

Supporting **Lamplighter**



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.

Statement of Inclusion

A community of varied voices will strengthen the education of Lamplighter students and enrich the lives of all of its members. 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.

To learn more about supporting Lamplighter contact the Advancement and Communications Office at 214.369.9201, ext. 365 or online at www.thelamplighterschool.org/support.



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For families who value a strong educational foundation, Lamplighter delivers serious education wrapped in the wonder of childhood.

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	Lamplighter Fund	LPA Auction	Endowment	Tribute Gifts	LPA Spirit Store	Planned Giving
Purpose	Tuition covers 88% of the yearly operating budget and is the School's primary source of income. To keep tuition rises at a minimum, the budget is supplemented by various giving initiatives throughout the year.	Lamplighter Fund gifts provide direct funding for educational initiatives and operational enhancements that tuition alone does not cover. The 2018–2019 Lamplighter Fund goal is \$600,000 and 100% parent participation.	Auction serves as the LPA's largest fundraiser and community builder of the year with numerous volunteer opportunities.	Endowment gifts are held and invested by the School. A portion of investment income is drawn annually to support specific programs. The current value of Lamplighter endowed funds is \$11.2M as of July 31, 2018.	Tribute gifts are given to honor or recognize friends, children, family members, or teachers.	The online 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.	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		Lamplighter Fund runs from June 1 through May 31 and is coordinated each year by the School and a host of volunteers.	Auction is coordinated annually by parent volunteers with parent socials and other events throughout the year. SAVE THE DATE! February 9, 2019!	Endowment gifts are accepted year-round.	Tribute gifts are accepted year-round.	Spirit Store merchandise is coordinated annually by parent volunteers and is open online from mid-August through May 31.	Planned gifts are accepted year-round.
Designation Areas		Lamplighter Fund gifts are unrestricted. They are used during the current fiscal year to support operating priorities.	Proceeds from Auction are currently directed to fulfill the \$1.5M pledge made to name the Barn. Proceeds are typically directed to the LPA Faculty Professional Development Endowment Fund, unless otherwise determined.	Endowment gifts can be designated by the donor to support a specific area within the School such as faculty salaries, Media Center, or technology.	Tribute gifts can be designated to Lamplighter Fund, the Media Center, or any existing restricted or endowed fund.	The Spirit Store includes all programs coordinated by the LPA in which a service or product is sold. This includes Friday Lunch, Spirit Store merchandise, and Carnival items.	Planned gifts can be designated by the donor to support a specific area within the School.
Solicitation		The School solicits contributions to the Lamplighter Fund with the help of volunteers through letters, email, the website, phone calls, and social media outreach.	LPA solicits Auction participation through email, the school website, eNews, phone calls, personal contact, and grassroots efforts.	To learn more about endowment giving opportunities or to establish a named fund, please contact the Director of Advancement & Communications at 214.369.9201, x354.	The purchase of books at the Media Center Open House and the Birthday Book Program are organized solicitations for tribute gifts.	The LPA encourages participation in these programs through email, the School website, and eNews.	To include Lamplighter in your estate plans, please contact the Director of Advancement & Communications at 214.369.9201, x354.
Methods of Giving		Lamplighter Fund gifts are made each fiscal year. Gifts may be made by cash, check, credit card, or stock transfer. To make a gift online, visit: www.thelamplighterschool.org/support	Auction solicits the community and corporations for contributions of items, services, sponsorships, and underwriting. Live and silent auctions are held the night of the event. Outright donations are also welcomed.	Endowment gifts and payments may be made by cash, check, credit card, stock transfer, or appreciated property.	Tribute gifts may be made by cash, check, or credit card. To make a gift online, visit: www.thelamplighterschool.org/support	Purchases may be made by cash, check (payable to LPA), or credit card. Visit the online Spirit Store at: www.thelamplighterschool.org/spiritstore	Planned gift examples include gifts of real estate, life insurance, retirement plans, bequests, charitable remainder trusts, and charitable lead trusts.
Impact		Lamplighter Fund gifts make a difference for current students by providing the School resources that are used to ensure excellence in the academic program every day. Lamplighter Fund is the School's highest fundraising priority and 100% parent participation is always the goal!	Auction has raised millions of dollars to provide additional resources for the School while offering a social event for the Lamplighter community.	A strong endowment creates a source of income beyond tuition and serves as a permanent asset that improves the financial stability of the School.	Tribute gifts celebrate the relationship individuals have with Lamplighter as they enhance the educational experience of our students.	LPA events, communication, and volunteering enrich the school in immeasurable ways. Supporting the operations of the LPA strengthens the School community.	Gifts will benefit future generations of Lamplighter students.
Charitable Contribution?	No	Yes	In some cases, depending on the contribution	Yes	Yes	No	Please consult your tax professional.

