# WINTER HAVEN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL ANNUAL CANPAGEN

2021-2022

"I am not afraid of storms, for I am learning how to sail my ship."

- Louisa May Alcott

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## What is the WHCS Annual Campaign?

The fundamental purpose of the Annual Campaign is to provide additional financial support for curriculum, faculty, resources, and facilities at Winter Haven Christian School. It meets the needs where tuition income ends. Tuition dollars cover 96% of the total operating budget.

#### Who Can Give to the WHCS Annual Campaign?

Members of our school family and friends have the opportunity to participate. Parents, alumni, alumni parents, staff, faculty, grandparents, and community friends of Winter Haven Christian School are needed to fully achieve success. We ask you to prayerfully consider how you can participate and invite others to be involved in our Annual Campaign. "Winter Haven Christian School consistently sends out academically prepared students who model Christian character. As the Chief Academic Officer at Warner University, I look forward to seeing WHCS students on our campus because they add value to our institution. They frequently serve in student-leadership positions, and our professors appreciate the dynamic they help create in the classroom. There is a lot that is noticeably different about WHCS students."

- Dr. Gentry Sutton (Vice President for Academic Affairs) Warner University

"If I had to describe WHCS in one word it would be 'Family'. In every class, with every teacher, I felt loved. I have been able to achieve great things thanks to my 'Family' at WHCS."

> - Daniel Miranda (Scholarship Athlete / Alum) Florida Southern College

#### Why Should I Give to the Annual Campaign?

- To partner with Winter Haven Christian School in providing our students with a quality education.
- To help Winter Haven Christian School achieve its goals, mission, and vision of the future. Our commitment is centered in three areas Equipping Students, Changing Lives, Impacting the Community.
- To encourage Winter Haven Christian School students as they learn to navigate the storms of life. Our goal is to accomplish this through Academics, Athletics, Fine Arts, and Attention to Spiritual Growth and Maturity.

## 'When you pass through the waters, I will be with you...'



## Academics

Our school utilizes quality Christian curriculum. Our accreditation and teacher standards support strong academics.Technology-based learning enhances student achievement and helps to prepare our students for real world experiences.



We feel athletics is an integral part of education. A viable athletic program encourages school spirit, attracts and retains student athletes, and helps unify the student body. Athletics is not our primary focus but a facet of the educational experience.



## **Fine Arts**

Another important facet of the educational experience is the opportunity for our students to be involved with creative and performing arts. Through this, students are able to express their God-given talents.

## How Do I Give to the Annual Campaign?

- Prayerfully consider your gift to Winter Haven Christian School.
- Winter Haven Christian School is a 501(c)3, and your gifts are tax deductible.
- Determine how you would like to give: check, credit card, transferred securities, or by establishing a long-term gift such as an endowment, bequest, or life insurance policy.
- Complete and mail the self-addressed Annual Campaign donation form and envelope, including your check and/or credit card information. Checks should be made payable to Winter Haven Christian School with a note of "Annual Campaign" in the memo section. Mail to: Winter Haven Christian School, Attn: Annual Campaign; 1700 Buckeye Loop Road NE, Winter Haven, FL 33881
- If you prefer to give online through our secure online giving platform, please visit <u>https://www.whcsonline.org/donate</u>
- For more information, please feel free to contact Winter Haven Christian School Development Office at 863.294.4135 or mpruitt@whcsonline.org.

Donors to the Annual Campaign are acknowledged in various school publications throughout the year. We consider the amount of your gift to be confidential, however, and will not publish that information. If you prefer to make an anonymous donation, please let us know.



As we seek God's purpose and will for Winter Haven Christian School, we strive to flourish in His goodness and grace. We will aspire to build and shape this school into one that honors and glorifies Him and invite you to seek His will as you give thought to your part in the Winter Haven Christian family.

We invite and encourage you to be a part of Winter Haven Christian School. In the upcoming school year, you will have the opportunity to:

- Give to an area about which you are passionate
- Clearly see your gifts at work
- Remain confident in the stewardship of your financial gifts
- Join the team as we plan, report, and celebrate throughout the school year



# - Isaiah 43:1-2



# Spiritual Growth & Ministry

For Winter Haven Christian School this is our primary focus. You can receive an education anywhere, but our goal is to offer it in a Christian environment. This is accomplished through the classroom experience, weekly chapels, outreach opportunities, community involvement, mission outreach to other countries and challenging our students toward individual spiritual growth.

"We love our school because we get to learn lots of neat things, and it's never boring. Winter Haven Christian School is great. Our teachers love teaching and really care."

- Emily (5th Grade) and Eli (1st Grade) Bataille

"I love going to WHCS middle because all of the teachers are very open and always willing to answer my questions. I feel like they care about me and are cheering for me to be my best. At our school, if you need emotional or spiritual support, there is always someone willing to pray with you and listen. I've made many friends at my school who I can relate to, and I look forward to learning and hanging out with them every day."

- Amelia Walls (8th Grade)

"At WHCS middle, I know I always have someone to go to for help and support, whether it's a friend, classmate, staff member, or teacher. In my spiritual walk with Jesus Christ, I've grown in my faith from every teacher and every class, not just Bible class. I have dreams and goals to one day be a lawyer or a writer, and I know that being at WHCS and learning here will help me to reach those goals."

- Cecilia Walls (8th Grade)

"As a student who has gone to WHCS for three years, I can say that I have never come to school and didn't feel welcomed or cared for. Going to this school makes me feel like I'm part of one big family."

- Kyndal Phillips (10th Grade)

"We sent our son to another leading school in Polk County before he came here. WHCS has been the best fit for our family! The teachers and staff are beyond amazing, and they really care for our children! It's so calming to know that our kids are in a safe and Christian environment. Not only that, they are also thriving academically! We love Winter Haven Christian School and everything it stands for!"

> - Tyler and Jordan Kelley (Parents) Owner of Kelley Buick GMC

"Winter Haven Christian School provides students a safe haven for education, a home away from home, while challenging them to create positive change in their community."

> - Ed Murphy Chick-fil-A Winter Haven – Owner Sponsor of Chick-fil-A Leader Academy

"Being a part of WHCS is the best ever! It is a home for the family. Grandparents can help financially which will benefit their grandchildren. Parents can volunteer their time and talents. Our children come to a place where they can learn to live, learn, and laugh. WHCS is the best ever! If you are not a part of our school, you are missing out."

> - Nancy Shytle (Teacher) 50 Years of Service at WHCS

"As an alumnus of WHCS, I can proudly say that the teachers and staff have shaped me to be the person I am today. I am so grateful to have been a part of this family."

- Rylee Remor (Alumnus) Clerical Assistant at WHCS "Winter Haven Christian School has been an outstanding faith-based community partner with the Winter Haven Public Safety Department. From having one of the only Public Safety (Law Enforcement) Academies in our area to the support they show on a regular basis to the men and women of our department, the partnership and relationship has been outstanding. The Criminal Justice Academy allows for interactions with our personnel and young people that may or may not have an interest in the profession(s). This interaction and relationship building is crucial not only to our future recruiting efforts, but with relationships with young people that are so important today. As the father of a young man, I can tell you that WHCS was instrumental in guiding my son through not only school curriculum and education, but with well-founded life lessons that are faith-based and with an emphasis on work, ethics, and good character.My son flourished in this environment and was part of the senior trip to Guatemala where he learned servant leadership and many other skill sets that prepared him for the real world. As an 18-year-old graduate from high school, he went to work in the Polk County Dispatch Center, arguably one of the most stressful and challenging jobs in existence. He has thrived in that environment, and he has a solid plan for his undergraduate studies."

> - Charles Bird (Alumni Parent) Public Safety Director - City of Winter Haven





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The mission of Winter Haven Christian School is to assist parents in developing their children to be strong in mind, spirit, and body, using Christ as their example and teaching the principles found in God's Holy Word, the Bible.