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The
Lamplighter
School

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Mission Statement

Dedicated to igniting the potential of each child, Lamplighter engages children in the joy of learning through intellectual discovery in a creative, inclusive, and collaborative environment.

Diversity Statement

Diversity will strengthen the education of Lamplighter children and enrich the lives of all members of the Lamplighter community. Lamplighter will, therefore, strive for the lamps that we light to reflect the ever-changing community in which we reside. We value individuality and encourage all children to reach their potential, while respecting their similarities and differences. We are united in purpose and committed to working together to accomplish the mission of The Lamplighter School.



Supporting Lamplighter

As an independent school, Lamplighter is guided by its mission and founding vision - to light the lamp of a child's imagination and ignite a lifelong love of learning in every student.

In order to fulfill that vision, Lamplighter relies on private sources of income. Tuition is the single most significant source of operating revenue for the school. However, fundraising is essential to the life of Lamplighter. Our current campus and facilities were made possible by generous donors. Countless physical improvements and curricular enhancements have occurred because individuals and organizations have invested in our unique mission.

As with other independent schools, Lamplighter benefits from a tradition of generous giving. There are many ways that you can support the school and its mission. We hope you will participate in ensuring Lamplighter's excellence in education and continuing success for generations to come.



Where does your money go when you support Lamplighter?

	Tuition	Annual Fund	Tribute Gifts	Endowment	LPA Spirit Store	LPA Auction	Planned Giving
Purpose	Tuition is the primary source of operating revenue for the school.	Annual Fund gifts provide direct funding for educational initiatives and operational enhancements that tuition alone does not cover.	Tribute gifts are given to honor or recognize friends, children, family members, or teachers.	Endowment gifts are held and invested by the school. They function like a savings account, from which a portion of investment income will be drawn annually to support specific programs.	The Spirit Store funds the community building activities of the LPA such as grade level events, Donuts with Dads, Muffins with Moms, and faculty and staff appreciation efforts.	The Auction serves as the LPA's largest fundraiser and community builder. Proceeds from the Auction are designated to a specific fund each year.	A planned gift is any gift that a donor includes in their estate planning. It often allows the donor to keep more of what they have earned through their lifetime, but allows a far greater gift to Lamplighter in the future.
Time Frame	Tuition is assessed annually.	The Annual Fund runs from June 1 through May 31 and is coordinated each year by the school.	Tribute gifts are accepted year-round.	Endowment gifts are accepted year-round.	Spirit Store merchandise is coordinated annually by parent volunteers.	The LPA Auction is coordinated annually by parent volunteers.	Planned gifts are accepted year-round.
Designation Areas	Each tuition dollar is allocated as defined by a budget approved by the Board of Trustees; therefore, it cannot be designated.	Annual Fund gifts are unrestricted. They are used during the year received to support operating priorities.	Tribute gifts can be designated to the Annual Fund, the Media Center, or any existing restricted or endowed fund.	Endowment gifts can be designated by the donor to support a specific area within the school such as faculty salaries, media center, or technology.	Shop Lamplighter includes all programs coordinated by the LPA in which a service or product is sold. This includes Friday lunches and Spirit Store merchandise.	This year, proceeds from the LPA Auction are directed to the Campaign for the Future which supports the purchase of our land.	Planned gifts can be designated by the donor to support a specific area within the school.
Solicitation	The school mails enrollment contracts to families.	The school solicits contributions to the Annual Fund with the help of volunteers through letters, email, the website, and phone calls.	The Birthday Book Program is the only organized solicitation for tribute gifts.	To learn more about Endowment giving opportunities, please contact the Director of Advancement.	The LPA encourages participation in these programs through email, the school website, eNews, and at www.shoplamplighter.com .	The LPA solicits participation in the Auction through email, the school website, eNews, and personal contact.	Contact the Advancement Office either online through the "Make a Gift to Lamplighter" request, or directly at 214-369-9201 x 354 to include Lamplighter in your estate plans.
Methods of Giving	Tuition can only be paid online through a third party tuition management program.	Annual Fund gifts are made each fiscal year. Gifts may be made by cash, check, credit card, or stock transfer.	Tribute gifts may be made by cash, check, or credit card.	Endowment gifts are most often pledged over 3-5 years. Payments may be made by cash, check, credit card, stock transfer, or appreciated property.	Purchases may be made by check or credit card.	The Auction solicits contributions of items, services, and sponsorship. In addition, guests can purchase Auction items by cash, check, or credit card.	Planned gift examples include gifts of real estate, life insurance, retirement plans, bequests, charitable remainder trusts, and charitable lead trusts.
Impact	88% of the school's operations are funded by tuition.	Annual Fund gifts make a difference for current students by giving the school resources that are used to ensure excellence in the academic program every day. It is the highest fundraising priority and 100% parent participation is always the goal.	Tribute gifts celebrate the relationship individuals have with Lamplighter as they enhance the educational experience of our students.	A strong endowment creates a source of income beyond tuition and serves as a permanent asset that improves the financial stability of the school.	LPA events, communication, and volunteering enriches the school in immeasurable ways. Supporting the operations of the LPA strengthens the school community.	The Auction provides additional resources for the school while providing a social event for the Lamplighter community.	Gifts will benefit future generations of Lamplighter students.
Charitable Contributions	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	In some cases, depending on the contribution.	Yes