



# An investment in our children is an investment in our future.

Dear Parents and Families,

Join our growing community of donors who believe that the education of the whole child is vitally important to our future. Donate today! It's quick, feels great, and makes an instant difference in the lives of our students.

As an independent charter school, we receive public funding from the state of California and the federal government. However, without you, Our Community School would not be able to provide a safe and secure campus with small class sizes, where in addition to academics, we focus on the emotional and social well-being of all students, and where teachers and support staff are invested in all facets of your child's education. Your financial support allows us to provide unique curriculum and programs, such as Responsive Classroom, that makes OCS an exceptional school.

Your monthly contribution will impact the educational experience of all OCS students, as well as, the remarkable work of all OCS teachers. All gifts, large and small, fund innovative programs, urgent priorities, and unexpected opportunities that arise during the academic year.

If every family receiving this letter gave just \$65 per month, we could raise \$250,000! Think about that, for a little more than \$2.00 per day from each family, we can keep providing the programs and services that make Our Community School one of the most sought-after TK-8 independent charter schools in the San Fernando Valley.

We are all in this together. We can't do this without you! Your generosity makes a difference to every child we serve.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Sincerely,

Lynn Izkowitz  
Executive Director

*P.S. We rely on the generous support of community-minded individuals and businesses to fulfill our mission. If you are able to give more, please do. Become a monthly donor!*

## WHO IS OCS?

OCS is a unique, public charter school that provides more than just an excellent education to our students. OCS staff members, students, and families collaborate in the ongoing process of education. Our diverse and caring community integrates academics with creativity, thereby fostering independent thinkers, problem solvers and leaders. We nurture the physical, emotional, intellectual, artistic, and social development of every child.

Please see other side for donation opportunity.

# 2018-2019 Annual Giving Campaign

**Guiding our children to be empowered, ethical, and informed citizens.**

Give online at: [bit.ly/OCS18-19AnnualGiving](http://bit.ly/OCS18-19AnnualGiving)

Become a monthly supporter:

- \$30 a month  \$65 a month  \$90 a month  \$125 a month  
 Enter a monthly amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Or make a one-time donation:

- \$75  \$225  \$550  \$875  
 Enter an amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please charge my credit card # \_\_\_\_\_  Visa  Master Card  Amex  
Expiration Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ CVV Code \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the appropriate categories:

- Faculty & Staff  Board Member  Community Member  
 Current Parent  Alumni Parent  Other Relative

Name of Student(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Alumna/Alumnus: \_\_\_\_ Class of \_\_\_\_\_

**MATCHING GIFTS:** You can double the value of your gift if you are employed by a company which matches employee contributions to nonprofit organizations/schools.

- My gift will be matched by my company. The appropriate form is enclosed.

Our Community School is a nonprofit school exempt from tax under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions made to OCS are tax-deductible as provided by law.

**Make your donation today**

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**"Donate Now"**

*Fundraising is essential for OCS! In 2018-19, we need to bring in \$350,000 over the course of the year in order to maintain programs, balance our budget, keep the lights on, pay our staff, and continue to thrive.*