A Guide to Giving and Getting Involved at Bishop Noland Episcopal Day School
Dear Parents,

At Bishop Noland Episcopal Day School there are many opportunities to give and to get involved. Giving and getting involved comes back to each giver time after time. Outlined in this brochure are explanations of ways to give of your time, your talent, and your treasure. At EDS, it is not about who gives most. We are all called to be good stewards of our time, our talent, and our treasure. So it is not about giving time without treasure, treasure without talent, or talent without time; it is about the use of all three of these aspects for the glory of God.

Your gift to the Family of Annual Funds annually provides direct funding for educational initiatives that tuition alone does not cover. The Family of Annual Funds consists of The Eagle Fund and the Auction. These gifts have an immediate and direct benefit to each student and faculty member, as well as to the quality and scope of school programming.

Those who enjoy the EDS experience most are those who get involved right away. Our school thrives because our parents and family members do so much for us. Please take a moment to read over the many opportunities listed to share your time, talent and treasure. Thank you so much for your involvement and sharing your children with us. They are, in fact, the greatest gift of all!

Faithfully,

The Reverend Deacon Frances “Boo” Kay+  
Head of School
How Can I Get Involved?

The answer is two-fold. Every school needs an active constituency and strong financial support. Bishop Noland Episcopal Day School has historically enjoyed an engaged and generous parent body.

ACTIVE PARTICIPATION
We trust you will play an active role in your child’s education. There are many opportunities to do so. This brochure outlines some of the possibilities, from weekly volunteering, to helping with Teacher Appreciation Day, to cheering for our students on stage and on the playing fields. Every Eagle parent is a welcome member of the EDS family!

FINANCIAL SUPPORT
We hope you will feel fully invested in the life and work of our school. In addition to your being engaged in school activities, we hope you will choose to contribute to the EDS Family of Annual Funds: Eagle Fund and Auction.
The Volunteer Program

We encourage and invite parents, alumni, grandparents, parents of alumni and Good Shepherd parishioners to participate as Eagle volunteers. This is a way to share your time and talents with the school while providing a service to the school community and allowing our faculty and staff to better serve our students.

Examples of volunteer opportunities include helping with athletic events, community service, Field Day, Teacher Appreciation Day, book fairs, coaching a team, School Carnival, Auction and many more! Each summer parents receive a sign-up packet with full descriptions of volunteer opportunities for the upcoming school year. Those who offer to share their time and talent as Eagle Volunteers are contacted throughout the year for many opportunities to be involved.

For a full list of volunteer opportunities and descriptions of each, visit our website at www.episcopaldayschool.org, About EDS.

EDS Parent Guild

Every parent is a member of the EDS Parent Guild. Annual dues are automatically paid through each child’s Registration Fees. Funds are used for a variety of activities initiated by the EDS Parent Guild Executive Board as well as any improvements the guild wishes to purchase for the school and our students.

There are many opportunities to get involved with the EDS Parent Guild. Please visit the EDS website at www.episcopaldayschool.org, About EDS.

Auction & School Carnival

At EDS we look forward to our two big special events of the year: Auction and School Carnival.

The Auction is held annually in October and organized by an auction committee consisting of parent volunteers. It is a highly anticipated event supported by our entire community. The Auction includes dinner, a silent and a live auction and is a night filled with fun and excitement. There are volunteer opportunities to fit everyone’s interests and life-style. Please consider joining our auction committee this year.

Each March EDS holds a school carnival that is a celebration of the year. Our carnival is an opportunity for students to have fun, for adults to share in great fellowship and to unite our school families with other community families. It is a school sponsored event organized by parent volunteers.
Family of Annual Funds

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The Eagle Fund strengthens and sustains the extraordinary opportunities of an EDS education. The Eagle Fund provides annual giving donors the option of directing gifts to areas of personal interest while supporting fundamental elements of the school program. Donations can be directed to the following areas: Faculty Excellence, Tuition Assistance, Fine Arts, Athletics, Library and Technology, and Area of Greatest Need, as determined by the administration.

The Auction, held annually in October, is a dinner with silent and live auctions planned by an auction committee consisting of parent volunteers. The Auction is our largest social event of the year, and getting involved is a great way to meet other parents and make a valuable contribution to the school. Our auction is supported by our parents, parishioners, grandparents and the entire community. The school relies on contributions from the Auction to provide critical support to the operating budget by offsetting expenses not covered by tuition. Your patron gift will be recognized in the Auction Program and in our Annual Report.

Giving Circles are as follows:

Violet Hardtner Howell Society $25,000
Leadership Club:
St. Francis' Circle $10,000
Bishop Noland's Circle $5,000–$9,999
Father Crandall's Circle $2,500–$4,999
Maroon and Gray Circle $1,000–2,499
Eagles Circle $500–$999
Patrons Circle $250-$499
Friends Circle up to $249

Annual gifts made to The EDS Family of Annual Funds: Eagle Fund and Auction of $2,500 and above are considered Leadership Gifts. You will be recognized as a Banner Donor if you make contributions to both of our giving opportunities: Eagle Fund and Auction. Should you have any questions about these programs or events, contact Laurie Ardoin, Director of Annual Giving and Development Services.

In cases where an employer matches a gift, the donor receives recognition for the total amount of gift.
Ways to Give

Cash and Pledges

Donations and pledge payments can be made by cash, check, credit card, and/or through the transfer of stocks and securities. Payment on-line through the School’s website is convenient and accessible through the “Make a Gift” link. Please visit www.episcopaldayschool.org. The EDS Family of Annual Funds gifts are due by June 30th of the school year in which the pledge is made.

Planned or Deferred Gifts

Historically, gifts such as insurance policies, charitable remainder trusts, and bequests have been largely responsible for building the endowments enjoyed by America’s great colleges, universities, and independent schools. The transfers of paid-up insurance policies, as well as certain trust arrangements, may be a creative and tax-wise way to meet both the School’s needs and your own philanthropic goals.

Gift-In-Kind

Tangible items such as equipment and supplies are considered gifts-in-kind when given to the School or sold to the School at a discount. Every year, numerous gifts of all sizes fall into this category.
**Frequently Asked Questions**

**What is the role of the Board of Trustees?**

Bishop Noland Episcopal Day School is governed by a self-perpetuating Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees determines institutional policy, sets tuition, approves the operating budget, approves fundraising, and employs the Head of School. The administration of the school program and facilities is under the direction of the Head of School.

**Why does Bishop Noland Episcopal Day School need to raise money?**

Simply put, tuition alone does not cover the full cost of an EDS education. Each year approximately 80% of the school’s operating budget is funded with tuition dollars. Additional expenses such as construction and improvement of capital assets are not funded by tuition.

**Who is asked for an Annual Giving Gift?**

Everyone in the EDS family—alumni, parents, grandparents, parents of alumni, school employees and friends of the school—is asked to contribute. Each fall we are asked to make a gift or pledge payable by June 30th of the following summer. Giving Circles and the Annual Report provide recognition for donors.

**How much does EDS expect me to give?**

Each gift supports the current year’s programming. We hope each family can find a way to participate. The EDS Family of Annual Funds is designed to allow everyone to participate at their level of comfort. Our goal at EDS is to have 100% participation in our Annual Giving Program. Bishop Noland Episcopal Day School is truly grateful for every gift that is received.

**What about my company’s Matching Gift Program?**

Many companies match gifts to independent schools. To find out if your employer will match your gift to EDS, check with your Human Resources Office. Obtain the proper form and send it to our Development Office, along with your gift. Our Development Office will secure the matching gift. In recognizing your donation to the school, EDS will include your company’s matching gift as part of your total donation.

**What is considered Leadership Giving?**

Contributions of $2,500 or more to The EDS Family of Annual Funds are considered Leadership Gifts. Leadership donors are invited each year to the Annual Giving Dinner in recognition of their generous support of the school, and their names are listed in the appropriate Leadership Circles in the Annual Report published each fall.
Special Events
at Bishop Noland Episcopal Day School

PRESCHOOL
Big Buddies
Grandparents Day
Leprechaun Hunt
Transportation Week
Cowboy Day
Fun in the Tundra
Zero the Hero
Kindergarten Circus
Easter Bonnet Parade
Fancy Nancy Day in the Library
Invention Convention

LOWER SCHOOL
Science Biome Study
Thanksgiving Breakfast
SeaWorld Field Trip
Vacation to Mars Play
Musical
Coastal Restoration Planting
Mother’s Tea
Mission to Mars Field Trip

MIDDLE SCHOOL
Little Buddies
Washington, D.C. Field Trip
Senior Trip
Thanksgiving Breakfast
Epiphany Pageant
Science and Social Studies Fair
Choir and Band Concert
Musical
Graduation

SCHOOL WIDE
Blessing of the Pets
St. Nicholas Chapel
Polar Express Day
Mardi Gras Parade
Family Bingo
LSU Coastal Roots Planting
Dr. Seuss’ Birthday
Annual Giving Dinner

This list is not meant to be all inclusive and events are subject to change.

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