



Annual Fund

"Giving from the Heart"

November 12, 2009

Dear Friends,

During this time of Thanksgiving, I am filled with tremendous gratitude for the many blessings that have been bestowed upon Sacred Heart Academy. As we joyously celebrate our 60th anniversary and reflect on the rich legacy of our school and the remarkable women who have walked through its doors, we must also look forward to ensure that our school continues to thrive and provide the very best for our present and future generations of Sacred Heart women. We are truly thankful for the past financial support from our many wonderful friends and ask that you support Sacred Heart this year by giving generously to the **Annual Fund**.

The world has changed dramatically since 1949, the year that the Sisters of St. Joseph founded our beloved school. Our girls are growing up today in a confusing, fast-paced, high tech world of mixed messages and tough choices. I do not believe there has ever been a more difficult time to be a teenage girl. Yet, we remain committed, 60 years later, to providing our young women with the tools and self-confidence they will need to succeed and lead. Working toward our mission of inclusive love, unity, reconciliation, and peace and justice, we strive to strengthen our students' faith and prepare them to be part of something greater than themselves.

Now more than ever, as many Catholic schools are forced to close, our responsibility to these young women becomes even greater. Sacred Heart Academy, as a faith-filled, all-girls school, provides young women with a special place where they will be continually inspired and challenged and where they will be uniquely prepared to take their place in the world. Yet, providing an education such as ours comes at a price and your financial support is critical. The costs of running a private high school today are increasing at a remarkable (some would say alarming) rate. We strive to keep tuition affordable for as many families as possible, while never sacrificing our tradition of and commitment to excellence. Your generous gifts to Sacred Heart's Annual Fund will enable us, among other things, to provide financial assistance, grant scholarships, augment technology, support enrichment programs, and improve facilities.

I think we can all agree that we want Sacred Heart to continue for another 60 years, and 60 more after that. Please **"give from the heart"** and be as generous as possible in making your gift to Sacred Heart's Annual Fund. **Please see the enclosed pledge card.** Together, we can give the gift of a bright and fulfilling future to many wonderful young women, now and for years to come.

Wishing you a blessed Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

Sister Jeanne M. Ross C.S.J.

President

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Some of our accomplishments, thanks to generous contributions to the Annual Fund:

- Establishment of the Sacred Heart Academy Endowment Fund
- Establishment of the Dear Neighbor Scholarship
- State-of-the-art technology in all of our classrooms
- Construction of the SHA Main Entrance
- New MAC Lab
- Support of our athletic, fine arts and extra-curricular programs

Goals we have for our 2009-2010 Annual Fund:

- Increase donor participation (alumnae, parents and alumnae parents)
- Increase dollar amount of gifts
- Broaden our scholarship programs
- Increase corporate matching gifts