

MISSION VISION PASSION

Annual Fund

As you consider giving to the Notre Dame de Sion School Annual Fund, here are some questions and answers to help guide you.

As a member of the Sion community, what is expected of me and how can I help? In order for Sion to be the best, we ask for active participation in the life of the school. Participation comes in different forms, but first and foremost we hope all families and friends will offer a financial gift to the Annual Fund according to their ability to give. We also encourage our families and friends to volunteer time.

What is the Annual Fund? The Annual Fund is our annual giving campaign that runs in conjunction with the school's fiscal year of July 1 - June 30. The Annual Fund provides the additional funds needed to cover the actual cost of operating the school. The Annual Fund is made up of gifts from parents, alumni, faculty and staff, parents of alumni, former faculty and staff, grandparents, friends and Board of Trustee members.

How much am I expected to give? We ask our community to give to the best of their ability and at a level that demonstrates the value placed on an extraordinary education.

What does the Annual Fund do for Sion? The Annual Fund provides resources for the operating budget, which supports everything from the latest technology and hardware, to the best teaching tools and classroom equipment, athletic and arts programs, safety and security for the campus, maintenance and upkeep, financial assistance, as well as faculty salaries and compensation. The Annual Fund supports all aspects of the school from the nitty-gritty to the inspiring.

Why is participation so important? High participation signals institutional strength and school pride. It also means that more individuals are sharing the responsibility to support the school.

Why does Sion ask for contributions instead of simply increasing the tuition? As is the case with most independent schools, tuition does not cover the total cost of education each student. Contributions to the Annual Fund make up the difference needed to cover the actual cost of operating the school. Augmenting tuition through charitable gifts helps keep tuition at a competitive rate and provides many important programs and improvements that are essential to our mission. It's also a way for you to receive a deduction on your income tax, to the extent allowed by law.

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Other Things to Know About the Sion Annual Fund

- You can be confident your gift is going to be well used.
- Your gift matters, no matter the size.
- There is a place and a purpose for every gift at Sion.
- All annual fund gifts support Notre Dame de Sion's overall operating budget.
- The Board of Trustees retain the discretion to use annual giving to support general operations should contributions to a particular purpose exceed the expenditure limits provided in the operating budget.
- A gift from a family counts as participation in ALL their children's grade levels. Families are counted as participating by giving or pledging with commitment complete by June 30, 2016.
- Gifts to the Annual Fund are 100% tax deductible.
- All donors will be listed on our online Donor Wall and in the Annual Report.
- Auction gifts do NOT count as Annual Fund donations