



EAST LAKE ACADEMY ANNUAL FUND

2021-2022

TO TEACH, TO EDUCATE, AND TO FORM

Our Mission - Forming Catholic Leaders

East Lake Academy is celebrating its 20th anniversary throughout the 2021-2022 school year. Twenty years of forming the hearts, minds and souls of future Catholic leaders! What began as a fledgling school with 13 students teaching classes in space borrowed from the Franciscan friars at Marytown, has grown into a thriving institution with over 150 students in Pre-K through 8th grade. Over the past two decades, the mission of East Lake has remained constant: forming the whole child through a program of accelerated academics and character, faith and apostolic formation, rooted in Christ and in the magisterial teachings of the Catholic Church.

Our community's collective contributions allows the school to continually enhance our programs and enrich our students' educational experience. Annual giving is a critical component of our operating budget. As one of our three major fund raisers, your participation to this annual fund is an indicator of our community's shared commitment to ELA's success and sustainability and sends a powerful message to other donors.



Your Support Counts....

We ask our parents to consider a donation of at least \$1,250 per enrolled child. Please know, every gift, regardless of size, makes a difference. Whether you give \$50 or \$10,000, know that your gift has an immediate and meaningful impact on East Lake.

We continue our in-person, full time program in creative and resourceful ways for the benefit of our school community.

This demonstrates every day how adaptive and committed our faculty and staff are to the East Lake Academy mission. This flexibility comes at a cost as we support a growing population of over 150 students.

East Lake Academy's need for your support right now is critical. Your gift to the Annual Fund ensures that we can continue to provide a world-class education.

There are several ways to give:

- **MAKE A GIFT ONLINE:** <https://ela.ejoinme.org/AnnualFund>
- **MAKE A PLEDGE ONLINE:** <https://forms.gle/PhbsUshQBbFKKe1979>
- **MAIL RESPONSE:** East Lake Academy, Attn: Annual Fund, 13911 W. Laurel Drive, 13911 W. Laurel Drive.
- **CALL OR EMAIL:** Dan Christoffel, (312) 244-6953, Dchristoffel@eastlakeacademy.org

Gifts to the Annual Fund will strengthen our community by supporting:

- **Bridging the gap between tuition and the cost of educating our students.**
The average cost of educating an ELA student totals nearly \$10,800, while the average tuition per student totals around \$7,900. The difference between cost and tuition totals \$2,900 per student. The Annual Fund is focused on filling the difference.
- **Once we have secured the funding needed to meet our annual budgeted expenditures, excess funds will be applied towards improved educational resources such as textbooks, extracurricular resources such as sporting equipment and campus improvements such as the new turf fields and outdoor basketball courts installed this last summer.**

....and We Greatly Appreciate it!

2020 -2021 Annual Fund Summary

Over \$173,000

RAISED IN FY21

Over \$20,000 in employer matches.

Tuition and fees do not cover the full cost of educating students. The Annual Fund helps close the operating gap, allowing more students to benefit from an East Lake Academy education.

\$1,700 Avg. Gift

RAISED IN FY20

\$15,000 Largest Gift

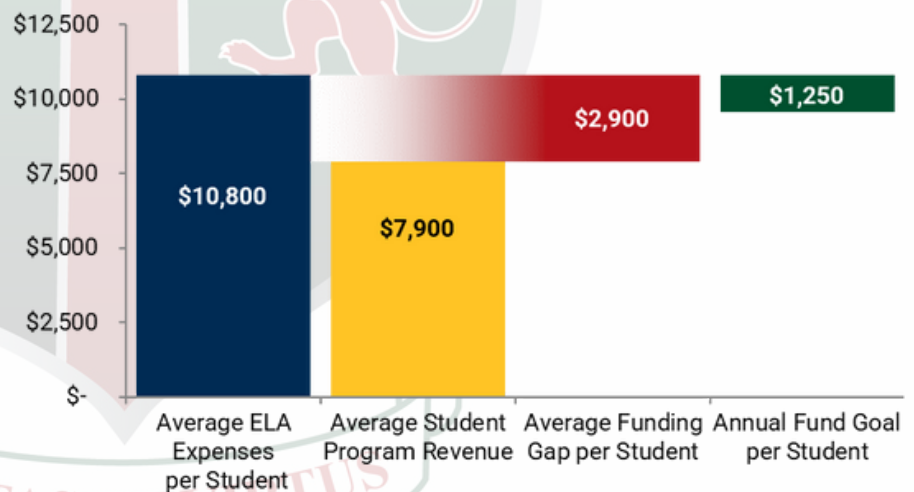
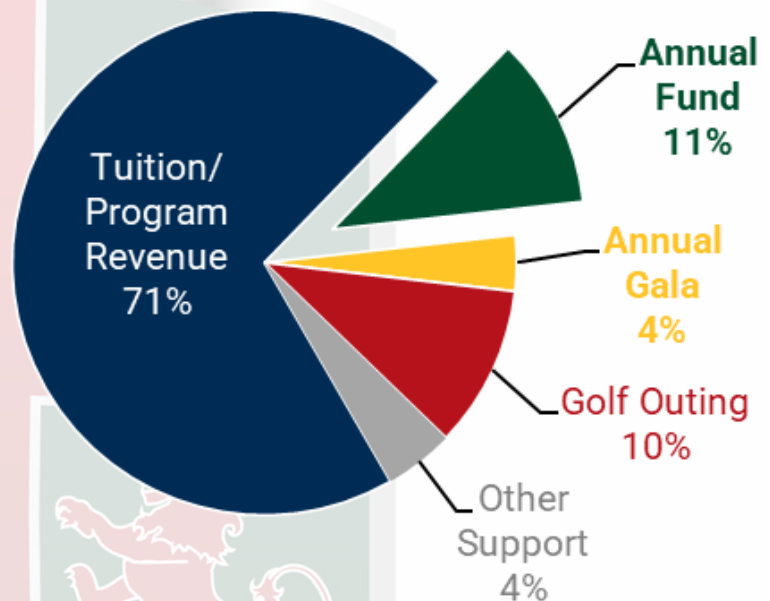
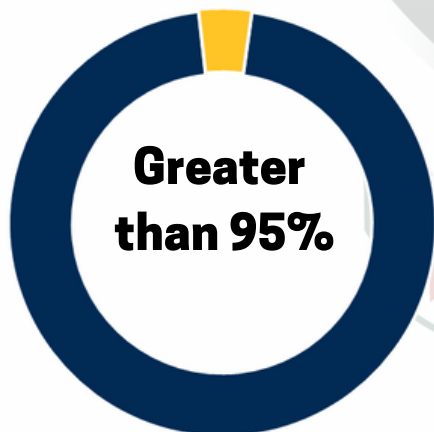


15% Donations

RAISED IN FY21

From Friends and Grandparents

ELA Family Participation



Last Year was a Success due to your Help!