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# Echo Horizon School

is a special place with a unique mission - to educate deaf and hard of hearing children side by side in an inclusive environment in which self-reliance and mutual respect are valued and encouraged. The curriculum is designed to be challenging and developmentally appropriate for each learner. EHS is recognized within the Los Angeles community for its academic excellence, child friendly environment and award winning arts and technology programs. EHS graduates are noted for their competence, inquisitiveness and self-confidence.

Our comprehensive program and well governed, financially healthy institution would not be possible without the generosity of our active and committed community of current and alumni families. Your participation is a large part of the School's success.

We all make choices about the causes we support and the donations we make. When you join the Echo Horizon School community we ask that you put the school at the top of your giving list.



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# A Guide to Giving

at Echo Horizon School

# Giving Opportunities

## **ANNUAL GIVING:**

Tuition alone does not cover the school's annual operating expenses. Annual Giving is a tax-deductible opportunity to support the school and make it possible for us to bridge the gap between tuition income and expenses. Each fall, the Annual Giving committee asks our entire community, parents, grandparents, alumni, faculty and staff, to join together to meet our goals. We have a "dollar" goal and a 100% participation goal.

## **SPRING EVENT - AUCTION/DINNER:**

The EHS Parent Association coordinates our major fundraising event of the year. It is a dinner that includes silent, live and on-line auctions and a program/dedication book. Proceeds from this event are used towards the operating expenses of the school and subsidize our financial aid program.

## **BUILDING FUND – BUILDING ON SUCCESS:**

Capital giving supports the long-range strategic, physical and financial goals of the school. Capital campaigns usually target new facilities, major renovations or the building of an endowment. Building on Success was a capital campaign to finance the 2006 expansion of our physical plant. The Building Fund was established to retire the remaining debt incurred during that renovation and expansion. We expect every family to make a one-time gift to the Building Fund during their second year at the School. Because capital gifts are larger, pledges may be paid over several years. They are fully tax deductible.

## **FINANCIAL AID FUND:**

In the spring of 2009 the Board of Trustees established a \$1 million Financial Aid Fund, seeded by a \$400,000 gift from an established Southern California charitable foundation and three additional gifts from individuals totaling \$100,000. Gifts to the Financial Aid Fund enable us to increase tuition assistance both in terms of the overall amount and the number of families receiving assistance.

# Ways to Give

- Cash gifts are the most common, however, we do accept payment with Visa or Mastercharge credit cards.
- Matching gifts that may be available through your employer can often double or even triple your contribution. The business office can assist you in this process.
- Common stock gifts allow the donor to receive the fair market value of appreciated securities at the time the gift is made, and avoid capital gains tax on the appreciated value of the stock. Please contact the business office for further details.

# Volunteering



## **COMMUNITY OUTREACH:**

Instilling in our students an ethic of generosity is an important part of what makes Echo Horizon School special. We do this by incorporating service learning opportunities into the curriculum. In addition, our faculty and Parent Association organize opportunities for families to give back to our local community. These include the Thanksgiving Project and the Holiday Book and Toy Drive. These activities require both time and resources from EHS families.

## **PARENT ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES:**

The EHS Parent Association organizes many activities that depend on the support of EHS families for their success. Many of these, such as the Halloween Carnival, volunteering in the library or serving hot lunch, benefit the children directly. There are many avenues for volunteering your time and resources.

# Our Legacy



The responsibility for maintaining, enhancing and nurturing Echo Horizon School's excellence rests with all members of the community.

Our success is rooted in a unique combination of the leadership of our administration and the dedication, inspiration and guidance of an exemplary teaching staff, and is completed by the community of families, who are the custodians of the School's future. Echo Horizon School's ability to serve the educational needs of our children is the result of the commitment made by all of us. Thank you to each of you for generously supporting Echo Horizon School.

# Calendar

Annual Giving .....	October
Thanksgiving Project .....	November (community service)
Holiday Toy and Book Drive .....	December (community service)
Spring Event .....	January - May (including preparation)
Building Fund - Building On Success .....	Ongoing
Financial Aid Fund .....	Ongoing