

St. Matthew's Spotlights

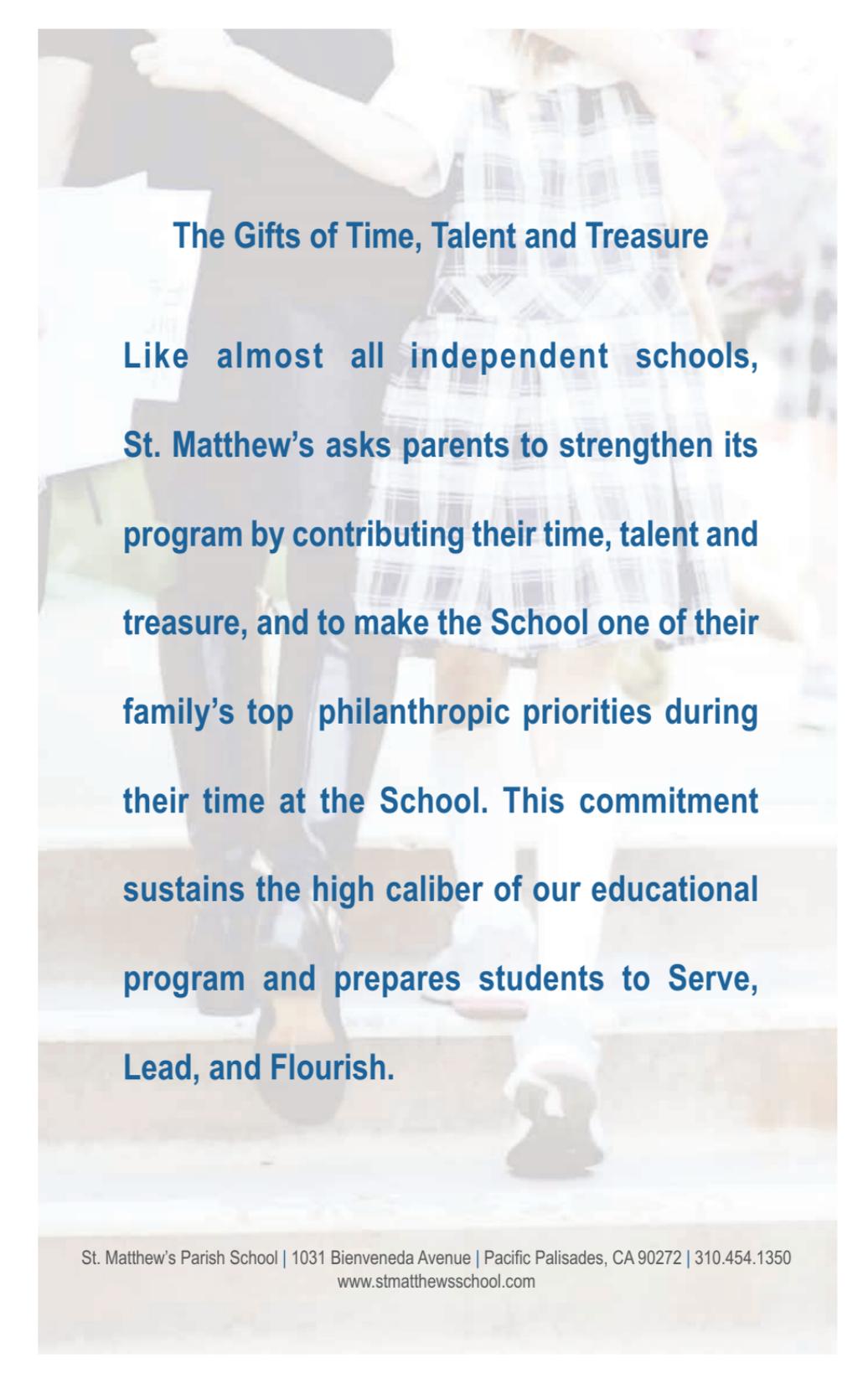


The Spirit of Giving

School Funding and Philanthropy

*We make a living by what we earn.
We make a life by what we give.*

--Anonymous



The Gifts of Time, Talent and Treasure

Like almost all independent schools, St. Matthew's asks parents to strengthen its program by contributing their time, talent and treasure, and to make the School one of their family's top philanthropic priorities during their time at the School. This commitment sustains the high caliber of our educational program and prepares students to Serve, Lead, and Flourish.

How Is St. Matthew's Parish School Funded?

School tuition funds 92% of the School's operating budget. Holding tuition as low as possible allows St. Matthew's:

- To remain competitive with peer school tuition rates
- To make a St. Matthew's education viable for an economically diverse group
- To permit school families to fund special program additions in tax-deductible dollars.

Tuition alone does not cover the full cost of a St. Matthew's student's education. Additional funding comes from the School's Annual Giving Program, periodic capital project or endowment campaigns, income from endowment investments, and from events and activities sponsored by Parents' Council.

The Timeline for Funding and Philanthropy Requests at St. Matthew's

July	School Essentials
November	Annual Giving Campaign Launches
February	Annual Auction Dinner
May	Town Fair
June	All Annual Giving Pledges Due



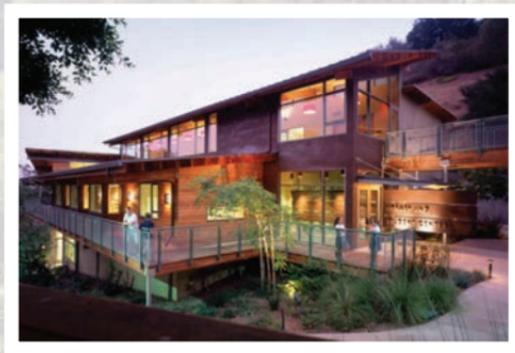
The Annual Giving Program

Annual Giving is the School's most significant source of income after tuition, and generates essential funding for School programs, faculty and staff. The expectation is that every School family will participate in Annual Giving according to their ability. Notably, since 2008, one hundred percent (100%) of parents have participated in Annual Giving every year.

Annual Giving bridges the gap between the tuition charged and the actual cost of a St. Matthew's education. This difference is referred to as the "tuition gap." Families with multiple children are asked to consider contributing to Annual Giving at a level that will fund the tuition gap for each of their children, and to help us continue our tradition of 100% parent participation in Annual Giving. To learn more about Annual Giving, including giving levels, recognition, and how to give, visit www.stmatthewsschool.com/annualgiving.

Capital and Endowment Campaigns

From time to time, the School engages in giving campaigns to raise funds for capital improvements such as remodeling or construction projects called for by the School's strategic needs. These campaigns are separate from the Annual Giving program and may extend over several years. Similarly, capital campaign pledges can be paid over a period of years. Current families benefit from past capital and endowment campaigns funded by prior parents and will benefit along with future families from such campaigns conducted during their tenure at the School. Past and ongoing campaigns, for example, have resulted in the construction of the Keck Upper School Building, the Sprague Center, the Library, the Grades 1-4 Building, and the Pool Renovation Project.



Ways of Giving

Gifts may be made online by credit card, by check, or by transferring appreciated securities. The School is also grateful for alumni, alumni parents, grandparents and others who include St. Matthew's in their estate plans with a bequest or planned gift. St. Matthew's Parish School is a non-profit organization exempt from tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; contributions are deductible to the extent provided by law. The School works with matching gift programs offered by many employers, and recognizes families at the combined level of the gift. For details, visit www.stmatthewsschool.com/annualgiving and select Ways of Giving.

Parents' Council Fundraising Events - Auction Dinner, Town Fair and Teacher Gift Program

Parents' Council is the St. Matthew's parent organization to which all School families belong. Parents' Council holds two major events each year - the Auction Dinner and Town Fair. The money raised from these two events is donated by the Council to the School and helps pay for special programs such as new technology for classrooms, professional development for teachers and staff, seminars, financial aid, and the after-school sports program. In addition, the Parents' Council oversees the Teacher Gift Program.

An Evening in Morocco

AUCTION 2017



Auction Dinner

Auction Dinner is the Parents' Council's primary annual fundraiser, and generates the largest portion of funds raised. It is a fun social event for parents, with dinner, and both silent and live auctions. Parents are invited and encouraged to donate auction items after Annual Giving concludes beginning in

the early winter of the School year. Attendance, event underwriting and bidding on items at the Auction Dinner are encouraged and appreciated, but are not required.

Town Fair

Town Fair is a beloved, community-wide St. Matthew's tradition. While it generates revenue for the Parents' Council, it is primarily a fun family event and a way for St. Matthew's to engage the wider community. Out-of-pocket costs for parents associated with Town Fair include ride and food wristbands, tickets, and tee shirts. There are optional Town Fair underwriting opportunities, such as game booth or ride sponsorship. Every PS-8 grade family contributes time, working a shift.



The Faculty Gift Fund



The Faculty Gift Fund relieves parents from the stress of purchasing individual gifts for multiple teachers over the course of the school year. Parents contribute to the fund before the school year begins and, in turn, all teachers and staff receive a cash gift at Christmas and at the end of the school year. Parents' Council suggests a donation of \$75 per child.

Other fundraising includes

Service Learning Fundraisers

Starting in Early Childhood, each class participates in Service Learning and charitable giving projects. More information is available on the Parent Portal (Parent Resources - Service Learning).



SALT Fundraisers

SALT, the Student Action Leadership Team, is the Upper School student government. SALT identifies charities in need and plans school-wide activities and fundraisers to support these outreach partners.



Eighth Grade Class Trip Fundraisers

Special offerings, such as the popular Taco Tuesday lunches, In-N-Out Burger and smoothie sales raise funds for the Eighth Grade's annual East Coast Class Trip. Eighth Grade Room Parents also organize a parent event to augment trip funds.



Questions About School Philanthropy?

Feel free to contact the Advancement Office at 310-454-1350 ext. 156.