

St. Paul Giants Educational Foundation

Mission

St. Paul Lutheran School exists to educate, equip and encourage students for lives of Christian service. Since 1874 St. Paul has been preparing young people to be the Christian leaders of tomorrow. The Christ-centered academic and extra-curricular programs are designed, prepared and delivered by a faculty and staff that care deeply for the physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being of each and every child that attends. It is the goal of the foundation to assist the school in providing these programs.

Giants Fund

The Giants Fund is designed to provide the necessary funding to help St. Paul keep pace with the growth in its educational mission. Expectations of schools have grown dramatically in the last few years. St. Paul Lutheran School is not exempt from those high expectations. Because of the quality of Christian education provided at the school, its mission exploded and five additional classrooms have been added over the last five years in grades kindergarten to fourth grade. With this explosion in our mission has come the need for additional funds.

The Giants Fund goal is to raise \$250,000-\$300,000 annually. God willing this will put St. Paul in a position to maintain current programs and grow new programs to serve the families in our school, communities and all the people that the Lord has placed in our midst that need to hear the wonderful news of forgiveness. The Giants Fund will make it possible for affordable, quality, Christ-centered programs to continue into the future. We are placing before you the opportunity to make a significant impact on the ministry of St. Paul Lutheran School by joining others in contributing to the Giants Fund.

Financial Reality of Providing Quality & Effective Christian Education

God has richly blessed St. Paul Lutheran School over the past 140 years with Christ-centered programs that have educated, equipped and encouraged students for lives of Christian service at a very high level. At the present time, the Lord has placed before us some financial challenges as we look to continue and expand our educational mission. In the past, the congregation at St. Paul Lutheran Church has been able to support the school above and beyond what tuition and the annual auction pays for. This has been done by using weekly tithes, Church reserves and other gifts. Now, with approximately 312 students in the school, the Church can no longer provide this level of support. This and other factors have created a funding gap. However, instead of limiting our mission, the Giants Fund was established to keep pace with parent and student expectations for the school they desire to attend. The Giants Fund will make the mission of providing both affordable and quality Christian education possible. Increasing the amount of money from individual gifts would ease the burden on other pieces of the funding plan.

For the 2015-16 school year the school operating budget is approximately \$1,163,000. Of this amount, tithes provide \$181,000 (15.5%), tuition provides \$682,000 (58.6%) and auction

funds provide \$80,000 (6.9%). **This leaves \$220,000 (19%) of the budget to be raised from the Giants Fund.**

Giants Fund Goals

The Giants Fund is designed to provide an affordable Christian education while preparing children scholastically, socially and spiritually for their life journeys. By giving to the Giants Fund, you will make an impact on every aspect of school life, both academically and spiritually. Our Giants Fund is essential each year because it supports the entire school from pre-k through eighth grade.

St. Paul Facts and Statistics

- It costs over \$5,000 to educate a student in kindergarten through eighth grade.
- All funds raised will be kept in an account that is managed by the St. Paul Giants Educational Foundation, a nonprofit that was established to help raise funds to support St. Paul Lutheran School.
- Any excess funds raised will be kept in reserve to help fund the Christian education mission in future years.
- The foundation is made up of four members of St. Paul Lutheran Church and three non-members.

The Plan

To reach this goal, we will need considerable support from congregational members, alumni, school families, SPLS faculty and staff, and others who may have a heart for helping young people grow to be Christian leaders of tomorrow.

How Can I Help?

Your gift is a commitment to support the cause of Christian schooling at St. Paul. Every gift is appreciated—no gift is too small. When you give to St. Paul Lutheran School, you are not just giving to educate a student; you are investing in a life that will impact our world for the glory of God.

2015-16 Gift Agreement Forms are available now. Please fill one out to show your commitment. All donations made to St. Paul Lutheran School are tax deductible.