

The *Warrior Partner*

For donors, alumni,
family, and friends of
Liberty Christian School

FALL 2020



*Your part
makes all the
difference!*

Thank you for being a Warrior partner!

By definition, a partner is someone who shares a certain interest. It's a valued relationship, where individuals are on the same team. As a partner of Liberty Christian School, your family contributes to promoting and supporting Liberty's mission, which is to provide a holistic college preparatory education in a nurturing, Christ-centered environment. This Warrior Partner impact newsletter celebrates you, and our mission is more important than ever!

"We are in a battle to prepare our children for much more than just a college education. We are preparing them for an ever-changing world where the absence of God's truth challenges the very core of their identities," said President Blair McCullough. **"The prevalent worldviews affect their ability to see the world as God sees it and their ability to determine their place in it. Your support helps us prepare our students to be the next generation of godly leaders."**

Because of your generous partnership, Liberty recognizes and develops the unique characteristics of individual students through rich academic, co-curricular, and spiritual life programs to prepare them to fulfill God's purpose for their lives.

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Why Your Giving Matters at Liberty

As educators in our school and in Christ, Liberty Christian shapes kingdom builders and servant leaders to be a positive force in our culture and world. **At Liberty, students aren't just students – they are a mind, body, and soul, capable of marvelous achievements.**

The faculty and staff care deeply about each student and family. **That's why we partner with parents and take a community approach to ensure students who walk our halls feel safe and receive the educational and spiritual attention they deserve.**

At Liberty, we don't just teach about God in school; we teach as Jesus taught. With sincerity, compassion, and faithfulness, **we offer a wide array of opportunities for students to uncover their path to success.**

With our foundation in Christ and with our student-centric approach, we instill confidence in parents as they see their children gaining more than just an understanding of math, science, history, and language arts. **We develop students to be compassionate, well-rounded leaders with servant hearts to make a positive impact in the world.**





"I believe 100 percent in the vision and mission of our school, and my hope in giving is that it changes students' lives for eternity."

THE **HEART** BEHIND THE GIVING

Johnny Isom In his early coaching days at Liberty's original campus in Denton, now Athletic Director Johnny Isom remembers his start as a coach here in football, baseball, basketball, and track.

After playing seven years of professional baseball years ago, Coach Isom had a friend who worked at Liberty that suggested he come and speak to students in athletics, and the rest is history. He said his first impression of Liberty was sensing the presence of the Lord. Since coming to Liberty in 2001, Coach Isom has had the opportunity to give back to the school where he works and his daughter attends.

When he gave his first gift to Liberty many years ago, he said it was an easy decision to support the work and the people here. What surprised him in giving to Liberty was how rewarding it was to give to the Lord's kingdom.

When he made his most recent donation to the school, he said he felt like he was making a difference. "People may come and go, but the purpose of Liberty Christian School never changes, and that is the beauty of it."

Coach Isom's advice to anyone considering giving to Liberty is to pray about it first, and then visit the school, walk the hallways, and meet some of the students and staff. "That will be all it takes," he said. When asked what he wished everyone knew about giving to Liberty, he added, "Every little bit could change a life. The school doesn't belong to us - it is His school, and I am deeply honored to be a part of it."

Cindy Sanchez Little did Cindy Sanchez know that when she came to Liberty as a kindergarten teacher fresh out of college that this school would become like her second home. “I am so thankful God led me to Liberty 26 years ago,” she said. “The smiles of my kindergartners bring such joy to my life every day, and the wonderful people I get to teach with are like family to me.”

When Cindy married, she held her wedding in the school cafeteria filled with décor for the ceremony and the attendance of all of her students and their families who had prayed over the years for her and her future husband. A few years later, their young son began as a Wee Warrior in Liberty’s preschool and is now in third grade.

“My prayer is that Liberty will be here for years to come, making a difference in the lives the Lord brings our way,” she said. “I pray for my own son to be a part of Liberty until he graduates, and who knows, maybe one day, my grandchildren will be able to attend.”

Before she came to Liberty, she remembers hearing people from her church talk about Liberty, saying students were taught the ways of Jesus every day.

She recalled the positive godly attitudes in the people when she first came to Liberty and the amazing mentors she has had along the way.

When Mrs. Sanchez donates to Liberty, she feels blessed knowing that she was a part of pouring into future leaders. “I believe in this school and the mission to draw students closer to our Lord,” she said. “It is a worthy cause that has eternal value.”

Faculty donors give back to Liberty

“There is something special about this school – the peace and joy of Jesus radiates the hallways.”



Celebrating the Good - a few ways the Liberty Community gives back!

Financial gifts create a lifeline to building and sustaining our community, providing an important way for our families to make a difference at Liberty. We believe that everything is possible with your support. **Thank you for making all the difference!**

Liberty Students Love Outdoor Learning

Our new outdoor classrooms have become an important part of our campus that will be used for learning and activities. These areas provide a gathering place for academics, co-curriculars, and community building, while providing a great opportunity for collaboration, creativity, and fun for many years to come.

Celebrating the Gift of Phase 1

Four donated concrete pads have been installed, and donated outdoor furniture is on its way.

Phase 2

More details to come!



Primary School students celebrating the new concrete pads for the four outdoor classrooms.



Artist Rendering



< Liberty Grandparents Give Back

The Grandparents Association created the "Taste of Liberty" cookbook to sell as a fundraiser. Recently, the association presented a check to Liberty for \$3,460.80 to be used for Teacher Sustainability.

\$124,000 donated to Upper School technology >

School-issued MacBook Air laptops were provided to all Upper School students. What a valuable resource for learning!



< More than \$26,000 has been donated

this fall to support the school as needed. Support for general operational school expenditures is critical to our success, allowing Liberty to continue to offer exceptional programs and activities.



\$13,655 in Jeans Day participation funds >

has been raised to date to support mission trips and activities.



T E S T I M O N I A L S

Your Generosity Changes Lives

"My daughter is already thriving at Liberty and proud to be a Warrior. She told us one day, 'Liberty is not like any other school. Everyone is so kind, friendly, and helpful. They said nice things to me on the first day, and the kids liked how positive I was. I found friends right away. It was so nice in class. Everyone was polite to the teachers, and everyone was respectful. I am so excited about my Bible class. Can I read you a Psalm that I read aloud in class to you tonight?' She is always smiling ear to ear every day when we pick her up, and she says to us, 'I love it here. There is definitely no other school like it.' She feels safe at Liberty to take a risk and pursue her faith, and we couldn't be happier. Thank you for an incredible opportunity for our daughter!"

"I do not cry easily! But as I think about the blessing of my son being at Liberty, it brings tears to my eyes. I know my son is loved and cared for by the Liberty family. We fight our battles on our knees, and I feel so overwhelmed by the covering of prayer that is being poured over my child. I have been an educator for more than 20 years, and I am completely impressed with the learning that is happening at Liberty, even in the first few weeks of school. The world says it takes a village, but I believe it takes a family, and we are so blessed to be welcomed into the Liberty Family."

Tuition Assistance

\$873,404

was awarded to

more than 100 students



Your Generosity Made a Difference

The COVID pandemic has caused uncertainty in all of our lives. During this last spring, it became clear that COVID was also causing financial uncertainty with many families currently enrolled at Liberty. The **Hope is Not Canceled Grant Program** was created to help address this important issue with families. Through the support of our partners, many families have been blessed to remain at Liberty.

Hope is Not Canceled Grant Program

\$163,212

was awarded to

32 students

who were able to stay at Liberty Christian because of your generosity.



Now you know! Your voice is critical for recruiting and retaining outstanding students and building our network of Warriors everywhere. Here are a few **fun facts** to share about our community. Let's celebrate these qualities that make **Liberty Christian School the place to be!**

In the February "The Warrior Partner" newsletter, look for all-school academic highlights.



Our Warrior Marching Band requires more than 45-50 hours of practice and rehearsal to fully learn the music and formations of one song. For a typical halftime show, the Warrior Marching Band performs three songs.

Project Lead the Way provides formative learning experiences for kindergarten-12th grade students by creating engaging, hands-on classroom environments that empower students to develop in-demand knowledge and skills they need to thrive.



Warrior Vision classes have produced films throughout the school year that have placed first the last three years in the TAPPS 6A Short Film Competitions and first the last two years in Documentary.

Upper and Middle School Digital Media classes are broadcasting on LCTV from their donated studio set from CBS 11. Students and parents can watch all broadcasts through the LCTV YouTube channel.



There are murals in the Middle School hallway that are designed and painted by current 8th graders.

A school record of 72 students, including grades 5-12, signed up for "Mary Poppins" auditions, which will debut February 18-21.



The Upper School Sports Performance program integrated two new systems for training: PUSH measures bar velocity when benching and squatting, and Free Lap digitally measures athletes max velocity and miles per hour. Twenty-one athletes have tested faster than 20mph.

In lieu of traditional chapels, 6th-12th grade students engage in discussions while in a small group setting facilitated by their advisor each week. Our Middle and Upper School pastors create videos and questions for students to discuss as they walk out their faith and apply these important spiritual principles to their lives.



In 2015, Liberty started youth athletics with two sports. Now, Liberty Youth Athletics organizes and manages eight sports with 300 multisport participants from Pre-K to fifth grade.

75 seniors painted personal parking spots this year. Liberty started this tradition with the Senior Class of 2018.



To provide our families a new opportunity for online learning, Liberty Connect was created this past summer with 76 students. Additionally, five families are enrolled in Liberty Connect who are currently not in the state of Texas. Liberty learning can happen anywhere and anytime!

More than 10 percent of our 2020 graduates continued their sport at the collegiate level.



Our Spiritual Life Department partners with K-5 students and parents by offering family discussion guides.

An Upper School student medaled and won the rare and highly sought-after Gold Seal for her sculpture, "Widowed," at the Texas Art Educators Association Visual Art Scholastic Event (TAEA VASE) State Contest – Liberty's first Gold Seal! Our art program has also won first place at TAPPS state for six of the last seven years.



The graduates of 2020 are the only Liberty Christian class to have had their graduation ceremony and prom at Warrior Stadium.

Save the Date – Share With Others



Denim & Rhinestones

Laughter, Community, Support
for the Liberty Mission
February 27, 2021

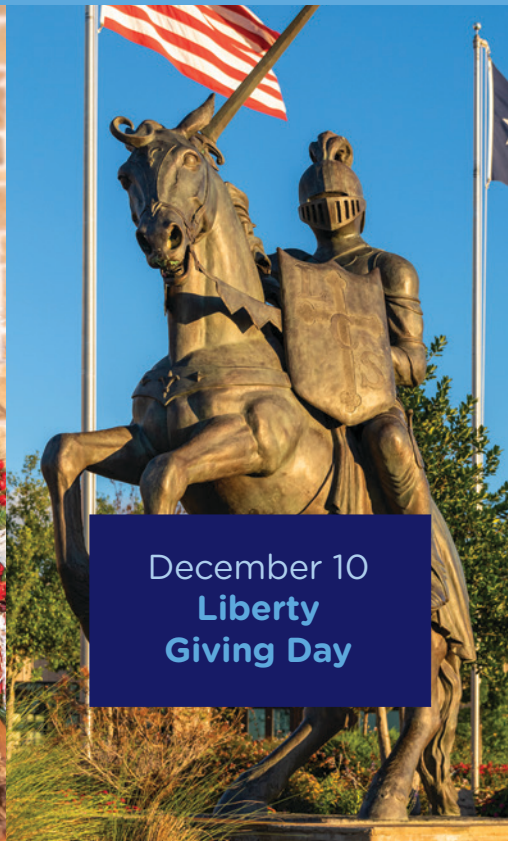
Auction

Purchase a table and tickets now!

Find out more at www.libertychristian.com/auction



November 11-18
**Christmas
Tree and Wreath
Auction**



December 10
**Liberty
Giving Day**



April 21, 2021
Ladies Tea

2019/2020 Fiscal Year in Philanthropy – *A Look Back*

Throughout the 2019 fiscal year, the generosity of hundreds of donors, alumni, family, and friends for initiatives like STEM, tuition assistance, missions, and more empowered students and faculty to accomplish the extraordinary in everyday life at Liberty. Liberty community partners came together to show how much they believe in the mission of Liberty Christian School.

The Heart of Liberty Gala last fall at the Speedway Club with the 43rd President of the United States George W. Bush was a night to remember. Dr. Blair McCullough said, **“The gala was the best fundraising event I have ever attended. President Bush was certainly a highlight of the evening, but there were so many great moments that worked together to create an amazing atmosphere and ultimately an amazing night.”** More than 630 people came together to be a part of this exciting community event. The participation of the Liberty community was key to a successful gala honoring our Liberty staff. Because of our amazing partners, \$442,000 was raised to support the Teacher Sustainability Initiative.

Thank you, Warrior Partners, for making the difference!

GIVING

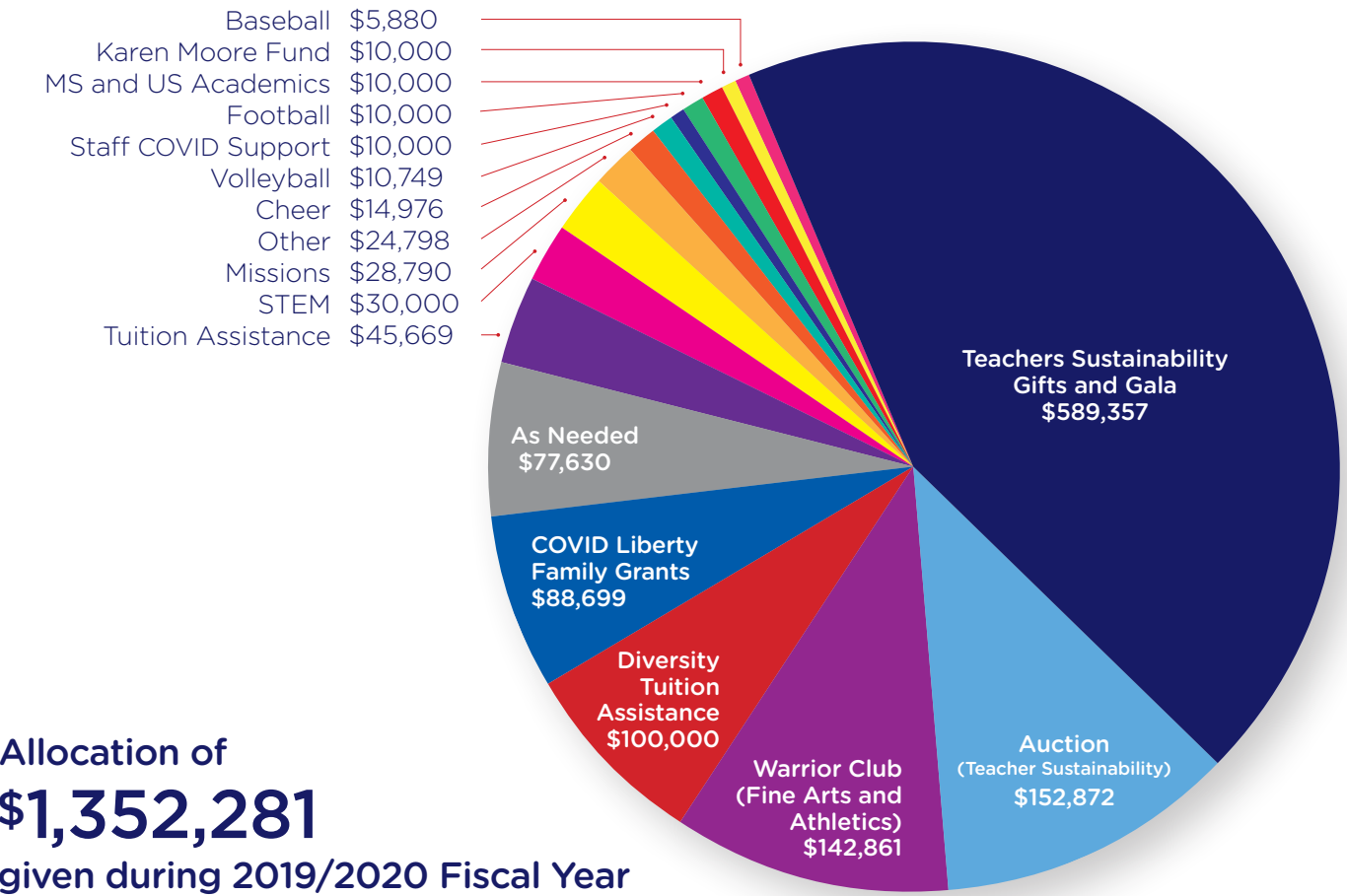
Total Giving \$1,352,281
Annual Fund: \$1,209,420
Warrior Club Support: \$142,861

DONORS

590

ANNUAL GIFTS

1,520 Total
12 gifts \$20,000 to \$100,000
22 gifts \$10,000 to \$19,999
28 gifts \$5,000 to \$9,999
184 gifts \$1,000 to \$4,999
1,274 gifts \$1 to \$999



2020/2021 Fiscal Year in Philanthropy – *Fall Update*

The Warrior Difference Annual Fund Giving

We encourage volunteering and giving to help transform education and experiences for our students and families. Financial gifts create a lifeline to building and sustaining our community, providing an important way for our families to make a difference at Liberty.

Like most private schools, tuition at Liberty Christian covers only 85 percent of the cost to educate. Every gift makes a difference!

Your support for general operational school expenditures is critical to our success. We have also identified multiple areas within the school for growth that will provide opportunities to advance the passions and interests of each student and family. We believe that everything is possible with your support. Your giving makes the difference!

The Warrior Difference Annual Fund Goal – \$1,024,000

Apart from the Warrior Difference Annual Fund, highlighted below are two additional areas where your gifts can directly impact important initiatives for our students and teachers.

Tuition Assistance Goal – \$1,000,000

Embracing the Value of Community – Tuition Assistance

Promoting a diverse socioeconomic and cultural community: Provides partial needs-based tuition assistance to more than 100 students, giving them the opportunity to be a part of the Liberty community.

Teacher Sustainability Goal – \$254,000

Enhancing the Faculty Compensation Model

Rewards teachers for advanced degrees and relevant certifications, and raises their salaries to compete with market standards. After generous donations to date, the 20-21 fiscal year goal is \$254,000 to continue moving toward the overall goal of \$1.6 million, leading Liberty into a competitive market that allows our community to keep and hire the best Christian professional educators.

How to Make a Gift

- Donate online at www.libertychristian.com/give
- Call Development Officer Ashley Jordan at 940-294-2054 or Vice President of Advancement Dedra Brynn at 940-294-2129



38.9% of the Warrior Difference Annual Fund goal raised as of November 10.