

A photograph of two young girls with long blonde hair playing in a structure made of sticks and branches in a forest. The girl on the left is smiling and looking towards the camera. The girl on the right is laughing and looking away from the camera. The structure is made of various sized sticks and branches, some of which are wrapped with grey tape. The background is a lush green forest.

A GUIDE TO GIVING AND GETTING INVOLVED

INSPIRING MINDS
IGNITING HEARTS

WHITINSVILLE
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Dear families, friends, alumni, and supporters,

Our mission is to nurture the whole child, in cooperation with parents, for Christ-like service in God's world. Fulfilling this mission requires faithful, committed faculty members, well-equipped classrooms and a thriving campus, and the generous involvement of dedicated families and friends.

Since its founding in 1928, WCS families have played an active role in the school community, literally laying the foundation of our school. WCS relies on the support and involvement of our entire community – current and past parents, grandparents, trustees, alumni, friends, faculty, and staff. Through an assortment of volunteer opportunities, special events, and fundraising efforts, the school provides a variety of ways to become further involved in this special community.



Your active participation at Whitinsville Christian School has a profound impact:

- **Nurture Spiritual Growth:** Through service and engagement, you help students grow in their faith and character.
- **Foster Community:** Building connections within our school family strengthens the sense of belonging and support for all.
- **Enhance Learning:** Your contributions extend beyond the classroom, enriching our students' educational experience.
- **Make a Difference:** Your time, skills, and dedication can transform lives and the school as a whole.

Join us on our journey to empower young minds and nurture their faith. Follow us on social media, keep your contact information up-to-date to receive our publications, and attend school events to stay connected and engaged.

Sarah Bowler

Head of School

Volunteer Opportunities

At Whitinsville Christian School, we are committed to providing a nurturing and Christ-centered education that empowers students to grow spiritually, academically, and socially. We believe that every member of our community plays a vital role in the success and well-being of our students. Your involvement can make a significant difference in the lives of our students and the overall school environment.



Interested in volunteering? Please complete the form at whitinsvillechristian.org/support-wcs/volunteer-at-wcs/

Get Involved!

You are invited to be a part of our vibrant community by getting involved in various rewarding opportunities:

1. Volunteering with the Lunch Ministry - Serve nutritious meals and build connections with students.
2. Display Student Artwork - Showcase our students' creativity by helping us create inspiring environments.
3. In the Library - Assist in promoting the love for reading among our students.
4. Planning Elementary Events - Help organize memorable experiences for our young learners.
5. Fundraising Event Committees - Contribute your ideas and skills to help raise funds for our school.
6. Field Trip Chaperone - Join us on exciting educational adventures with our students.
7. Working the Concession Stand - Support our school events while cheering for our athletes.
8. Teacher Appreciation Activities - Show gratitude to our dedicated educators.

Giving Opportunities

The Annual Fund

The WCS Annual Fund provides the reinforcement and support of excellence in all aspects of our mission. The central *why* of our mission is Christ-like service in God's World. *How* we uniquely accomplish our mission is in a joy-filled community that inspires innovative learning, passionate leading, and faithful serving. The WCS Annual Fund empowers both the *why* and *how* of our mission. Gifts will be recognized in our end of year *Crusader Chronicle*. Of course, we respect all wishes for anonymity.

1928 Society

WCS Annual Fund Leadership Giving Circles

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| Pleasant Street | \$100,000+ |
| Willow Street | \$25,000 - \$99,999 |
| Krull Memorial | \$10,000 - \$24,999 |
| Nehemiah | \$2,500 - \$9,999 |
| Crusader | \$1,000 - \$2,499 |
| BlueCru (Young Alumni) | \$250+ |

Endowment

The Whitinsville Christian School Endowment Fund is an important source of financial support for our students. Managed by a group of knowledgeable and dedicated volunteers, the fund has grown an impressive lifetime average of 7.3%. Donor income to the fund has grown slowly over the years, mainly through donations in memory of loved ones. The WCS Endowment Fund contributes to the operating expenses of the school, helping to keep tuition affordable for all. Gifts to the WCS Endowment have long-lasting, positive benefits across the generations. The Endowment holds its principal in perpetuity and pays out five percent per year for campus operations and programs.

Matching Gifts

Matching gifts from your employer are a great way to leverage additional dollars to support Whitinsville Christian. Please check with your company to see if they offer matching gifts, or let us know if we can assist you with this process.

Planned Giving and Estate Planning

The Cornerstone Society recognizes the generosity of individuals who have made a planned gift to Whitinsville Christian School, such as including WCS in their will, and other planned giving opportunities such as annuities and trusts. The Society is named to signify the laying of a firm foundation in God's Kingdom for WCS students through a Cornerstone gift.



Development Office Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Why does the school ask for a contribution in addition to tuition?

A: WCS strives to make tuition affordable for our families, while providing for our faithful, dedicated faculty and staff, and offering opportunities for our students in the areas of academics, arts, athletics, and more. Tuition dollars, donations, and endowment income are all needed to cover these costs.

Q: Why doesn't the Board set tuition to cover all costs?

A: Like all independent schools, WCS relies on extra financial support from our community. No independent school or college can survive on tuition revenue alone. WCS is a not-for-profit organization, allowing Annual Fund gifts to be tax deductible. Tuitions, of course, are not tax deductible.

Q: Are Whitinsville Christian's tuition rates high?

A: Comparatively speaking, they are not. A review of other area private schools shows our tuitions are among the lowest in our peer group.

Q: May I direct my gift to Tuition Assistance or other specific need?

A: Yes. Annual Fund gifts may be directed to Tuition Assistance, the Engbers Fund for Excellence in Education, Student Expression, and Spiritual Life. However, unrestricted Annual Fund gifts provide the most financial flexibility. Should directed contributions exceed the budgeted limit of one of the areas noted above, the school's administration reserves the option to direct the use of contributions to the area of greatest need.

Q: What is an appropriate sized gift to the Annual Fund?

A: Every gift, regardless of size, makes a difference. We ask that you give a gift that is truly meaningful to you and your family, knowing that all gifts benefit our students.

Q: Who gives to The Annual Fund?

A: All members of our community are encouraged to participate in the support of our mission: current and past parents and grandparents, alumni, Trustees, faculty and staff, and philanthropic businesses in our community all give to The WCS Fund.

Q: How do I make a gift to Whitinsville Christian?

A: There are several ways to support WCS through giving. Gifts may be given in the form of cash, check, credit card, or stock. Checks can be mailed to the school, or to visit our secure online giving site at whitinsvillechristian.org/support-wcs. You can also contact Heather Rufo, Director of Development, at hrufo@whitinsvillechristian.org for more options.

Q: Are there any fundraisers that support The Annual Fund?

A: Yes! We host two major events that support The Annual Fund:

- Dutch Apple Pie Sale - The pie-making day typically takes place in late October, with a sales period launching a few weeks prior. Due to the number of volunteers it takes to make thousands of pies, we lovingly refer to this event as a "friend-raiser!"
- Spring Auction - This lively evening event is a time for fellowship and fun in support of WCS. Our generous donors offer unique items and experiences, vacations, tickets to live performances, and more.





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