Annual Report VILLA MARIA ACADEMY LOWER SCHOOL







Our Mission

VILLA MARIA ACADEMY LOWER SCHOOL

Energized by the IHM Charism of love, creative hope and fidelity, Villa Maria Academy empowers young girls for spiritual and moral development, academic excellence, leadership and service within a Catholic, private learning community.

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Friends of Villa Maria Academy,

It's certainly been a year to remember!

As we formally close out the 2023-2024 school year with our presentation of this Annual Report, which tells the VMA story in facts and figures, the report could never adequately express the depth of gratitude we sing in praise of students, faculty, staff, parents, board members, parent guild, and the many benefactors who have supported Villa in so many ways.

Though delayed in the start, the Annual Fund became a clear reflection of the proud legacy that shines at Villa. Donations contributed to the support and development of the academic and extra-curricular programs and materials for the students, as well as professional development opportunities for the faculty. As Villa teachers seek to continually align their instructional strategies with current best practices in education, their costs are supported through this fund.

Our Parent Guild and its Executive Board are commended as well for their tireless efforts to support the Villa Family with experiences that build community and forge relationships that are rooted in the Villa traditions and the IHM charism. Their generous gift of more than \$100,000 has been earmarked for the implementation of the new math program and the installation of new scoreboards and a digital advertising sign to broaden the awareness of the many events at Villa for the building of community and maintaining our traditions throughout the school year.

The generosity of so many benefactors further offset the costs of maintenance of classrooms with additional desks, general upgrades needed for kitchen appliances, security and safety, and some additional care for the grounds beyond lawn maintenance.

Villa Maria Academy has been truly blessed in the gifts of time, talent, and resources of so many of you who are faithful in support of our mission to nurture all that God has begun in each child we serve. We go forward in creative hope that together we will continue the legacy that has now begun its 152nd year.

With grateful hearts,

Sister Patricia Scanlon, IHM, M.Ed.

Lister Patricia Scanlon, Stym

Principal

Mrs. Sheila Kennedy, MAPP Assistant Principal

LETTER FROM THE PARENT GUILD

Dear Villa Community,

The purpose of the Parent Guild is to embrace the school and its mission while supporting students, families, faculty, administration, and staff. We foster an environment of community building that creates opportunities for parents to engage and connect with other Villa families. Parent Guild events were made possible by the initiative of many who came together to support our school. All these efforts truly create lasting memories for our children.

The members of the Parent Guild Executive Board would like to thank the Villa community for a wonderful year of successful community building and fundraising for our beloved school. Through our combined efforts during the 2023-2024 school year, the Parent Guild was able to contribute \$104,500.

Thank you once again for your dedication and support. Together, we are creating an enriching environment for our children to thrive and feel loved. Let's make the 2024-2025 school year another fantastic chapter in the Villa community!

Sincerely,

The Parent Guild Executive Board

Lauray and Peter Famiglio Amanda and Michael Holmes Katie and Eric Morgan

Lauren and Pat Hegarty Jane and Michael Metkus

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF LEADERSHIP

Jennifer Drap

We are blessed and grateful for the commitment and dedication of our teachers, staff, and administration have given to the advancement of our mission during the 2023-2024 academic year.

Amy Jo Raffaele Barbara Kiester Candace Harkins Carolyn Furia Casey Mower Catherine Carey Catherine Cervi Colleen Onderdonk Dan Kellv Dee Lentz Denise Blango Donna Anuszewski Elizabeth Logan Emma Holyoke Erin Tornambe

Heather Trebelev

Holly Russell

Jennifer Smith Katelyn Maurer Kristen Wright Kristin Prince Laura Anderson Lisa Callan Lisa McDonald Lisa Tretta Maria Pieras Mary Beth Guenthner Mary Kate Finney Mary Regan Megan Anderson Melissa Keibort Nancy Buck Nicole Cancelli

Nikkia Fullmer Noreen Flemming Norma Baptista Pamela McHugh Paulette Moffa Shannon Villa Sister Marie Renee Murphy, IHM Sister Patricia Scanlon, IHM, M.Ed. Sister Rita Doyle, IHM Sister Susan Joseph, IHM, Ed.D Stephanie Shin Stephanie Ward

Susan Noll

Tracy Dougherty

Tricia Bozcowski



THE 2024 VILLA B.A.L.L.

Thank you to all who attended our Villa B.A.L.L. "Villa in Paradise" on April 13th held at the Desmond Hotel. We are grateful to those who supported the Parent Guild by volunteering, attending, and bidding on auction items in person or at home. The success of the B.A.L.L. (Building A Lasting Legacy) is contingent on sponsors, including businesses and families, who generously provide elements that are part of the evening that make B.A.L.L. a spectacular event. We are fortunate to acknowledge the kindness and participation of everyone, including attendees, as the Villa B.A.L.L. would not have been a fundraising success for Villa Maria Academy without all of you.

The Parent Guild would like to thank the 2024 Villa Maria Academy B.A.L.L. Committee.

Our committee chairs, Victoria Cox and Katie Morgan worked diligently with the Parent Guild throughout the year to make this event a success. A big thank you to the Set-Up Committee: Kris Ross, Jane Metkus, Simmer Marcelli, Tara Hindman, Lisa McTear and Janelle Shaw.

A wonderful night of fun and community was enjoyed by all who attended!

A special thank you to the Piazza family for their donation to the Parent Guild of a golf cart for our Athletic Department! The golf cart will be used for various needs for the Athletic Department and will also be used to trailer the new outdoor athletic scoreboard for sports.

Thank you to our AMAZING Sponsors!

Call to the Heart Sponsors

The Piazza Family Mr. & Mrs. Cortright Wetherill, Jr. Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Parsons

Platinum Sponsors The Angell Family The McTear Family

Gold Sponsor
The Anderson Family

Silver SponsorsThe Calzaretta Family

Music Sponsors
The White Family

Cocktail Hour Sponsors

The Tracy Family
The Pacitti/
Weeks Family
The Marcelli Family
The Clymer Family
The Hegarty Family

Teacher Ticket Sponsors

Thank you to all our families who sponsored the B.A.L.L. by generously sponsoring a teacher ticket.















THE IMPACT OF YOUR 2023-2024 GIVING





























THANK YOU FOR GIVING TO THE ANNUAL FUND.

ALUMNAE CONNECTIONS



Class of 2024

Congratulations to our newest alumnae who will be attending the following high schools.

Villa Maria Academy High School Academy of Notre Dame de Nemur Archmere Academy Bayard Rustin High School Downingtown STEM Academy Mount Saint Joseph Academy

Class of 2020

Congratulations to our alumnae who committed to the following schools for their collegiate academic career.

Boston College
Bucknell University
Coastal Carolina University
College of Charleston
Immaculata University
James Madison University
Maryland Institute College of Art

Penn State University Quinnipiac University University of Richmond Ursinus College West Chester University

KEEPING ALUMNAE CONNECTIONS

Share a life update and provide your current contact information. Use this QR or visit villamaria.org/alumnae-update





Become a member of the Villa Maria Academy Lower School Alumnae Connections Facebook Group.



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2023-2024

Report of Gifts

We are deeply grateful to our benefactors who generously support the legacy of a Villa Maria Academy Lower School educational experience for our students.

This listing includes all gifts to the Fund for Villa Maria Academy Lower School, Pennsylvania Tax Credit Programs (EITC), matching and in-kind gifts.

This report of gifts recognizes gifts received between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024. Any gifts made after this timeframe will be in our report next year. Every attempt has been made to produce an accurate report. If you find an unintentional error or omission, please accept our sincere apologies and contact our advancement office.

Shannon Villa | Email: svilla@villamaria.org | Phone: 610-644-4864, ext. 106

GIFTS TO THE FUND FOR VILLA MARIA ACADEMY LOWER SCHOOL

PARTNERS IN MISSION

This circle celebrates the extraordinary generosity of benefactors who made a significant impact on the mission of Villa Maria Academy with their gifts of \$5000 or more.

Clymer Family Foundation, on behalf of the Clymer Family Fidelity Charitable Donor-Advised Fund Bill and Irene Murnane David and Kelly Pacitti Michael and Megan Ward Michael P. Rudy, CPA & Associates

FATHER LOUIS GILLET CIRCLE

Named for Father Louis Gillet who was inspired by the Spirit to empower young women in his rural Michigan parish with an education in 1845, this circle honors benefactors whose gifts totaled \$2,500 to \$4,999.

Nancy Conway Thomas and Karen Moor Cortright and Janice Wetherill The Tracy Family

MOTHER THERESA MAXIS CIRCLE

Named for Mother Theresa Maxis who helped Father Gillet fulfill his inspired mission and founded The Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart to teach at the St. Mary's Young Ladies Academy in 1846, this circle honors benefactors whose gifts totaled \$1,000 to \$2,499.

Mr. and Mrs. Zachary Fletcher Geoff and Lindsay Forcino Colin and Tina Gedgard The Hegarty Family The Hunter Family Mr. & Mrs. Robert M. Jordan, Jr. The Killinger-Carretta Family Craig and Mary Beth McDonald The McTear Family Kevin and Christine Meehan Tom and Nancy O'Hara Leo and Maryanne Parsons Sam and Hannah Shipley The Stoehr Family

LASTING LEGACY CIRCLE

Named for the intersection of tradition with progress that sustains the legacy of the Villa Maria Academy educational experience, this level honors those who gave gifts totaling \$500 to \$999.

The Buckley Famiy
Joe and Catherine Burch
Comcast Corporation
Charlie & Patti Cramer
Christina Cramer '14
Albert and Susan Koenig
Renata and Mark Lindsay
Page and Cynthia Lyons
D. Kirk and Kathleen Morgan
James and Catherine Mu & Family
The Phillies | Citizens Bank Park
David and Marisa Quaile
Michael and Glenna Reavell
Dr. and Mrs. Nicholas D. Tretta, Jr.

FULL HEARTS CIRCLE

Named as an acknowledgement that those should give what they decided in their hearts to give as cheerful benefactors whose gifts totaled \$250 to \$499.

Anonymous Mimi Box Steve and Nancy Buck The Calzaretta Family Frank and Paula Calzaretta The Cappiello Family **Edward Carpoletti** Richard/Maureen Ciesielka Greg, Ellen, Emily and Madison Davis Karen M. Davis Mr. and Mrs. Lee Evans Elizabeth DiRita Barry and Rosemary Ervin Friends of Villa Maria Patricia Gara The Homyk Family W. Harry Horner PhD, MD,

FACP. Esa.

Thomas Kelsch









RAISED \$124,432

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BENEFACTORS 221

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Glenn and Lori Kettlety Christopher and Colleen King Dr. Emilia and Mr. Keith Kleinman Rusty and Nikki Kondrath The Magiso Family/Peter and Karen Magiso for WDYL Richard and Linda Matthew The Martin Family David and Mary Maul Rvan and Melissa McKenzie The McMichael Family Mike and Jane Metkus Leanne Rudolph and Matt Migliore Philip and Maria Miller The Morgan Family NRG Energy Employee Goodwill **Programs** Tom and Rachel Piazza Charles and Marnie Oswald

Tom and Rachel Piazza
Charles and Marnie Oswald
Tim and Erin Reagoso
The Reinhard-Gorney Family
Keith and Tracy Rolfe
The Ross Family
The Sabatini Family
Walt and Beth Shugg
Larry and Cathy Standford
Gunard and Susan Travaglini
Rich and Jill Valiga
Mrs. Sonja Winkler
Jack and Joanne Zimmerman

IT TAKES A VILLAGE CIRCLE

Named as an acknowledgement that there is an entire Villa Community who provides and positively interacts with our students, so they thrive in a safe and loving environment, this level honors those whose gifts totaled \$100 to \$249.

Ms. Elizabeth Angell **Anonymous** Joe and Dolores Aragona Daniel and Michelle Bakken Joe and Jan Baran Dan and Josephine Brackle The Brannen Family **Thomas Braun** Lisa Brugger Andrew and Lisa Callan Frank and Paula Calzaretta Laura Cecconi Luba Chornodolsky Terry and Kate Ciesielka Julian and Nan Corsello The Cox Family The Dansko Foundation The Davidson Family Suzanne Davis

Villa Maria Academy is grateful to the families, alumnae and their families, and friends of Villa who supported our annual two impactful days of giving to the Fund. We rely on the success of generosity, especially on these giving days, as it enables us to maintain our current level of excellence in a beautiful environment and enhances all areas of our academy. Thank you!

#GIVINGTUESDAY

We are humbled to be your chosen recipient on the worldwide day of giving on #GivingTuesday on November 28, 2023. Your generosity made a significant impact with 124 gifts totaling \$28,341. Please support Villa in 2024, this December 3rd, for #GivingTuesday.

"24 HOURS OF EMPOWER" GIVING DAY

Thank you to all who made an intentional gift to empower our students and embolden a mission beyond our 150th Anniversary that we celebrated this year. In our spring "24 Hours of Empower" Giving Day on May 22, 2024, we raised \$11,850. We hope we can count on your support in May 2025!

Harry and Ashley DeJesse Wally and Joanne Dodds Mark Ervin and Stephanie Taylor Lee and Theresa Evans Peter and Lauray Famiglio Elizabeth Boylan Faulkner Geoff and Nancy Fay Lorenzo and Megan Ferraro Mr. and Mrs. Jason Fisher Sal and Maria Franzini **David and Monica Gilbert** Chad Bruner, Steve Sweeney and the Gloucester County Democratic Committee Karen P. Gordan The Hennessy Family Bill Hunter Mary Inglesby Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jump, Jr. Rajesh Kosaraju and Kousalya Alapati Dennis and Linda Kozak Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Kozak Linda Lavrich Elena Lynch-Dobert **Heather Matthew** John and Ellie McGlinchev

Dave and Terenia Miller Gary and Donna Morabito Michael and Sarah Morabito Ms. Christine Nelson Stephanie Nolan Deviney Scott Nolan Kirk and Kathy Oates Tom and Amy O'Donnell Tim and Deborah O'Rourke Paul and Mary Panepinto The Patino Family Mr. and Mrs. Chris Pawlik George and Penny Piper Maureen Pollard Michael and Marie Porta Anuj and Allyson Prasad Ed and Dyan Reynolds Maureen M. Roberts The Rohlfing-Napoli Family Florin Schmanek Andy and Alyce Shaw The Snow Family Ms. Laura Marie Stevens Chaisurat and Theresa Suvannavejh The Textor Family **Christine Viteo** Patricia Weeks Dr. Lauren A. Weinrich Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wilkerson Mr. and Mrs. John Wood Kathleen Wrobleski

IN-KIND GIFTS

Thank you to these individuals for their charitable giving of intentional gifts, services, and time.

Tara Aleardi Joe Baran Julia Baran Tess Blango '23 Sophia Busciacco Steven Collins Tom Coyne Greg DeCosmo Dan Dolan Lisa Evans '19 Lauray Famiglio Joe Fasano
Amanda Holmes
Rusty Kondrath
Renata Burigatto Lindsey '92
Gina Malloy
Jeff Matthew
Kristina May
Scott Nolan
Caroline Patino
Marlo Pawlik
Bob Sabatini
Danielle Sabatini P'28, P'30
Steve Samar

Steve Samar Stephen Shin Rich Valiga Bobby Watmuf, Jr Jaclyn Mikutak-Watmuff

Sean and Wendy Higgins

COLLECTIVE IMPACT CIRCLE

Named to recognize that all gifts have a collective impact on our mission to empower young women and students this level honors those who gratefully whose gifts totaled up to \$99.

The Addis Family **Anonymous** Keith and Tara Aleardi Miss Victoria Anni Daniel and Michelle Bakken Christopher and Denise Blango The Murnane Boczkowski Family Michael and Lisa Brugger Michael and Joan Brugger Raymond and Patricia Byrnes Lauren Carroll **Kevin and Katie Casey** Tom and Justine Charmley The Claudy Family Mr. and Mrs. Thomas and Natane Coyne Tom and Allyson Coyne Sandra DeJesse Sister Rita Doyle, IHM Jennifer Drap Rick Eaton Raymond and Carole Eichler Lisa Evans '19 Kevin and Linda Farnan Mary Kate Finney Mindy Fitzgerald The Flemming Family Alyssa Franzini Bryce and Nikkia Fullmer William Gedgard

Dr. Brent and Mrs. Mary Beth

Guenthner

Robert and Tara Hindman William and Barbara Homyk Mrs. Lynn Kauffmann P. Kiebort and Melissa Kiebort Elizabeth Logan The Long Family Ann Lupoli Joe and Gina Malloy Peter and Theresa Maraini Rachel Marlowe **Dominic Mastrangelo** Kate Maurer Patrick and Deborah McGreal Blythe Moehrle Bill and Irene Murnane Patrick and Mary Beth Murphy Sister Renee Murphy, IHM Susan and William Noll Jeremiah and Michelle O'Leary Charles and Marnie Oswald Raymond and Margaret Parker/ Peggy Parker with Julia Lynch Miss Kristin Thomas Bernie and Claudette Quaile Denise Cordes Rappucci Mary Regan Sister Joan Rychalsky, IHM Danielle and Bob Sabatini Walt and Beth Shugg Paul and Kathryn Slaats Anonymous Tina Suwalski Douglas and Elizabeth Sweet The Todd Family Mr. and Mrs. Michael Tornambe Mark and Aristea Toth Shannon Villa Lana Wilkerson

The Zaborowski Family

Ashley Melton

Merck Foundation

The Milfeld Family

Veronica Metkus



EITC AND MATCHING GIFTS

Thank you to these businesses and individuals who supported our Villa Families by providing financial assistance utilizing PA's tax credit programs or increased their personal gifts to the Fund by participating in their employer's matching giving and grant programs.

EITC AND OSTC

Through the establishment of Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) and Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC) programs, these businesses and individuals supported our Villa Families with tuition assistance so they could fulfill their wish for their daughters to receive a Catholic education sustained by our mission inspired by the IHM Charism. They earned up to a 90% tax credit toward their state tax liability.

Gifts made through BLOCS
(Business Leadership Organized for Catholic Schools)
Paul P. Martin LLC Donation, as recommended by Paul and Colleen Martin
Thomas O'Hara LLC, as recommended by Tom and Nancy O'Hara

Gifts through the Foundation for Catholic Education MJ and John Dougherty Rodney and Pat Simon Michael and Mary Krueger

Gifts directly through EITC (Educational Improvement Tax Credit) Carrlu Corporation, Inc. Michael P. Rudy, CPA and Associates

Learn more about PA's tax credit programs that provide tuition assistance in our Support Villa Maria Academy section in this annual report.

MATCHING GIFTS AND GRANTS

We are grateful to our benefactors who gave their time to secure matching gifts and grants from their employers. We thank these generous companies and foundations for supporting their employees' charitable gifts and recommendations.

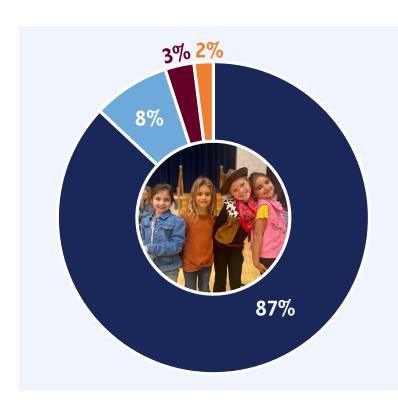
Comcast Corporation
The Dansko Foundation
Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund
Google Employee Giving
The Merck Foundation
Pfizer Foundation
T-Mobile USA, Inc.
Vanguard Matching Gift Program

Learn more about utilizing your employer-giving programs in our Support Villa Maria Academy section in this annual report.



INCOME AND EXPENSES

Villa Maria Academy Lower School relies on gifts from families, alumnae, and friends to help meet our expenses and budgetary goals each year. We are grateful for your charitable support and committed to thoughtful and responsible stewardship of our 2023-2024 operating budget and assets.



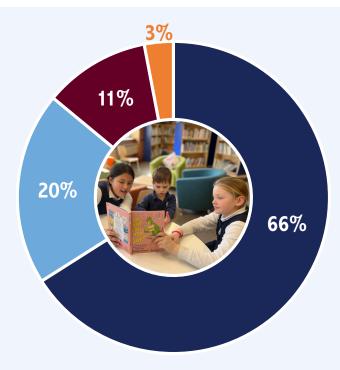
INCOME

87% Tuition (Net)

8% Fundraising

3% Other Income

2% Classroom & After-school Related Activities (Net)



EXPENSES

66% Curriculum & Instruction

20% Administrative & Operating Costs

11% Building Expenses

3% Utilities

TRIBUTE GIFTS

We are humbled and grateful for the generous gifts toward the Annual Fund for Villa Maria Academy Lower School made in honor, celebration, or memory of loved ones.

IN HONOR AND CELEBRATION

Kaitlyn Aleardi '24 Keith and Tara Aleardi Miss Clementine Angell Elizabeth Angell The Awesome 4th Grade Class Margaret Box Miss Francesca Brackle Daniel and Josephine Brackle Lucy and Taylor Brugger Nicholas and Barbara Tretta Michael and Joan Brugger Tessa Byrne R. Page and Cynthia Lyons **Emmy Calzaretta** Arthur and Paula Jump Miss Gianna Cappiello Cappiello, Tina Jagger Killinger-Carretta Joseph and Shawn Carretta Kayla Casey Kevin and Kathryn Casey Paige and Teagan Ciesielka Richard and Maureen Ciesielka Reagan Clymer Matthew and Michelle Clymer **Annie Connors** Steve and Alison Connors **Winter Cordes** Harry and Ashley DeJesse Sandra DeJesse Alyssa Franzini Salvatore and Maria Franzini, Thomas Kelsch Glenn and Lori Kettlety Bernie and Claudette Quaile Mimi Cox Matthew and Victoria Cox **Caroline Coyne** Tom and Allyson Coyne **Chloe Coyne** Thomas and Natane Coyne **Deacon Davidson** Daniel and Merrilee Davidson Dylan and Merilee Davidson Daniel and Merrilee Davidson The Fabulous Villa Faculty and Student Spirit Joseph Wilkerson and Christine Franquin-Wilkerson

Valentina Famiglio

Peter and Lauray Famiglio

Amelia Ann Ferraro Patrick and Deborah McGreal **Brooke Fletcher** Zach and Vera Fletcher **Emersyn Forcino** Lindsay and Geoff Forcino Mary and Rowan Gara Patricia Gara Liv Gedgard Colin and Tina Gedgard William Gedgard Harper Higgins Sean and Wendy Higgins Mckenna Higgins Sean and Wendy Higgins **Madison Hindman** Robert And Tara Hindman Carole and Raymond Eichler Veronica and Morgan Holmes Shipley, Sam and Hannah Catherine and Alex Homyk William and Barbara Homyk Juliet Johnson Walt and Beth Shugg Sister Susan Joseph, IHM. Ed.D. Steven and Michelle Long Paige Kozak Jeffrey and Juliet Kozak Paige Laskowski George and Penny Piper Annika Magiso Laurence and Catherine Stanford Lucy Martin Jon and Nancy Martin Miss Talia Matthew Florin Schmanek Sienna McCraw Maureen Pollard Kylie and Quinn McGlinchey Sonja Winkler **Judith Miers** Joseph Stoehr and Elizabeth Miers Stoehr The Miller Family David and Terenia Miller Solomia, Fufi, and Dzvinka Miller Philip and Maria Miller

Wilhelmina and Rosemond

D. Kirk and Kathleen W. Morgan

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Paul and Rosalie Moskola Chris and Marlo Pawlik Miss Alexandra Pawlik Chris and Marlo Pawlik Jennifer Pellegrino Joe and Gina Malloy Rachel and Natalie Porta Joe and Dolores Aragona **Lily Prasad** Anju and Allyson Prasad Maya Prasad Anju and Allyson Prasad Gemma Reavell Michael and Glenna Reavell **Eloise Resenhoeft** David and Mary Maul **Madison Ross** Melinda Fitzgerald Addison and Julianna Sabatini Danielle and Bob Sabatini Sister Patricia Scanlon IHM Robert Gorney and Monica Reinhard-Gorney Abigail and Grace Simon Elizabeth DiRita **Bonnie Snyder** Tom and Justine Charmley **Grace Snow** Steve and Ginny Snow Sarah Stoehr Joseph Stoehr and Elizabeth Miers Stoehr **Emily Stoehr** Joseph Stoehr and Elizabeth Miers Stoehr **Evangelia Toth** Mark and Aristea Toth Kalliope Toth Mark and Aristea Toth Emily E. Valiga Rich and Jill Valiga **Donnie Tracy III** Donald and Keri Ann Tracy **Abigail Tracy** Donald and Keri Ann Tracy

Kaitlyn and Abigail Tracy

Donald and Keri Ann Tracy

Emily and Richie Valiga Rich and Jill Valiga Richie Valiga Rich and Jill Valiga Villa's Dedicated IHM Sisters, Teachers and Staff Ryan and Melissa McKenzie Villa Faculty and Staff Monica Reinhard-Gorney **Kendall Weeks** Patricia Weeks Gabrielle Wilkerson Lana Wilkerson Aubrie Zaborowski Lynn Kauffmann Julia Zale Edward and Melissa Zale Honorary - General Stephen and Nicole McFee Honorary - General William and Susan Noll Honorary - General Donald and Keri Ann Tracy

IN MEMORY Dianne Sloane Gloucester County Democratic Committee **Margaret Smith** Rick Eaton Sister Susan Joseph, IHM, Ed.D. Kenneth and Nicole Addis Andrew and Lisa Callan Nancy Conway Gregory and Ellen Davis, Suzanne Davis, Karen Gordan Rusty and Nikki Kondrath Craig and Mary Beth McDonald Michael and Jane Metkus Blythe Moehrle Brandon and Kara Todd Edward and Melissa Zale

THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR VILLA HEARTS!

We are grateful for the many ways you made a collective impact in 2023-2024 with your generosity given in so many ways! All gifts—financial, in tribute, in-kind, EITC, volunteerism, attendance at events, prayers, and more—is an investment well-received and beneficial for our students, this generation and in the future.

We ask that you consider a first gift or continue your support of Villa Maria Academy Lower School in 2024-2025. We would be honored to receive your kindness, thoughtfulness, and generosity. Please give a few minutes of your time to read about the many ways you can charitably support Villa.

THE FUND FOR VILLA MARIA ACADEMY LOWER SCHOOL

WHAT IS THIS FUND?

The Fund is a yearly initiative in which we reach out to the various members of the Villa community (parents, faculty and staff, grandparents, alumnae and their families, and our friends) asking for gifts in an amount comfortable for them to give to supplement the difference between tuition paid and the actual cost of operating our academy. Our goal is always 100% participation by giving even a small amount. All gifts are tax deductible and a gift in any amount makes a collective impact!

WHY SHOULD I GIVE TO THIS FUND?

Gifts do not just demonstrate a shared dedication to the mission of Villa Maria Academy in providing a legacy of an exceptional educational experience. One hundred percent of unrestricted gifts stay at VMALS. Prayers and gifts directly benefit our students. Prayers nourish our spirit and financial gifts support:

- · Advantages for our students' goals for academic excellence as a foundation for their educational and professional careers.
- Lessening our operating expenses with long-term solutions.
- · Enhancements to safety and security while students and teachers are on campus.
- · Maintaining the vitality of our school buildings and campus.
- Providing our teachers with effective and personal professional development and tuition support for those pursuing an advanced degree.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF OPTIONS LIKE RECURRING, MATCHING, AND TRIBUTE GIFTS?



RECURRING GIFTS If you are not comfortable with giving a one-time gift of a large amount, you can opt when you make your first donation to have it spread out over time as a *recurring gift*. Designate the timeline of your gifts (weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, quarterly, and annually) and over time, it becomes a substantial amount. You can cancel at any time.



MATCHING GIFTS Many employers offer *matching gifts or grants* toward your donations. E-platforms have made facilitating these gifts easier to do and with options to have your gifts automatically distributed from your payroll. Ask your HR department or company foundation how to do it. Often you can even double your gift and you will receive credit for both gifts (your personal one and their matching).



TRIBUTE GIFTS Every year, we are honored and touched to be the recipient of personalized gifts made to Villa as a way to recognize an individual by dedicating a gift in their memory. Please keep in mind that tribute gifts can also be made in honor and in celebration of someone you love.



Contact the Advancement Office for more information or to facilitate your giving.

Shannon Villa | Director of Mission Advancement | svilla@villamaria.org | 610.644.4864 x106



Gifts to the Fund for Villa Maria Academy Lower School can be made by check or securely online. Hold the camera of your mobile device over this QR code or visit villamaria.org/gifts.



OTHER WAYS TO GIVE

GIFTS OF SECURITIES Your gifts of appreciated securities, either publicly traded or from a private company, may provide greater tax advantages than gifts of cash. You can deduct the fair market value as a charitable gift.

GIFTS IN-KIND Individuals and businesses can donate goods, services, and time. A tax deduction acknowledgment letter is sent to the individual, business, and corporation.

PLANNED GIVING Your legacy giving and estate planning offers a future intended gift for Villa Maria Academy.

ATTEND EVENTS Your attendance and giving at events, such as the Villa B.A.L.L., is a wonderful way to gather with your Villa Family and support our school.

VOLUNTEER The investment of your time and talent makes Villa Maria Academy an exceptional school and community!

RECEIVE A 90% PA TAX CREDIT AND BENEFIT OUR STUDENTS WITH TUITION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

Through the establishment of Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) and Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC) programs, businesses and individuals can receive up to a 90% tax credit against their personal PA state tax liability by making their gift through BLOCS (Business Leadership Organized for Catholic Schools) or the Foundation for Catholic Education. The mission of both organizations is to help families who wish to provide their children with a Catholic education by making it possible with financial assistance.

These programs benefit students and families who would like their children to receive the benefits of Villa Maria Academy educational experience aligned with our mission and the IHM Charism.

Learn more online by visiting blocs.org/taxcredit and foundationfce.org or contact our Advancement Office at Villa Maria Academy Lower School.



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