

EAST LAKE ACADEMY

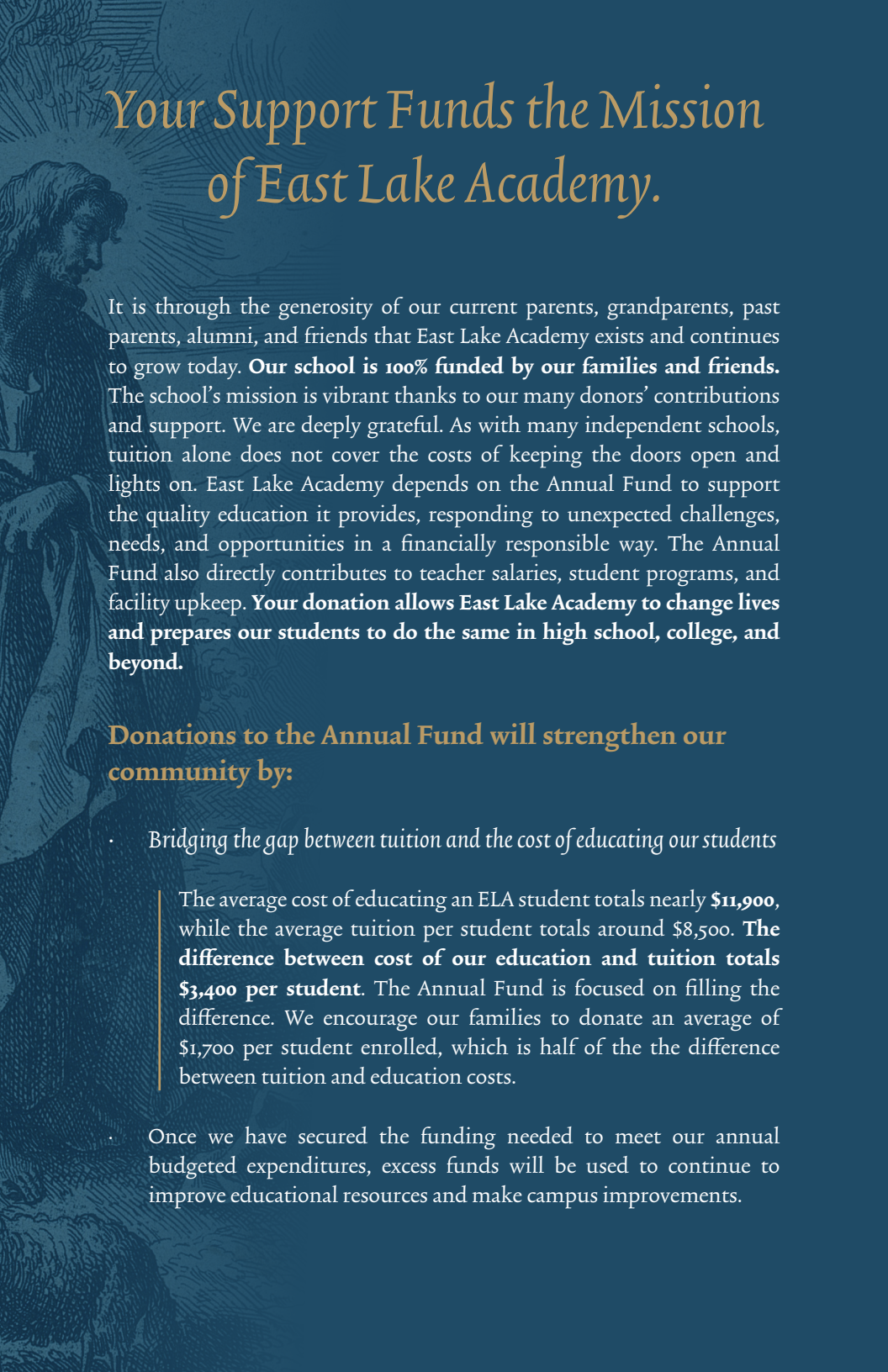


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2025-26

Annual Fund

To Teach, to Educate, and to Form



Your Support Funds the Mission of East Lake Academy.

It is through the generosity of our current parents, grandparents, past parents, alumni, and friends that East Lake Academy exists and continues to grow today. **Our school is 100% funded by our families and friends.** The school's mission is vibrant thanks to our many donors' contributions and support. We are deeply grateful. As with many independent schools, tuition alone does not cover the costs of keeping the doors open and lights on. East Lake Academy depends on the Annual Fund to support the quality education it provides, responding to unexpected challenges, needs, and opportunities in a financially responsible way. The Annual Fund also directly contributes to teacher salaries, student programs, and facility upkeep. **Your donation allows East Lake Academy to change lives and prepares our students to do the same in high school, college, and beyond.**

Donations to the Annual Fund will strengthen our community by:

- Bridging the gap between tuition and the cost of educating our students
 - The average cost of educating an ELA student totals nearly **\$11,900**, while the average tuition per student totals around \$8,500. **The difference between cost of our education and tuition totals \$3,400 per student.** The Annual Fund is focused on filling the difference. We encourage our families to donate an average of \$1,700 per student enrolled, which is half of the the difference between tuition and education costs.
- Once we have secured the funding needed to meet our annual budgeted expenditures, excess funds will be used to continue to improve educational resources and make campus improvements.

There are several ways to give:

- **MAKE A GIFT ONLINE or PLEDGE ONLINE:**
<https://eastlakeacademy.org/annual-fund-3/>
- **MAIL RESPONSE:**
East Lake Academy, Attn: Annual Fund,
13911 W. Laurel Drive, 13911 W. Laurel Drive.
- **CALL or EMAIL:**
John Calk, (847) 778-8486, jcalk@eastlakeacademy.org



OR, scan to make your gift now!
We truly appreciate your support.

Testimonials:

The testimonials below illustrate the impact our teachers and school make on our families and students. These quotes are excerpted from feedback provided by new families joining our community. They serve as a reminder of why we each choose to make an investment in East Lake Academy.



“Our family chose East Lake Academy, first, because we wanted our family—our children as well as ourselves—to be part of a school and community for which the Catholic faith was the very heart and foundation of everything. We longed for a place where we knew our children would experience the full and timeless truth and beauty of that faith without compromise with the spirit of the age and culture in which we live.”



“Before our children started at East Lake Academy, we felt lost. Our children were spending seven or more hours a day, five days a week, in an environment that rewarded academic mediocrity and embraced cultural trends that ran counter to our Catholic values. Upon driving up to the school ... we felt apprehension. Upon leaving we felt only conviction that this was where our boys would flourish. The teachers were passionate about teaching, making it clear this was not a job, rather a vocation. The students were happy, hardworking and respectful, both in presentation and through their actions.”

Last year was a success due to the generosity of people like you.

Raised \$167,000

with nearly \$18,000 in
Employer Matches

28% of Donations

received from friends and
grandparents

\$1,800 Average Gift

\$20,000 largest gift

ELA Family Participation

greater than 96%

Tuition and fees only cover 70% of cost of educating an ELA student. It is only through support from generous donors like you that we are able to succeed in fulfilling the East Lake mission and bring our school forward. **Please consider a donation of \$1,700 per enrolled student** to help us meet our funding needs.

Our grandparents, alumni, past parents, and friends have been and remain a pillar in the continued success of East Lake. We thank each of you for helping our students receive a life changing East Lake Academy education. Together we can change the world!

