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The development team at Lynnhaven Academy is committed to creating, nurturing and expanding a culture of philanthropy. This commitment is in step with the ethos of our values as a school. This commitment supports both short-term and long-term goals, and fosters a lifetime relationship between the school and its constituents.

What is annual giving?

These gifts are extremely important because they support the schools highest needs across all of our programs. Tuition makes up approximately 75% of the cost to educate a Lynnhaven student and the Annual Fund is vital to making up the difference. These funds ensure our faculty and staff are well equipped to be the difference maker in your child's life. We encourage you to give throughout the school year.

Why does Lynnhaven need annual giving support?

Annual giving provides a strong foundation of support. Participation rates in the percentage of donors are integral when requesting financial support from banks, foundations, and other financial institutions. Independent schools are also evaluated on levels of support from their constituencies. High levels of philanthropic support is direct evidence of a healthy, thriving school. Your annual giving gift could mean a six-figure gift from a local foundation to fund campus improvements.

I can't make a "big" gift. Does my "small" gift even matter?

Gifts of any size make a difference. Each year Lynnhaven receives annual gifts of all sizes. The average annual fund gift is \$365 or \$1.00 a day. High participation rates to annual giving are evidence of a fiscally healthy school. Small gifts really do make a difference. Lynnhaven accepts company matching gifts. You can visit the Giving page on our website, click "Matching Gifts" and type in your company's name to see if they are on the list.

I pay tuition. Why isn't that enough?

Tuition covers only 75% of our operating budget. Each year. We aim to keep tuition low. Gifts to Lynnhaven that go over and beyond tuition payments are imperative in order to create a healthy, balanced budget. These gifts also meet unexpected and unbudgeted needs that are critical to operating the school. With this support, we are also able to make enhancements and changes to the campus and programs that we would not be able to otherwise. It is what makes us different and better.

I receive tuition assistance. Why should I give?

A gift of any amount makes a difference. Your gift through annual giving is a way to express appreciation and show support of our students and faculty. The annual fund directly impacts the School's ability to support the tuition assistance programs.

What more can I do?

It is important to model philanthropy for your students and make your gift. Be a leader. Answer questions about Lynnhaven's development program within your community. Spread the word and ask others to join you by making a gift.