

2019-2020

The Annual Fund



"For where your treasure is,
there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:21

Why I Give

"You may wonder why I contribute to the SLS Annual Fund, especially since I don't have children or grandchildren who attend SLS. I want to live in a community with an educated population, a population that can provide the goods and services I need to live and do well. My uncle used to say, "If the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world, make sure that hand has a Christian education!" This mission of St. Luke UMC does that. That's why I support our school!"

Judy Thomas,
Vice Chair,
St. Luke School Trustees,
Church Member, and
Columbus, GA City
Councilor



How will your gift shape the future for our children?

Over the past four years, the annual fund has added **\$914,897** to the operating budget of our school. Here's a snapshot of the numbers.

Financial Goal	\$150,000	\$200,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
Amount Donated	\$172,154	\$215,332	\$268,223	\$259,188
Pledged % of Goal	(115%)	(108%)	(107%)	(104%)
Family Donations	258	278	328	344
Participation %	65%	70%	76%	79%
Trustee Donations	15	20	22	19
Participation %	75%	100%	100%	100%
Faculty & Staff Donations	58	66	72	73
Participation %	88%	99%	99%	100%
Grandparent Donations	71	83	97	82
Alumni Parent Donations	5	6	92	89
Other Donations	17	12	15	20
	2015	2016	2017	2018

100%
Participation
Every Family
Every Year

2019 Annual Fund Financial Goal: \$250,000

Questions? Visit stlukelions.com or call Stephanie Alford at (706) 256-1301.

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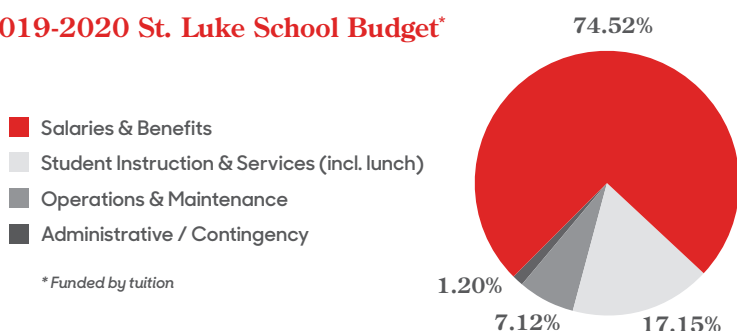
Dear St. Luke Family, Friends, Faculty, and Trustees,

Creating an outstanding learning environment like the one at St. Luke School takes considerable investment. At St. Luke SCHOOL, **we operate on tuition and grow through giving**. It's because of the strong tradition of giving to the Annual Fund that the value of the student experience significantly transcends what our families pay in tuition for that education.

Participation by **all stakeholders** is essential, and every gift makes a difference in our students' lives. In fact, St. Luke's participation numbers are a key indicator of the health of our school. High participation is a vote of confidence to the members of our community, church, prospective families, job candidates, and to our faculty and staff team. **The only gift too small is no gift at all!**

Student experience enhancements cannot be funded by tuition alone. There are only two sources of revenue at St. Luke School: Tuition and the Annual Fund. Every Annual Fund gift allows us to build upon the extraordinary academic, fine arts, STEAM, and athletic programs offered. Your gift to the Annual Fund also provides essential material support for the school's talented faculty. The Annual Fund is the key in keeping tuition as low as possible and accessible to the widest number of families in our community.

2019-2020 St. Luke School Budget*



There are **569 reasons, our students**, why we must have a strong Annual Fund and culture of giving. **The 2019 Annual Fund financial goal is \$250,000.** Our participation goal is again 100%, or better said: **Every Family. Every Year!** Over the past four years the Annual Fund has added \$914,897 to the operating budget of our school. For a snapshot of the participation see reverse side of this letter.

Please join us, the school trustees, the faculty and staff team, and the many parents, grandparents, alumni, and other special friends in making your gift to The Annual Fund TODAY. Your financial commitment and support of St. Luke School is an **investment that will reap eternal rewards** and help us continue exceptional traditions.

The pledge drive begins October 15, 2019 and ends December 31, 2019. Actual payment on all pledges may be extended until May 15, 2019. Thank you in advance for your support.

In Christ,
2019 Campaign Co-Chairs
Katie and Whitfield Athey

Amanda and Collier Watson



ST. LUKE SCHOOL

There is no question that the Annual Fund is making a dramatic and meaningful impact on the St. Luke daily student experience. Here are some ways in which the Annual Fund has supported our students since 2015:

- 26 Renovated Classrooms and Instructional Spaces
 - New paint, carpet, refinished floors and middle school lockers
- New Computer Lab
- New 3rd Grade Classroom in Church Building
- All 3rd Grade Classrooms Located Together
- 12 New Aquos Interactive White Boards in Middle School Classrooms
- 8 New Aquos Interactive White Boards in 4th & 5th Grade Classrooms
- Innovation Station Opened
 - New Lower School Art Classroom and Teacher
 - New Lower School STEAM Lab and Teacher
 - New Spanish Classroom
 - New Music Classroom
 - New Drama Classroom and Teacher
 - New Broadcast (Lion TV) Studio
- 2 New Kindergarten Classrooms in ELC Building
- All Kindergarten Classrooms Located Together
- 1 New Jr-Kindergarten Classroom
- New Wrestling Room and Program
- 20 Chromebook Lab for 5th Grade
- 26 Chromebook Lab for 3rd and 4th Grades
- 5 New Bottle Filling Water Stations
- PE/Sports Equipment Updated
- Refreshed School Branding
- Middle School STEAM Lab and Teacher
- Renovated 1st Floor Restrooms in ELC Building
- Innovation Station Tower Garden
- 3 AED Plus Defibrillators
- New Tables for Media Center
- 6 Table Stations for Middle School Classrooms
- New Digital and Hard Copy Science Textbooks for 4th - 5th Grades
- 2 Freezers for Stockwell Hall Kitchen
- New Chairs for Stockwell Hall Cafeteria
- Onsite K-8 Professional Development
- Needs-based Tuition Assistance* per year (*Ineligible for GA GOAL)

WILL YOU GO *all in?*

To pledge and/or give online visit:
www.givetostlukeschool.com



The Athey Family
Whitfield (6th), Worth (6th),
Mac (4th), Reddoch (2nd)

Why We Give

"We know that our gift to the Annual Fund helps span the gap between the tuition collected and the actual cost of the unique and special opportunities provided to our students. It is important for us to support the faculty, staff, programs and facilities that are preparing minds and teaching our children to live for Christ."

Why We Give

"As St Luke parents, we give to the Annual Fund because we believe in the Christian foundation and strong education that the school provides for our children. St Luke is their home away from home — a place where they are taught and nurtured from the same principles that shape us as a family. We have confidence that our financial gift will be used to enhance our facilities, educational materials, and in many ways invest in our children's future."



The Watson Family
Eli (2nd), Emersyn (K),
Hudson

Preparing Minds • Living for Christ