St. Angela School on the verge of the second hundred years!

My dear friends, This year I celebrated my twenty-fifth year at St. Angela School—and realized that I have been here for just over one quarter of the school's existence. We will celebrate the centenary of our founding in the year 2020. Really, just a few minutes away!

This is remarkable, you know. Schools that have faced fewer challenges than we have are no longer open.

With that in mind, and in the context of our storied history, how wonderful it is to send you this document: an expression of our gratitude for your partnership; and a proud statement of the faith that so many have in our school. And along with our recognition of these wonderful donors, we send news of our recent accomplishments, and of the vision for our future.

We are community. We are family. We are rooted in faith, and committed to helping our extraordinary children become strong, confident and responsible citizens.

Together we carry St. Angela School into the second century of service. We're so glad to have you on this journey!

Sr. Maryeller Cellahan Sr. Maryellen Callahan, RSM

President





We are playing, praying, learning—and still dreaming—outside

It was a spectacular day in May when our scholars first played outside at St. Angela—spectacular weather, but also a joyous day for all of us. We were playing outside, enjoying the faculty vs. student games on a huge green field. We all savored the opportunity to take a deep breath and say, "This is good. This is what these children need."

That was in May. Since then, we've framed out and are outfitting two outdoor classrooms, and have planted another dozen trees and several garden areas. Since then, we've raised the funds to finish the perimeter fence, including gates. We've received a donation of tree stumps that will become stools in a classroom space. This week, our soccer team will be able to practice outside on a gorgeous grass field. All this, a great blessing. Thank you for making it possible.

We are working inside as well and are thrilled to have strong additions to our staff and to welcome some amazing volunteers to the team that is tranforming lives in our corner of Austin. Please read more about them in this report, and on our website, www.



saintangela.org. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram @stangelaschool. We're proud to show off our work but particularly our amazing scholars!

Just Wittenberg

Kurt Wittenberg Principal

New faces, new energy, new initiatives at St. Angela this year!

In addition to the wonderful green that surrounds St. Angela we are adding an exciting new element to the science program for third, fourth and fifth graders. Ms. Kelly Busa, assistant principal, announced the change: a science lab in the heart of these grade level classrooms. "For science we use the FOSS curriculum, which is very hands on—meaning it comes with a lot of materials. So that we can access them easily, and use them most effectively, we need more space. Happily, we have that space this year, an empty classroom on this corridor that we can transform for the shared use of these three grades." Mrs. Cakuls, fourth grade, is thrilled. "Moving science into a lab dedicated to science for our three grades will allow us to prep for experiments beforehand without disrupting our classrooms. It saves a lot of time, plus it helps our scholars change focus. Moving between class locations is helpful for older students—we think our boys and girls are ready and will adjust to the change quickly."



Ms. Blazer, third grade teacher, and some of the FOSS

Mrs. Lauren Fiorentino taught art for many years at St. Angela but this year she answered the call to move downstairs to second grade, leaving big shoes to fill in the art studio. Ms. Aileen Berg stepped into those shoes with great enthusiasm. "My main reason for teaching," she says, "is to give others the same opportunities I was lucky enough to have. I believe that everyone is an artist! My goal as an educator is to make art accessible—and fun—and I look forward to sharing my joy for art with St. Angela students!" A ceramic artist with half a dozen years of teaching experience in various settings, Ms. Berg sees many ways that she and her students can help with the transformation of our campus.



Ms. Berg talks about art with second grade.

This summer we were thrilled to welcome a new volunteer to our community, Mary Darnall, a licensed occupational therapist. Mary has over 40 years of experience and will serve the St. Angela family by working with teachers, parents and the scholars, offering assistance in fine motor skill development, printing, cursive and keyboarding instruction. Mary can also share her expertise on sensory strategies in the classroom. Mary will join the group of literary specialists and Title One teachers who focus on specific skills, thus providing additonal expertise on some of the challenges that our boys and girls face. Ms. Shanahan, one of St. Angela's Title One teachers, says, "We've had a demonstration of just how much an OT can help us at St. Angela; the entire faculty is grateful for this addition to our team."

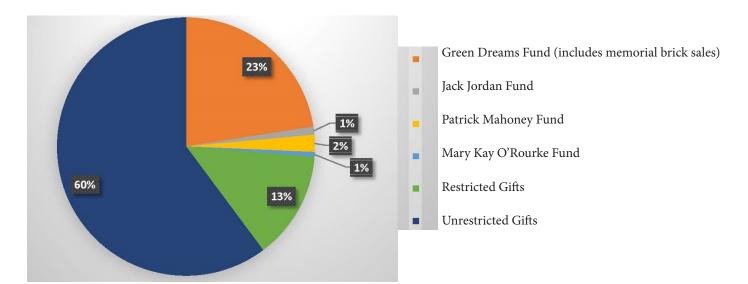


Mrs. Mary Darnall with a former client.



 $As \ part \ of \ an \ engineering \ component \ of \ their \ science \ class \ O'Rourke \ Prep \ sixth \ grade \ scholars \ are \ learning \ how \ to \ build—and \ learning \ how \ to \ do \ it \ collaboratively!$

Gifts to St. Angela School by Purpose



Special Named Funds

Green Dreams is the fund that first appeared among our giving options in Summer 2017. It is the special restricted fund that has allowed us to develop the space on our campus made available by the demolition of empty parish buildings. The money we raised for Green Dreams in FY2018 included money we received for the purchase of engraved bricks, grants from the Wicklander Family Foundation and the Raskob Foundation for Catholic Activities, and gifts from private donors. A current alumni led initiative, Grads Giving Back, is raising funds that are being held in Green Dreams; those funds will be used as directed by the alumni donors.

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 2018, the Jordan Fund gifts were added to the Green Dreams fund with the particular intention of developing outdoor space for gym classes and athletics.

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 and his belief in the value of a St. Angela education, the fund in his memory is the primary sustaining scholarship fund in our school budget.

The *Mary Kay O'Rourke Fund* addresses the particular academic needs of our sixth, seventh and eighth grade classrooms. Ms. O'Rourke was the beloved teacher and principal whose vision for our scholars included the special opportunities for building family that the O'Rourke Prep "houses" afford St. Angela.

Unnamed Funds

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. Restricted gifts also include special initiatives that we have launched at St. Angela, programs like Making Ends Meet, a fund that provides special faculty support.

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.

Gifts of any size, and directed to assist with any of our stated needs, are deeply appreciated. Your partnership is the key to our success. Thank you!



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Love and Gratitude from St. Angela School!

In addition to financial contributions, we receive many gifts of goods, most of which go directly to the children. Four parishes provide school supplies, winter coats, and Christmas gifts for the boys and girls of St. Angela.

This year the timing of the school supply drives conducted by our parish partners coincided with the timing of our used uniform sale so we set up our own back-to-school pop-up store and invited our school families to come visit. Scholars, parents and grandparents were thrilled to come and shop in Cunningham Hall! Sr. Maryellen, the official keeper of our "bookstore" – where the remainder of the supplies are kept – had some help from her third grade neighbors in sorting and storing the inventory. Many thanks to all our good friends at St. Mary of Vernon, St. Thomas of Villanova, St. Juliana, and St. Walter for the generous response to the call for supplies. You make our entire year a celebration of friendship!



T A **7** e are extremely fortunate this year to V have shared our Green Dreams with Tari Delisi of Delisi Designs, a partner who worked tirelessly to help us shape a vision for St. Angela campus and then to realize that vision. Tari did what we expected: met with us, learned about our community and our goals for the new space. She designed gardens, chose plant materials and, as the project manager, contacted vendors, arranged for deliveries and supervised installations. All that would have been a wonderful gift for us. But Tari did not stop there: Tari showed up regularly to weed and water; she became a strong advocate for us, finding agencies—including the City of Chicago—to donate materials (and sometimes services) to help us realize our dreams. She has adjusted plans downward when the budget required it; she has found alternatives when circumstances demanded it. And throughout this process she has been optimistic, gracious and enthusiastic. Love and gratitude to you, Tari!



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

Phillipians 4:8