

2018-19 Annual Fund Goals

\$150,000
Total Gifts

100%
Participation

- The Annual Fund is a yearly opportunity to make a tax-deductible donation to St. Mark's Episcopal School of cash, check, appreciated securities, or online with a credit card at www.stmarkspb.org/giving.
- We ask families to make St. Mark's their philanthropic priority and give to the best of their financial ability. Contributions made by December 31, 2018, are eligible for current tax-year benefits. Supporters who make a gift of \$1,000 or more will be recognized at St. Mark's "Thank You" Reception in spring 2019.
- St. Mark's does not rely on the Annual Fund to bridge a gap to support the school budget as is common at many independent schools. Donations also help keep the cost of tuition competitive, which is important to our mission as an Episcopal School.
- Past proceeds have funded significant upgrades to campus security, professional sound and lighting systems, and artificial turf for playgrounds.
- Many companies offer a matching gift program. Please contact your Human Resources office to learn how to increase the size of your gift.

"Brian and I are happy to Co-Chair the School Annual Fund this year. Having been a part of the St. Mark's School community for over 6 years, we greatly appreciate the importance of having ample resources to keep our school programs competitive. We want to help increase the participation rate among school families and ask that you consider making a donation of any size to this important drive."

-Kate Stengle, School parent and Annual Fund Co-Chairs



Kindly make your online donation at www.stmarkspb.org/giving or use the enclosed remittance envelope when making your contribution.

Annual Fund Circles of Giving at www.stmarkspb.org/annualfund



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ST. MARK'S SCHOOL 2018-19 ANNUAL FUND

St. Mark's Episcopal School is a vibrant community where our students thrive in a safe, nurturing environment. Our educators inspire students to challenge themselves to reach their full potential. For almost four decades, the depth of our teachers' commitment to strong academics, principled character, and generosity of spirit is the distinctive quality that defines a St. Mark's education.



The Value of a St. Mark's Education

- St. Mark's is a close-knit community and is your child's home away from home. This sense of belonging comes from the intimacy and comfort of a school where children feel nurtured and known.
- We have established and constantly reevaluate safety and security measures to ensure the well-being of each child in our care. Our faculty and staff are trained to respond appropriately to prevent and handle emergency situations if need be.
- Our academic program is challenging, yet flexible enough to meet individual learning styles. We help each child reach his or her full potential by setting high standards.
- St. Mark's offers your child a vibrant extra-curricular experience through participation in arts, athletics, and community service. Asking children to explore disciplines beyond core academic subjects often leads to passion and ability they might not have known otherwise.
- We are a faith-based school where children develop their own beliefs and values. Within our Christian community one feels the love of God and learns to love others.
- The caring and capable faculty and administration exude energy, enthusiasm, and professionalism. These qualities are evident in joyful classrooms where students feel proud of accomplishments, yet comfortable learning from mistakes.
- By developing individual potential, St. Mark's prepares its students for outstanding secondary schools and colleges. Our graduates are equipped with sound habits of mind and body, a generosity of spirit, and a strong moral foundation.

Gifts to the Annual Fund have an immediate impact on the student experience. Your investment helps St. Mark's teachers cultivate the best in each child. Proceeds provide the school with essential, generally unrestricted funds that can be directed towards the greatest need, which may include:

- **Faculty Professional Development:** attending national conferences, such as the Future of Education Technology Conference (FETC), where education and technology leaders from around the world explore the effective integration of next generation technology across the curriculum through intensive workshops and live demonstrations
- **Interactive Technology:** implementing interactive coding technology and augmented reality applications to provide opportunities for PK-8th grade students to experience the sciences beyond the classroom
- **MakerBot 3D Printers:** providing a powerful tool for our "young inventors" to take their ideas from inspiration to innovation by utilizing rapid prototyping and digital data modeling for the production of physical prototypes



"We are so grateful for the exceptional education our children are receiving at St. Mark's School and feel fortunate to be a part of this wonderful community. It is our pleasure to Co-Chair the 2018-19 Annual Fund and help raise funds needed for improvements and upgrades. In order to maintain the standard of excellence our children deserve, each year the proceeds are applied where they are needed most. We hope you will join us by giving to St. Mark's Annual Fund - every size gift counts and every dollar is tax deductible!"

-Tiffany & Ken Cohen, School parents and Annual Fund Co-Chairs

Thank you for Celebrating St. Mark's School with us!