



# St. Angela School Giving Report

*July 2016 - June 2017*



# Let us give thanks for all things and at all times!

My Dear Friends,

How richly blessed we are at St. Angela School — there is much for which we are thankful! We have started another school year with our classrooms full of God's beautiful children who are eager to be back (really, they told me!) and teachers who have resumed their places in those rooms with love and enthusiasm.

We are reporting on donations we received this year from hundreds of generous friends without whom our mission would be in jeopardy. In each of these gifts, we see an unspoken contribution from a good friend: a prayer for the success of a young scholar. Thank you for those prayers, these gifts and your confidence in us!

With these donors—our partners—we are engaged in the work of the future: the preparation of scholars to take their place in the world. But it is also the work here on our campus where we dream of children playing, reading and studying outside. It is the work we tackle elsewhere in our buildings, too, to update and make safer our hallways, our stairways, and our gathering places.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you. All my dreams are for the well-being of these children — and all my prayers include our gratitude for you.

*Sr. Maryellen Callahan*

Sr. Maryellen Callahan, RSM, President



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## Green Dreams Update

While we're disappointed to announce that the completion of the demolition project has been delayed, we do continue to meet with the Archdiocese and the demolition contractor to determine just how long the delay will be.

The convent and the rectory are safely down, although not completely cleared away yet. Demolition of the church was postponed to insure safety for the children, just as their safety was the initial reason for the whole demolition project. All parties were concerned that when school is in session the noise, the dust and the heavy-duty machinery of demolition would not be safe for any of us.

We are pleased that despite the delay we are able to begin Phase One of our Green Dreams this fall, including an open play field for the children along Menard Avenue. Moreover, we will have more time for the thoughtful

unveiling of each phase of the project. We will post more information on our website as it is available. We do look forward to having news to share!

One thing we are very happy to say: It is wonderful to look out our west windows and see homes instead of big empty buildings. It makes us feel much more a part of the neighborhood. We hope that everyone will be happy with the completed project.

Thank you for your interest and your good will. Please let us know if you have questions or concerns via email: [demolition@saintangela.org](mailto:demolition@saintangela.org) and please pray for our scholars and their teachers as we begin a new school year.

*Kurt Wittenberg*

Kurt Wittenberg, Principal

# Who are St. Angela donors?

- **We have a database with names of 8,281 constituents; we have addresses for 4,220 of them.** *Where do these names come from? They come from class lists; from names suggested by Board members; from people invited to events or people who come to events as guests of current constituents; people who are part of the parishes that help support us; people who hear about our mission and want to be part of the work we do.*
- **We have 2,671 constituents who are identified as alumni, although we don't always have a class year. Of those, 16 percent (421) are donors.** *How does this compare to other schools? We are always hopeful that this number will grow with greater engagement but it is actually a very good percentage for alumni giving; ten percent is a goal not often reached.*
- **Fifty-eight alumni made their first gift to St. Angela in the fiscal year (FY17) on which we are reporting.** *Of those, approximately half of the gifts were to the Jordan Fund, set up in memory of Jack and Marty Jordan, who are well remembered by alumni of the 1970s and '80s.*
- **Thirty-five donors have supported St. Angela for at least nine consecutive years.** *Our records go back to 2008; we know that people have been giving to our school for longer than that!*
- **Our records show that in those nine years we have received \$2,697,731 in donor support!**

## Gifts / givers by the numbers

Dollars	# Gifts	#Donors	Total	Average
\$500 plus	145	103	\$507,089	\$3,497*
\$100-500	325	235	\$50,829	\$156
\$50-\$100	184	150	\$9,778	\$53
\$25 - \$50	144	118	\$3,872	\$27
under \$25	116	72	\$1,882	\$16

★*This range of gifts includes four grants which dramatically alter the average gift per donor. No gift is too small — or too large — to help the children of St. Angela school!*

# Big Shoulders Fund & Archdiocese of Chicago

The St. Angela School community is very fortunate to enjoy significant financial support from the donors of the Big Shoulders Fund, and both financial and administrative support from the Office of Catholic Schools (OCS) of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Big Shoulders provides scholarship assistance for individual scholars, funds St. Angela's involvement in particular curricular and co-curricular programs, and helps with restricted projects such as campus repairs. The Wyoming summer trip for a group of O'Rourke Prep scholars is a Big Shoulders initiative, one that provides science enrichment and is very popular with St. Angela families.

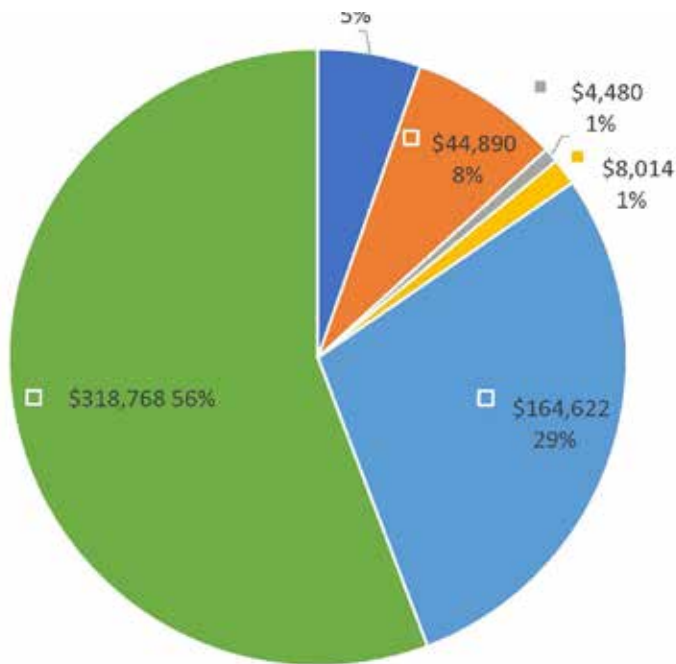
While St. Angela is blessed with generous friends from parishes throughout the Chicago area, in particular a sharing parish, St. Mary of Vernon, we cannot rely on the traditional support of a parish community. In a case like ours, the school relies more heavily on OCS for administrative guidance, financial support, and the oversight that is generally provided by a school district. The partnership with OCS is an important one for school operations.

Because funds from Big Shoulders and OCS are not recorded as income by our Advancement Office, those contributions are not reported here but they are an enormous part of the success of St. Angela School and we are deeply grateful for their support.



*Four of the St. Angela scholars who spent a week in Wyoming this summer, thanks to an exciting program funded by the Big Shoulders Fund. Highlights: mountains, snow, horses, flying, meeting friends from other Chicago schools and a week of science fun with a great SAS teacher Ms. Sarah Blazer!*

# Gifts to St. Angela School by Purpose



- 1 Jordan Fund
- 2 Mahoney Fund
- 3 Mary Kay O'Rourke Fund
- 4 Specific Restricted Programs  
Sr. Maryellen's Garden  
Making Ends Meet  
Memorial Bricks
- 5 Restricted Programs
- 6 Unrestricted Gifts

The numbers in the pie chart are the dollar amounts of the gifts for a particular purpose and the percentage of total gifts for that purpose.

## What are these funds?

The *Jordan Fund* is named in memory of Jack and Marty Jordan and is intended for the support of the athletic and extracurricular programs. The Jordan Fund benefits from special events held by the Jordan family and from directed appeals for specific needs at St. Angela. In 2017, the Jordan Fund helped with significant improvements to the gym, now named the Jack Jordan Gym, and is a program that touches the school lives of every St. Angela scholar.

The *Patrick Mahoney Fund* honors our late Patrons' Board Chair and long-time benefactor, Patrick Mahoney, and provides scholarship funds to families in need. The Mahoney Fund accepts gifts throughout the year, and benefits particularly from an appeal in the early Spring. In keeping with the wonderful spirit of Mr. Mahoney, the fund in his memory is the primary sustaining scholarship fund at our school.

Mary Kay O'Rourke was an educator who dedicated her life to St. Angela scholars. Since her passing in 2012 the community has contributed to a fund in her memory which specifically supports our junior high program, O'Rourke Prep, a dream of Ms. O'Rourke's. The *Mary Kay O'Rourke Fund* addresses the particular academic needs of our sixth, seventh and eighth grade classrooms.

Each year St. Angela offers a chance to help with particular projects, usually in response to a particular need or

occasion. In 2016-17 we launched *Making Ends Meet*, a fund to help augment teacher salaries; *Sr. Maryellen's Garden*, a fund in honor of our President's 60th Jubilee as a Religious Sister of Mercy; and the *Memorial Bricks* program. All of these programs are ongoing, regardless of whether we solicit for them specifically or not. The last two will be incorporated into the *Green Dreams Fund* in this new fiscal year. (*Green Dreams* officially launched with the new fiscal year; gifts to that fund will be reported in 2018.)

When we look at gifts to St. Angela from the perspective of "purpose" the two largest are for restricted (those designated by donor in response to a request) and unrestricted gifts (those given without any designation so to be applied to the best use of the school.) Most of the restricted gifts are from granting agencies, either small private foundations or religious orders. They support particular aspects of the operating budget of St. Angela School or they are used for curriculum enhancement. They help us advance programs while maintaining a good balance with our operating budget.

Unrestricted gifts (those which come in without designation by the donor) are the lifeblood of our school. These are the gifts that benefit the operating budget: they help us provide tuition assistance; they help us pay salaries; and they fill the "gap" between the actual cost of educating a child and the tuition we receive from school parents.

This is a list of St. Angela School donors whose gifts were received between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017. We deeply regret any mistakes or misspellings and hope that you will notify us if we have erred in any way. Thank you!

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“With these donors—our partners—we are engaged in the work of the future.”

*Sr. Maryellen Callahan, RSM*

## Do you have your St. Angela tees?



William Higgins, Class of 1941, arranged for all the St. Angela alumni in his family to have retro baseball tees and gathered a few here to show off their SAS finery.

Do you have yours yet? Proceeds are a part of the Jordan Fund, which benefits the athletic and extracurricular programs at St. Angela. Get yours at [www.saintangela.org](http://www.saintangela.org), or by calling 773.626.2655.



## And have you ordered your brick?



Memorial bricks are part of our Green Dreams Project and will be available on an ongoing basis. Bricks are \$125 (4 by 8 inch brick) or \$250 (8 by 8 inch brick), and are a cool way for you to support St. Angela and honor someone important to you at the same time. Order yours at [www.saintangela.org](http://www.saintangela.org), or by calling 773.626.2655. The first bricks will be "planted" and blessed late next spring.

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“Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable — if anything is excellent or praiseworthy — think on these things.”

Philippians 4:8

# School is open—your gifts are hard at work at St. Angela!



Because of our affiliation with Sr. Maryellen, a Religious Sister of Mercy, we are eligible to seek grant aid from her order. For the last two years, that aid has mainly supported our new literacy series, *Journeys*. The choice of this program for kindergarten through sixth grade has been very popular with teachers and has resulted in improved test scores and reading comprehension. In reporting on the progress with *Journeys*, then second grade teacher Jillian Ruden said, “We are thrilled with the vocabulary practices and the writing assignments and how quickly our students are responding to the “text to text” and “text to self” concepts, ideas that were new to them. This is a wonderful boon for St. Angela boys and girls.” Thank you, Sisters of Mercy!

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St. Joseph Services, the organization that provides afterschool care for St. Angela School, is an outreach of the Daughters of Charity, a religious order which does a great deal of work in the Austin area of Chicago. The administration of St. Angela is expanding our partnership with St. Joseph Services this year for the good of our shared community. Principal Kurt Wittenberg, the chief administrator for St. Angela, says, “St. Angela already benefits from a strong affiliation with the Daughters of Charity (DOC) and we’re deeply grateful for their support. I love working with a supporting organization that is local; they understand the challenges we face in our neighborhood and have an intimate connection with our school families. We depend on that connection as well as their contributions. I silently thank the Daughters of Charity every time they make possible a ‘yes’ to another family!”

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*Sr. Maryellen and third grade friends with just a few of the beautiful backpacks we have received.*

One of the most fun traditions of the start of the school year: the deluge of Target, Jewel and Walgreen’s bags in Sr. Maryellen’s office. Three parishes (St. Thomas of Villanova, St. Juliana and St. Walter) collect school supplies for us to help fill Sr. Maryellen’s “bookstore” and then scholars and volunteers help unpack and sort the bounty. With the generous help of these friends, Sr. Maryellen is able to keep a great inventory of markers, crayons, erasers and notebooks—and loves the frequent visitors who come to her for aid for the rest of the school year. Each fall the parishes provide us with dozens of filled backpacks, spiral notebooks, flash drives, batteries and band-aids. (Donors from St. Thomas and St. Walter return in October with dozens of winter jackets, hats, mittens and scarves!)





*“Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one  
wild and precious life?”*

*Mary Oliver, “The Summer Day”*





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