

Cornerstone

Our Community Center Capital Campaign
Building a new vibrant center for our community.

St. Mary's Academy Parents, Parents of Alumnae, Alumnae & Friends



Please join SMA's winning team!

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Our Commitment to SMA's Capital Campaign

Name _____

Address: _____

City/ST/Zip: _____

Total Pledge: \$15,000 \$10,000 \$5,000 Other

Payment included with pledge: \$ _____

Signature: _____

Good news—we are halfway there!

The good news is we have built the new Community Center. But there is more to do. Our long range plan includes improvements to the High School, campus grounds and a Performing Arts Center. You can be a part of helping us move forward.

What is the current status of the Capital Campaign?

As of August 31, we have \$5,137,794 in cash and pledges towards our \$10 million goal.

Are gifts tax deductible?

Yes! The State of Colorado wants to match every dollar you contribute, and the Federal Government would like to help as well. It's true! Currently available state and federal tax benefits for charitable contributions to SMA's Capital Campaign may significantly reduce your net out-of-pocket expense. An illustration of potential benefits using the available tax credits is enclosed. Let us help you understand the benefits of your charitable contribution to St. Mary's Academy.

Why the urgency now?

We want to complete this campaign to continue moving forward with improvements to keep SMA at its best for the students we serve.

What if I do not have the cash now?

Pledges count! Most gifts have been in the form of a three-year pledge. Payments can be in the form of cash, appreciated stock or appreciated assets. You can begin payments in 2016 or 2017, whichever is most advantageous for your situation.

How will my gift be used?

Our new Community Center opened April, 2015. Facilities and site improvements completed in the last 18 months have benefited every SMA student. Your gift will:

- Help complete our \$10 million campaign
- Help us move forward with future plans which include improvements to our High School and a Performing Arts Center.

I have questions! Who can I call?

Call Charlie Arbogast, SMA's Director of Advancement, at 303.783.6227 or carbogast@stmarys.academy. You can also call any member of the SMA Board of Trustees.

What is the suggested level of giving?

We are asking every family and friend to consider a gift of \$15,000 payable over three years. After relevant tax deductions, this often results in an actual out-of-pocket cost of less than \$5,000. Parents' gifts range from hundreds of thousands of dollars to less than one thousand dollars. **Families are asked to give to the best of their ability.** Participation from every family and friend is the key.

Why bother?

Choose your own motivation:

- Your child has thrived at SMA.
- You appreciate SMA's spiritual, nurturing environment.
- You want to honor or remember a teacher or loved one.
- You find the tax benefits compelling.
- You want to participate and say, "I helped".

"We are constantly standing under trees we did not plant and planting trees we will never see grow."