

A GUIDE TO GIVING

at Ancona



WHEN YOU GIVE TO ANCONA, YOU ARE GIVING OUR STUDENTS THE BEST EDUCATION POSSIBLE

For 60 years, Ancona has been educating students to lead with empathy, engage with their communities, and empower themselves and others to make a positive impact on our world. We are a community built upon diversity and inclusivity—a community in which everyone has the power to make a difference. Part of our social justice mission and one of Ancona's core values is philanthropy.

We know that choosing to send your child to an independent school is a financial investment. For all families, the cost of tuition can be a stretch; in fact, 45% of families at Ancona receive some form of tuition assistance. And, at independent schools like Ancona, tuition does not cover the full cost of educating

each child. We rely on the generosity of our families and community members to help bridge that gap every year and to volunteer their time. We are proud to claim that our most significant source of giving is from our current and alumni families. What matters most is participation; every year, we encourage 100% of our families to give—that's our greatest goal.

By giving to the school, you're providing our students with the best resources, teachers, and spaces to learn and grow. From supporting teachers in their pursuit of the latest pedagogy to funding financial assistance to keep Ancona accessible to a wider population, your gifts are crucial to carrying out our mission.

80% 100%

of costs are
covered by tuition;
philanthropy closes
the gap

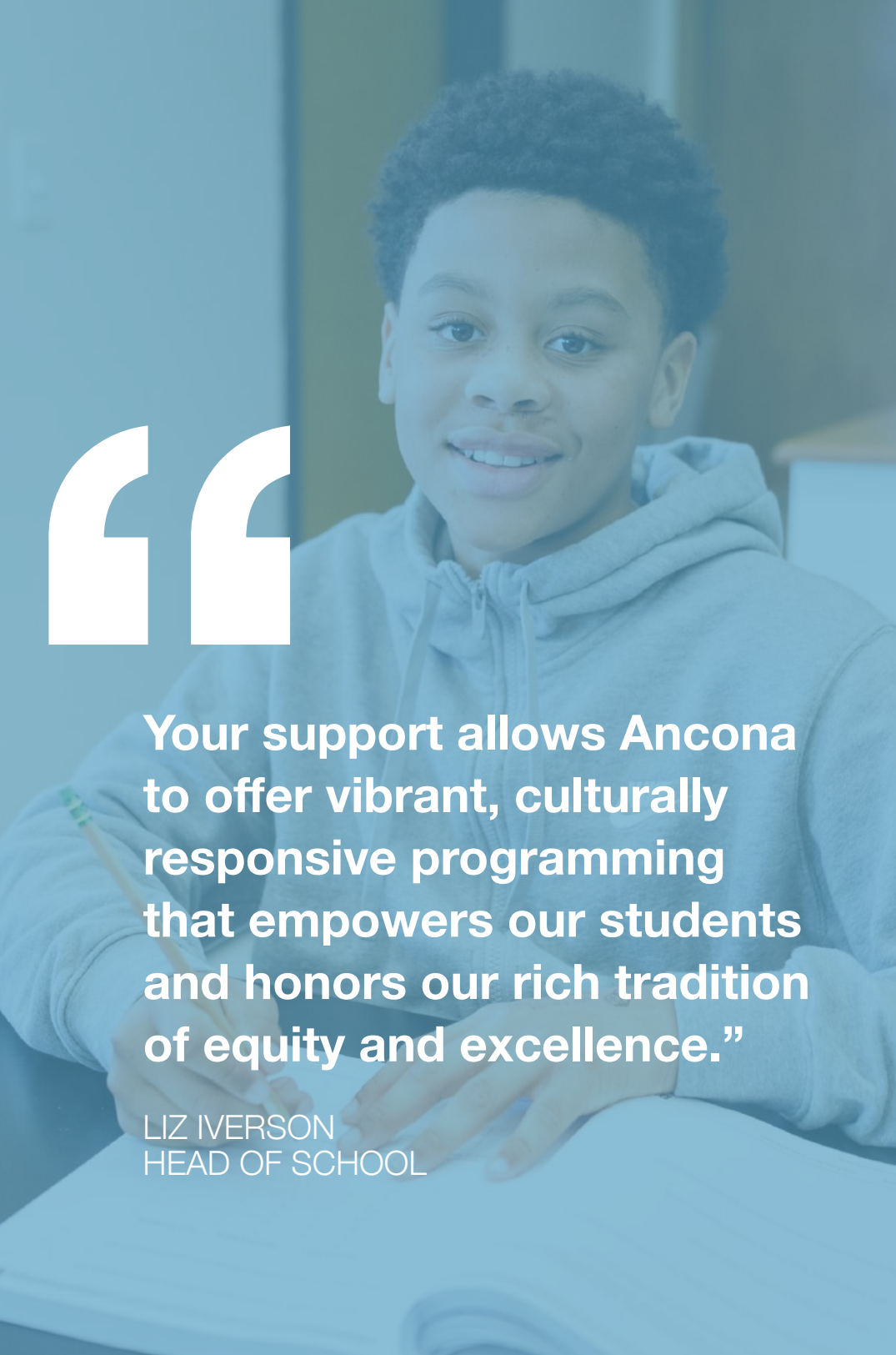
our goal for
family
participation

145

avg. number
of gifts to the
annual fund

30%

of families
volunteer
each year



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**Your support allows Ancona
to offer vibrant, culturally
responsive programming
that empowers our students
and honors our rich tradition
of equity and excellence.”**

LIZ IVERSON
HEAD OF SCHOOL

WHERE DO GIFTS GO?

All gifts carry a big impact with tangible outcomes. When you give to Ancona, you're giving directly to a teacher, program, or initiative. Here's how some of your recent donations have benefitted our community:

\$9,000 launched the first year of the school's partnership with the Chicago Women's Health Center, providing comprehensive health education to students in 4th-8th grade.

\$5,000 helped upgrade the classroom furniture for one of our pre-primary classrooms.

\$4,300 sent a faculty/staff member to the New Leaders training at the National SEED (Seeking Educational Equity and Diversity) Project last year.

\$870 funded solar panel studies for outdoor learning.

\$545 provided a 3-D printer and magnetic whiteboards for the art rooms.

\$500 funded the Builder's Curriculum during the 2021-22 school year.



I volunteer for our beloved Ancona to give back a little of so much that is given to our family through embracing and educating our child. Every little bit counts and makes our community better."

MARIA LUNA-DUARTE, P '28

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

1 GIVE TO THE ANNUAL FUND

The annual fund supports the school's operating expenses for the current school year and it's one of our top fundraising priorities. We ask all Ancona families to make a gift at the amount that feels right for them. Truly, it's participation that matters most.

2 ATTEND THE GALA

The gala is a themed evening for parents, faculty, and staff held every spring to raise at least \$100,000 for important initiatives like tuition assistance and operating costs.

3 BECOME A LEGACY

Make a transformative gift to the school to sustain it for the next 60 years through including Ancona in your will or trust.

4 GIVE TO THE ENDOWMENT

Our endowment helps fund the school in perpetuity. Ask about our most recent endowment, the Bonnie Wishne Endowment for Faculty Compensation.

5 PARTNER WITH THE SCHOOL AS A VOLUNTEER

As volunteers, parents lend their expertise, gain a greater understanding of the school, and develop long-lasting relationships. There are a variety of opportunities, like chaperoning camping trips, becoming a room parent, and serving on the Board.

WAYS TO GIVE

- Online at anconaschool.org/support
- In person or by mail
- Stocks or bonds
- Establish paid installments via your contract
- Estate or planned giving
- Gifts in kind
- Matching gifts
- Small project proposal

For more details, visit anconaschool.org

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHY AM I BEING ASKED TO CONTRIBUTE WHEN I ALREADY PAY TUITION?

Philanthropy is a critical component of every independent school. Tuition only covers 80% of the cost to educate a student. Ancona depends on the generosity of our community to be leaders in educational excellence, providing students with a deep understanding and the collaborative skills to navigate the increasingly complex world. A gift to Ancona ensures that the school has the resources necessary to continue to deliver an excellent educational experience and to grow and thrive into the future.

WHY DOESN'T THE SCHOOL JUST RAISE TUITION TO COVER THE FULL COST OF EDUCATING EACH CHILD?

Though tuition often increases, Ancona is committed to keeping tuition as affordable as possible to ensure a diverse cross section of families have access to an Ancona education. While Ancona offers a truly unique educational experience, we must be intentional about where our tuition falls within the educational marketplace. Tuition alone cannot support any educational institution. The gap between what is covered by tuition and the true cost of educating each child is covered through the generosity of our community.

IF TUITION IS ALREADY A FINANCIAL STRETCH FOR MY FAMILY, HOW CAN I GIVE?

Participation is what matters most. It's not the size of the gift that matters, but the gift itself. Giving is a demonstration of a commitment to our students' education and confidence in the school's future. Our annual fund participation rate speaks volumes about the community's investment in the school. We encourage each family to give in the ways that feel right for them. Every gift makes a meaningful impact on our students' education and our future.

HOW MUCH OF A DIFFERENCE DOES MY GIFT TRULY MAKE TO ANCONA?

As a small, independent school, we rely heavily on the support from our families, alumni, and community partners. Every gift matters and every gift is a remarkable investment in students' education today and in the future of Ancona tomorrow.