

A GUIDE FOR DONORS

TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE



SAN MIGUEL SCHOOLS
CHICAGO

*“Education is not the filling of a pail,
but the lighting of a fire.”*

– WILLIAM BUTLER YEATS

THIS BOOKLET IS ALL ABOUT CHOICES. Our students at San Miguel Schools Chicago choose to work hard and achieve an education that can open up a world of future possibilities to them. And you can choose to support our schools, our students and our teachers in a way that reflects your own preferences and passions.

When choosing where to invest your resources, you want the assurance that you are making wise decisions that align with your own goals. That's why, as a philanthropic partner with San Miguel Schools Chicago, you can:

- > Invest in our students
- > Support our teachers
- > Provide resources for the quality education materials and buildings that enhance the learning experience.

Our Donor Giving Guide lets you choose where you want to invest, and how you want to impact our students. Perhaps your goal is to make a lasting difference by investing in the life of one student, or you want to help the school function at a higher level for the benefit of young men and women.

Finally, you can choose how to be involved. At San Miguel, options for participation include **financial contributions**, **volunteering of time** and **in-kind contributions**. All three can make a dramatic difference for our students and their future success.

Your choice to participate with San Miguel Schools Chicago helps strengthen the 325-year-old Lasallian legacy of providing a holistic and academically relevant Catholic education to children whose potential is otherwise limited by social, academic or financial challenges. You fulfill the dreams of parents who desire, but cannot afford, a private quality education for their sons and daughters. You enable us to empower our students to discover their innate talents, learn valuable skills needed for learning and life, and become responsible citizens.

Thank you for choosing to give generously of yourself and your resources to help us educate young minds for life.

FINANCIAL GIFTS — STUDENTS



SCHOLARSHIPS

IT COSTS JUST OVER \$12,000 to educate each one of our students.

This is what they receive in return:

- > 183 days of instruction each school year
- > Extended day that includes homework and tutoring time
- > Individualized instruction to meet our students' diverse academic needs
- > Co-curricular activities (competitive athletics, chess, intermurals, etc.)
- > Academic and personal counseling
- > Social services available to students and their families
- > Breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack
- > Graduate Support Program
- > 9:1 student-teacher ratio
- > Educational opportunities for parents

“We can tell our values by looking at our checkbook stubs.”

— GLORIA STEINEM

SCHOLARSHIP SPONSORS demonstrate their commitment to San Miguel School Chicago's mission by making an investment in the life of a deserving child. Each student receives a \$12,000 scholarship upon enrollment, which covers the operational expenses typically offset by tuition in most private, independent schools.

Through your participation in this program, you can help provide the resources needed for a child to attend San Miguel Chicago. In so doing, you not only make a dramatic difference in the life of a child, but also serve as an example of the compassion and selflessness we strive to instill in our students and future leaders.

GOAL: To have 170 students fully sponsored

LEVELS:

- > **\$12,000 San Miguel Sponsor** – A scholarship at this level fully funds one academic year for a student, and also covers that student's portion of the Graduate Support Program
- > **\$10,000 De La Salle Sponsor** – A scholarship at this level funds one full year of a student's academic career at San Miguel Chicago
- > **\$5,000 Companion on the Journey Sponsor** – A scholarship at this level funds half of a student's academic career San Miguel Chicago





ALL FAMILIES ARE EXPECTED to contribute \$75 per month (\$750 annually + \$250 for graduation fee for 8th graders). For those families experiencing extreme financial hardship, families can opt to volunteer their time assisting in various tasks that need to be completed in the school.

FAMILY AND GRADUATE SUPPORT SCHOLARSHIPS

Because our mission does not end with middle school, our Graduate Support Program exists to ensure that our graduates will complete high school with a diploma. We maintain relationships and continue to provide customized services to graduates at no cost to them. We want to provide each graduate with a scholarship which defrays the cost of this program.

GOAL: \$2,000 per graduate

COST BREAKDOWN: Cover the cost to support 182 graduates and their families with tutoring and mentor programs

FINANCIAL GIFTS — FACULTY FOCUSED

IT IS IDEAL to have a classroom with everything needed for good instruction, but nothing beats a compassionate, high-qualified teacher to make instruction happen.

GOAL: Math teacher, Science teacher, Art teacher, Language Arts teacher

COST BREAKDOWN: annual salary and health benefits

CONTINUING EDUCATION

GOAL: To provide the opportunity for faculty to take graduate school courses or continuing education credits.

COST: \$12,000 to provide one year or three graduate courses for two teachers.



FINANCIAL GIFTS — FACILITY



OUR GOAL IS TO PREPARE STUDENTS TO UTILIZE technological resources as they move into high school, college, and later the workforce. As a result, we are looking for caring partners to invest so we can purchase 70 laptop computers to equip San Miguel students with the technological skills they need for tomorrow's careers.

GOAL: 70 laptops

COST BREAKDOWN: \$850/each or \$60,000

“I’m a great believer that any tool that enhances communication has profound effects in terms of how people can learn from each other, and how they can achieve the kind of freedoms that they’re interested in.”

– BILL GATES

BUILDING REPAIRS

THOUGH SAN MIGUEL SCHOOLS uses an innovative approach to teaching, the physical buildings are a few steps behind. Several upgrades are needed to repair the aging Gary Comer Campus.

GOAL: Replace damaged skylights (windows) in the gym

COST: \$12,000

GOAL: Repair plumbing for toilets and sinks in the restrooms to conserve water resources

COST: \$3,000

GOAL: Refinish the gym floor

COST: \$2,200





LIBRARY

OUR STUDENTS are offered 80 minutes of independent or guided reading each school day. Our libraries are well used and the collections are regularly in need of updating and expansion. Providing our students with high interest books is one of the ways we help them move up and beyond their grade levels in reading proficiency.

GOAL: 150 new books, fiction and nonfiction, in each genre per year

GOAL: Money for database subscriptions

COST: \$3,000

CAFETERIA

A GOOD DIET improves concentration and energy levels, thereby increasing children's learning potential. A healthy diet in childhood can help to prevent anemia, cancer, heart disease, diabetes, osteoporosis and obesity in later life.

GOAL: Funding for more nutritious food

GOAL: To expand the cafeteria at Gary Comer Campus

WARRIOR WAGONS

EACH SAN MIGUEL CAMPUS needs an additional minibus. These “Warrior Wagons” are essential tools for our students’ complete education, as they transport them to field trips and extra curricular activities.

GOAL: 2 minibuses

COST: \$30,000 each

FIELD TRIPS

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING is a key focus for San Miguel students. Not only does it increase the level of understanding within school lessons, but it also gives our students an opportunity to see beyond their neighborhood.

MIDDLE SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS

GOAL: To send each 8th grade student on an educational trip to Washington DC

COST: \$12,000

GOAL: To send each student to Camp Gray in Wisconsin

COST: \$12,000

GOAL: To send each student to Dunrovin Retreat Center in Minnesota

COST: \$12,000

GRADUATE SUPPORT FIELD TRIPS

GOAL: Level 5 Trip for students that achieve this level by June 2011

COST: \$1,000

GOAL: Funding to attend out of state colleges/universities

COST: \$5,000

GOAL: Funding for students to attend conferences

COST: \$2,500



ATHLETICS

“If you believe in yourself, have dedication and pride and never quit, you’ll be a winner. The price of victory is high, but so are the rewards.”

– PAUL “BEAR” BRYANT

GIRLS ON THE RUN SPONSORSHIP -

GIRLS ON THE RUN is a life-changing, experiential learning program for girls age eight to thirteen years old. The programs combine training for a 3.1 mile running event with workshops to enhance self-esteem. The goals of the programs are to encourage positive emotional, social, mental, spiritual and physical development.

GOAL: Sponsorship for programs at both campuses

COST: \$3,200 per campus

WE ARE PROUD TO OFFER a wide range of athletics: soccer, basketball, volleyball and softball. While the “win” is satisfying, it is the teamwork, sportsmanship, healthy living, and the discipline of practice and preparation that demonstrate the success of our program.

GOAL: Varsity soccer uniforms, league fees and equipment

COST: \$2,210

GOAL: Varsity basketball uniforms, league fees and equipment

COST: \$1,390

GOAL: Junior Varsity soccer uniforms

COST: \$884



WORKSHOPS

SAN MIGUEL STRIVES TO PROVIDE workshops for the parents of our students on various topics such as parenting, relationship skills and navigating educational pathways for youth. By supporting the entire family, we can positively impact the lives of young children and parents, as well as our students.

GOAL: 3 workshops per year

COST: \$400-\$525 each



VOLUNTEERS

“The heart of a volunteer is not measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others.”

– DEANN HOLLIS

TIME IS A PRECIOUS GIFT that can bring new possibilities to our students. We are always looking for positive adult role models willing to spend time tutoring or coaching. If interested, we ask that you commit to at least eight weeks of participation.

- > **Volunteer Tutor with students:**
Subjects: reading, writing and/or math
Time Commitment: 2-4 hours, once every week or every other week
- > **Volunteer Tutor with graduates in high school:**
Subjects: any, as needed
Time Commitment: 2 hours (4:00-6:00 pm) up to 4 times a week, at least once a week
- > **Volunteer Coach with students or graduates:**
Sports: basketball, soccer, baseball
Time Commitment: depends on league schedule and season of sport (contact us for opportunities)
- > **Volunteer Tutors in the fine arts:**
Subjects: art, music, dance, etc.
Time Commitment: once a week (1 hour min.) for 8-10 weeks



WE HAVE ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES to serve for those whose gifts lie in different areas. Time commitments range from half days to ongoing.

> **Volunteer Labor for Cleaning and Maintenance of Facilities**

Areas: painting, small repair jobs, cleaning, organizing, gardening, neighborhood clean-up

Time Commitment: usually half day or full day of service with a group

> **Volunteer Leadership on Board Committees or Board of Directors**

Areas of Expertise: board experience, entrepreneurial skills, marketing, development, legal, finance, real estate

Values: education, faith-based organization, opportunities for economically poor

Time Commitment: monthly or quarterly meetings, plus consultation with program and executive leadership

> **Pro-Bono Legal Consulting**

Areas of Expertise: real estate, contracts, human resource, finance & investments

Time Commitment: as needed

IN-KIND NEEDS

INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY:

- > Whiteboard
- > Flip camera
- > Laptops for students
- > Database subscriptions
- > Microscopes

CLASSROOM NEEDS

Pencils, Pens, Markers, Notebooks, Loose-Leaf, Glue, Scissors, Sticky Notes, Erasers, Butcher Paper, White Board Makers, White Board Erasers, Tape

FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM

- > Jewel Gift Cards
- > Dominick's Gift Cards
- > Winter Clothes
- > Food For Less Gift Cards

OTHER IN-KIND NEEDS

- > Food beverages for various faculty staff functions
- > Access to conference rooms
- > Retreat locations

GRADUATE SUPPORT NEEDS

- > 5-6 TI 86 Calculators for student use during tutoring
- > Camera to document events/milestones
- > Materials for craft nights



CARS FOR LASALLIAN VOLUNTEERS

WITHOUT THE LASALLIAN VOLUNTEERS who teach and keep the school running, we would not be able to provide a nearly tuition-free education. While we are deeply grateful for their service, we would like to provide them with transportation.

GOAL: 2 cars

A GIFT TO SAN MIGUEL SCHOOLS CHICAGO pays dividends.

Test scores prove the model is making a lasting difference in the life of a child with financial, emotional and academic difficulties. Here are some statistics:

	Back of the Yards Campus	Gary Comer Campus
Enrollment	84	63
Background	100% Latino	100% African American
Poverty Rate	98%	96%
Attendance Rate	98%	96%
On-time Rate	98%	93%
Number of Books Read	5,527	7,851

Middle School Program: Both the Gary Comer Campus and the Back of the Yards Campus qualified for Renaissance Learning Model School certification through the Reading Renaissance Program, awarded by Renaissance Learning, Inc. Criteria for this achievement include the following:

- > More than 90% of students score an average of 85% or higher on reading practice quizzes over a period of at least 12 weeks.
- > 80% of the students' reading takes place independently.
- > Less than 10% of students in school are at-risk in reading.



A NOTE REGARDING THIS CATALOG...

WE HAVE CREATED THIS CATALOG to illustrate some of the expenses in the administration of the academic program as well as the ongoing maintenance and safety/security of the physical building. All contributions designated for a specific expense will be applied to that expense. However, if we receive more contributions for an expense than can be spent in that category, we reserve the right to use those funds to meet another important need for our students.

“Look upon the children God has entrusted to you as the children of God himself. Have much more solicitude for their education and instruction that you would have for the children of a king.”

—SAINT JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE