

ANNUAL FUND FAQs

Q: What is the Annual Fund?

A: As in all independent schools, tuition and fees cover only a part of the cost of a child's education. The Annual Fund helps bridge the gap between tuition income and the true cost of a Chestnut Hill School education, enabling the School to maintain its high standard of academic excellence. Providing nearly 6% of the CHS's revenue, the Annual Fund serves as a source of funding to:

- Provide a balanced, rigorous educational experience over and above what tuition covers
- Attract and retain the finest faculty
- Maintain and improve campus facilities and equipment
- Provide financial aid to families in need

Q: Why is participation in the Annual Fund important?

A: A voluntary contribution is a tangible way to demonstrate your commitment to Chestnut Hill School and to insure that students continue to receive an excellent and well-rounded education. By making CHS a philanthropic priority, you insure that our students spend their days in an enriching, nurturing, enlightening and safe environment. Regardless of the amount of the contribution, every gift counts!

Q: Tuition is expensive. How much more money can CHS need?

A: Tuition and fees do not cover the entire cost of a Chestnut Hill School education. The School depends on income from ancillary income (fees from Summer Camp, Music School, etc.) and the Annual Fund to make up the difference. The Annual Fund helps bridge that gap. Augmenting tuition through charitable gifts allows the school to keep tuition at a competitive rate and provides many important programs and improvements that are essential to our mission.

Q: Why does CHS ask for contributions instead of simply increasing tuition?

A: The CHS experience relies on having a student body that is well-matched with our educational mission and programs, independent of a family's financial capacity. The result is a wonderful mix of students who contribute to the community through their personal qualities and varied talents—academic, artistic, athletic, musical or otherwise. The experience these students will have this year requires a successful \$550,000 Annual Fund to help bridge the gap between tuition and the full cost of the CHS experience.

Q: Are gifts to the Annual Fund tax-deductible?

Gifts to the Annual Fund are tax-deductible as allowed by law.

Q: What are the ways I can make a gift to CHS?

A: Checks are the most common and efficient way to make a gift. Gifts of appreciated securities have beneficial CHS website can process secure donation transactions. For more information about these and other ways of giving, please call the Development Office at (617) 566-4394 ext. 650.

Q: How do matching gifts work?

A: If your company offers a matching gift program, your gift to CHS may be doubled or even tripled. Obtain a form from your human resources or personnel department, complete and return to us and we will do the rest. Opportunities for matching gifts are sometimes available from a spouse's employer.

Top Matching Gift Companies for Chestnut Hill School

American Express
Fidelity Foundation
Fidelity Investments
John Hancock Financial Services
Saint Gobian Corporation Foundation
State Street Corporation

Q: How much should I give to the Annual Fund?

A: Last year, Annual Fund gifts to CHS range in size from \$1 to \$30,000. Leadership gifts start at \$1,000. CHS welcomes and needs many smaller gifts that together add up to a significant sum. All gifts are crucial to the School's economic stability, and CHS appreciates gifts of every size.

Giving Societies

1860 Society	\$25,000 and above
Founders' Circle	\$10,000 to \$24,999
Platinum Circle	\$5,000 to \$9,999
Golden Circle	\$2,500 to \$4,999
Head's Club	\$1,500 to \$2,499
Chestnut Hill Club	\$250 to \$999
Hammond Club	up to \$249

Q: Can I make a pledge and pay it later?

A: Yes. The Development office will send out periodic reminders throughout the year. Pledge payment by June 30th will ensure recognition in the CHS Annual Report. Thank you for your support.