for years to come.

AN INVESTMENT
IN GRAUER'S FUTURE

Endowments are lasting investments that sustain Grauer's mission—today and for generations to come.

- **Teacher Endowment:** Provided $2,700 in end-of-year bonuses, recognizing and rewarding the exceptional dedication of our faculty.
- **Access to Grauer Endowment:** Supported need-based tuition assistance for 23% of Grauer families, expanding access to a Grauer education.
- **STEAM Endowment:** Continued to advance hands-on, future-ready learning through expanded STEAM programming and resources.
- **Campus Sustainability Endowment:** Funded campus solar, a new heat pump system, and green business initiatives - all strengthening Grauer's commitment to environmental stewardship.

ENDOWMENT FUND	CURRENT HOLDINGS
Teacher Endowment	$1,718,765
Access to Grauer Endowment	$2,233,133
STEAM Endowment	$387,758
Campus Sustainability Endowment	$379,299

LOOKING AHEAD...

SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, May 2** and join us as we honor the teachers who shape our students' future. In celebration of Grauer's 35 years of exceptional teaching at Grauer, we aim to raise $350,000 for our teachers. A lofty goal for our legendary teachers!

2026 GOALS

1. Build a Development Committee
2. Expand need-based financial aid for deserving students
3. Plan for permanent endowment needs
4. Increase alumni & grandparent engagement, with a focus on Legacy Giving
5. Continue to position the Annual Fund as The Grauer School‘s main fundraising priority

WAYS TO GIVE

The Grauer School is a 501(c)(3) California public charity and our EIN number is 33-0708902. The fiscal year is August 1- July 31.

Online: Visit grauerschool.com/giving.

In the Mail: Checks may be made payable to The Grauer Foundation for Education.



The Grauer School
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Wire Transfer or Gifts of Stock: Contact us for easy instructions.

Donor-Advised Fund: Many donors have established donor-advised funds and can request their gifts to be directed to The Grauer Foundation for Education.

Gifts In-Kind: Donations that are aligned with our mission and enhance our current programming.The Grauer School even has a car donation program.

Bequest in Will or Trust: Join the Grauer Legacy Society and consider making a gift in your will or living trust.

IRA or Retirement Plan: You may also donate from your required minimum distributions, which will provide meaningful tax advantages.

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WE THANK YOU

FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT IN

OUR PROGRAMS


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