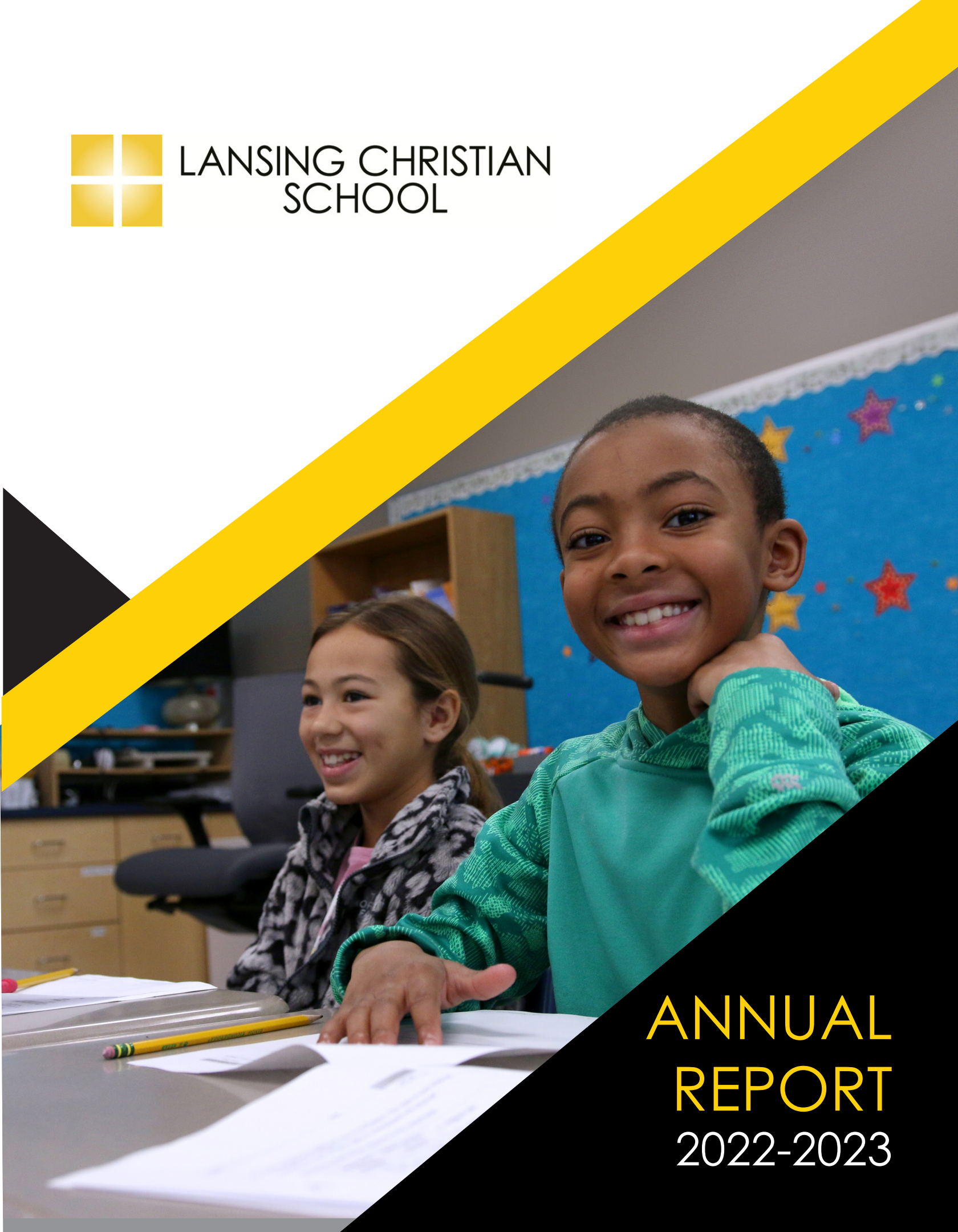


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ANNUAL
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2022-2023



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Our Mission

Recognizing God as the source of all truth, wisdom, and knowledge, Lansing Christian School partners with Christian parents to educate children to the full extent of their God-given abilities. We engage students in an academically challenging environment that fosters spiritual, intellectual, social, and physical growth. We equip students to exalt God and follow Christ in all of life.

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Dear LCS Community,

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for man.”

Colossians 3:23

Honoring God through excellence is a core value at Lansing Christian School. While excellence may be a stated priority in other schools, how we define excellence and the reason for pursuing it at Lansing Christian School is an extension of our mission.

Educating students to the full extent of their God-given gifts and abilities guides our staff to teach with an understanding that God has given each student unique gifts and abilities. It means that our work in supporting students is varied and different because God created each child in His image, uniquely, not the same.

At LCS, excellence takes on a holistic approach that flows directly from our mission. As we begin our 73rd year, we are advancing learning and programming that fosters spiritual, intellectual, social, and physical growth so that our students become people that honor God with excellence and with their lives, joining God in transforming our world for Jesus Christ.

Sustaining excellence in the years ahead is dependent on hiring the very best Christian teachers to teach and lead our students. Our teachers love God with their whole heart, love students, and have a passion for their work and lifelong learning. This continues to be an unwavering commitment at Lansing Christian School.

Each year, we rely on generous donors from our community to support the people and programs that cultivate excellence and a thriving Christian community at LCS.

We are profoundly grateful for the generosity of our community and how the contributions of so many have allowed LCS to invest in people and programs that sustain our commitment to excellence as we look to the future.

On behalf of the Foundation Board and Board of Trustees, we thank our donors and the many people who help make LCS a school where God’s kingdom is advanced through the transformative work of Christian education.



Wendy Hofman
Head of School







Recognizing God as the Source of All Truth, Wisdom, and Knowledge

Faith Integration is a core pillar of the curriculum that sets LCS apart as a Christian school. The school has an unwavering commitment to understanding the Bible as the infallible, authoritative Word of God. LCS students engage in Bible class from preschool through twelfth grade, but it doesn't stop there. Teachers connect content across grades and subjects to the grand biblical narrative of Creation, Fall, Redemption, and Restoration. Then, they give opportunities for students to live out that story by using their learning to meet real needs in our school and the greater community.

Educating Students to the Full Extent of their God-Given Gifts and Abilities

LCS is committed to providing differentiated learning to meet the needs of learners, including both support and enrichment. This level of individualized instruction depends on students being known by their teachers, who understand students' interests, challenges, and strengths.

Individualized Learning

Instructional practices like small-group instruction in reading and math allow teachers to provide targeted learning opportunities. Advanced Placement courses are part of a rigorous academic program that prepare students for college-level academics. The Educational Support Services program provides extra support for student learning needs.









Extra-Curricular Opportunities

Students can participate in various extra-curricular and co-curricular opportunities for academic challenge and opportunities to grow in knowledge, leadership, and service. Middle and high school students may take part in Math Club, Multicultural Club, Student Council, the National Honor Society, and more. Elementary students have opportunities to participate in Mileage Club, the PreK-12 Student Ambassador Program, and serve in the School Safety Program.

Creative Arts

A flourishing creative arts program is an important part of Christ-centered education at LCS. Each school year is filled with creative arts programs and performances that demonstrate how students are reflecting God as our Creator through music and the visual and performing arts.

Athletic Program

LCS provides a PreK-12 athletic program where students grow in education, faith, competition, and teamwork. The goal is for LCS teams to be a light for Christ in Greater Lansing and to cultivate skill development and positive athletic experiences beginning in the elementary grades and continuing on through high school.

Partnering with Parents





Parents in the Classroom

LCS parents offer time and presence to support teachers and students in classroom learning. Parents accompany classes on field trips, chaperone retreats and other trips, volunteer in classrooms, participate as guest readers, share about their careers, and are involved in countless other ways throughout the year.



Parents in Educational Partnership

Parents participate in Parent EDU sessions to learn from a lead educator and one another while engaging in topics that are relevant and applicable to educating their children. LCS Parent EDU sessions inform, equip, and encourage parents to support excellence in their child's education at home.



Parents in the Community

LCS parents participate as leaders and volunteers in community events and school celebrations throughout the year. Parents play a key leadership role in annual events such as Black and Gold, the Elementary Fund Run, Field Day, and Spring Fling.

**PARENTS IN ATHLETICS**

Parent engagement continues to strengthen our commitment to excellence in growing a robust athletic program. The success of LCS youth athletic programs is driven by LCS parents and their willingness to be involved. Each one of our youth teams (2nd-6th grade) is coached by an LCS parent and also includes input and support from LCS high school coaches.

7 Youth Basketball Teams



18

Varsity & JV Athletic Teams

100+

Students

participate in youth soccer



80+

participate in youth baseball

70%

of high school students participate in LCS athletics





Engaging Students in an Academically Challenging Environment

LCS emphasizes holistic, formational learning directed by the LCS vision. Intellectual growth is fostered through an academic program that is focused on proficiency in foundational knowledge in each subject. All LCS students have opportunities to grow in Habits of Learning, such as curiosity, persistence, and effective communication.

LCS believes that students learn best in the context of healthy Christ-centered relationships among students and staff who provide intentional structures of individualized support. Advising and homeroom provide structured times for purposeful exploration of and growth in God's calling for middle and high school students. LCS aims for each student to graduate with an increased confidence in the story God is weaving in and through their life and an ongoing curiosity about the ways God is inviting them to engage and transform His world.

Equipping Students to Exalt God and Follow Christ in All of Life

A powerful way to equip students to exalt God and follow Christ is for teachers to model it. LCS teachers serve as Christ-like models for students, providing exceptional instruction and living out their faith with students. LCS teachers also prioritize excellence in their work through sustained collaboration to support student learning and professional growth. All teachers participate in teams to focus on advancing school improvement goals.

Students are also equipped by living and learning in Christian community, which helps set the foundation for following Christ in all of life. Spiritual growth is fostered through worship opportunities at twice-weekly chapels, Bible classes, and the fall retreat for middle and high school students - a hallmark of the LCS experience.





Alumni Profile — Abigail Ginn

Abigail Ginn, class of 2009, is an alumna living out the vision of LCS to engage and transform the world for Jesus Christ through a career in medical missions.

Abigail (Helmker) Ginn first knew she wanted to serve in full-time missions in high school. Abigail began her time at LCS as a freshman, where she participated in basketball, softball, bowling, and the National Honor Society. Abigail values the commitment to service that was integral throughout her time at LCS. Some of her fondest memories are of Service Week, where she had the opportunity to serve the people of Lansing through various projects. “These were such valuable moments to be Christ’s hands and feet and to engage with community members who I might not have otherwise met,” she says.

After graduating from LCS, Abigail attended Olivet Nazarene University and completed a Bachelor of Science in Biology, which brought her one step closer to her dream of becoming a physician. It was also at Olivet Nazarene where she met and married her husband, Brian. After college, Abigail attended Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine, followed by a residency in pediatrics and a fellowship in Hospice & Palliative Medicine. She is currently working at a hospital in the Chicago area and will soon be heading overseas with her family to begin her dream of practicing medicine on the mission field.

Abigail’s husband, Brian, not only supports her calling, but is also a physician who feels called to medical missions. “I am incredibly thankful that after 13+ years of preparation, we will be moving with our son to Papua New Guinea in January of 2024 to serve as missionary doctors at Kudjip Nazarene Hospital,” Abigail says. “We will be serving in Papua New Guinea for at least two years through Samaritan’s Purse and we are hopeful to continue serving as long as God calls us to stay.”

Looking back on her high school years, Abigail shares that LCS was foundational, both academically and spiritually. “In many ways, my academic experience at LCS laid a strong foundation for my college career and beyond. I am thankful for the breadth of subjects I was exposed to and frequently find myself applying the information I learned there. The study methods I learned at LCS have helped me to be successful in college and medical school.”

Abigail’s teachers were also significant in her time at LCS. “Having Christian teachers who incorporated Scripture and Biblical principles into each subject helped shape how I understand and apply my faith,” she explains. She recalls how her Bible teacher challenged her to understand what she believed and why she believed it. “He taught me to think critically about Scripture and evaluate Biblical teachings within the context they were written in.” Her English and writing teacher also helped shape her faith. “He incorporated Christian principles into his lessons and taught me to value different perspectives. These teachers were genuine, approachable, and valued me as a student.”

When asked if she has any advice for current students, Abigail says, “Be curious and seize opportunities to learn about and from people who are different from you. Your life will be so much richer and your worldview will be so much broader if you step outside what you know to engage with new people. And you will learn a valuable lesson by viewing a particular belief or topic from a different perspective.”

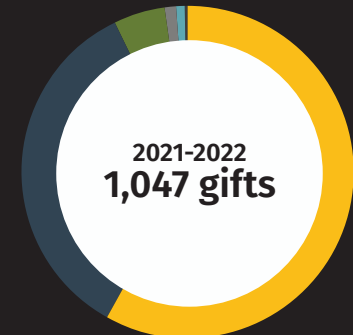
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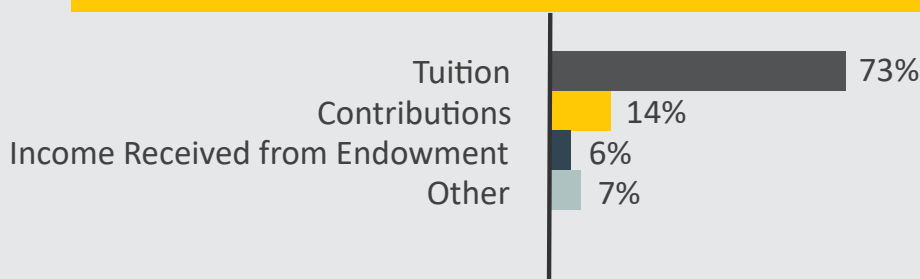
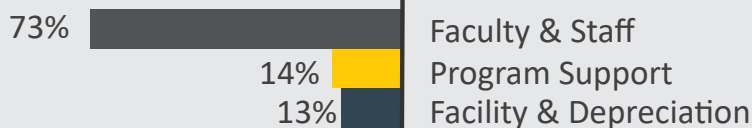
The culture of participation and giving at LCS continues to grow. We are deeply grateful for the continued increase in the number of gifts received year after year. Every donation is vitally important to the financial sustainability of LCS in order to support a Christ-centered education.



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\$100 to \$999	\$10,000-\$49,999
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GIVING AT A GLANCE	2022-2023	2021-2022
Number of Donors	568	485
Annual Fund Donations	\$487,500	\$368,000
Black & Gold Celebration	\$182,000	\$176,000
Fund Run	\$38,500	\$33,000
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED GIVING	\$708,000	\$577,000
Restricted Gifts	\$57,500	\$27,000
Third Party Tuition Assistance	\$53,000	\$119,000
Gifts to Endowment	\$2,000	\$3,000
Capital Improvements		\$2,000,000*
TOTAL RESTRICTED GIVING	\$112,500	\$2,149,000
TOTAL GIVING	\$820,500	\$2,726,000
INCOME FROM ENDOWMENT	\$363,000	\$363,000
TOTAL INCOME FROM GIVING	\$1,183,500	\$3,089,000

*LEGACY GIFT

INCOME: \$6,478,000**EXPENSES: \$5,988,000**

Expenses do not include \$620,000 in capital improvements.

Want to Impact a Student's Life? So Do We!

Providing an authentic and integral Christian education is about helping each student understand that they are a part of God's story and equipping them with the knowledge and tools they need to live out their purpose. Your contribution to Lansing Christian School supports an education where students develop a passion for learning through rich and diverse experiences that give them the opportunity to understand how their own gifts and abilities can be used to engage and transform the world for Jesus Christ.

ANNUAL FUND

Contributions to the Annual Fund directly support the transformational education at Lansing Christian School and help make a Christ-centered education accessible to more families in the Greater Lansing area. No one at LCS pays the full cost of educating a student. Each year we rely on generous gifts to the Annual Fund from members of our community to

offset the cost of tuition for every student. This year, we need to raise approximately \$570,000 to support the ongoing work of the school.

Your financial support of the Annual Fund is an expression of faith and support in God's work at the school. Your gift, big or small, makes a difference and is an investment in our students.

LCS ENDOWMENT FUND

Since 1951, Lansing Christian School has been a bedrock for Christ-centered education in the Greater Lansing area. A gift to the LCS Endowment helps to ensure Lansing Christian School can continue their tradition of quality Christian education and remain accessible for generations of students to come.

The LCS Endowment currently holds just over \$10,000,000. Gifts made to the endowment are invested in a restricted fund that is overseen by the



Foundation Board, allowing future growth to be used as dependable income for the school. Contributions to the LCS Endowment provide the school with long-term financial sustainability, ensuring a lasting legacy of quality Christian education in the Lansing area.

PLANNED GIVING

Making a planned gift to Lansing Christian School during your lifetime, or naming LCS in your will or trust, is an investment in the mission of the school and our students. Gifts received from an individual's estate, unless otherwise designated, will be placed in the LCS Endowment. Receiving a planned gift is a huge blessing to LCS and will provide long-term financial sustainability for the school.

In addition to naming LCS in your will or trust, you can designate Lansing Christian School as a beneficiary of your retirement plan or life insurance policy, or you

can create a charitable gift annuity which provides immediate support to the school during your lifetime.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Providing a gift to Lansing Christian School in memory of a friend or relative is a wonderful way to honor their life and commitment to LCS while supporting an exceptional and accessible Christ-centered education. When an honoree or family has requested that gifts be given to Lansing Christian School in lieu of flowers, the donations are made to the Annual Fund unless otherwise specified. In recognition of the individual in whose name a memorial gift was made, a brick is placed outside the main entrance to commemorate their legacy at Lansing Christian School.

Please contact Director of Development John Jones (jjones@lansingchristianschool.org) with any questions about how to make a charitable contribution to the school.





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