



The Tree House Episcopal Montessori School
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Dear Tree House Family:

We're reaching out today on behalf of The Tree House Episcopal Montessori School for donations to our 2020-2021 Annual Fund.

Open since the Fall of 2010, The Tree House is dedicated to fostering the academic and spiritual development of each and every child in our care. The need for affordable early childhood education opportunities in our area has never been greater. Walton County is the 6th fastest growing county in the nation and the Tree House's goal is to ensure that no child is turned away due to financial hardship.

The school currently serves approximately 57 students ages 18 months through kindergarten in three classrooms. When our new school building opens this year, we will be able to serve approximately 75 students in four classrooms. The new 6,939 sq. ft. building will feature a Chapel, library, art studio, teacher's lounge, and other enhanced amenities.

Historically, we rely on fundraising events, such as our Beachside Bonfire Bash and Artful Night, to provide scholarship opportunities to our students and their families. During the 2019-2020 school year these events raised approximately \$27,500 combined. Due to the ongoing pandemic, and in the interest of keeping our students and families safe, we have not been able to hold our in-person fundraisers this school year. For this reason, we are contacting you directly to encourage your financial support.

To date we have raised \$3,388.87 through our various mini-fundraisers that include the coin drive, Christmas wreath sales and other small ongoing fundraisers. We have also received \$8,050.00 through generous donations from current and alumni families. As we look forward to the 2021-2022 school year, we're working to secure the remaining funding to help us meet our goal of \$60,000 for the 2020-2021 Annual Fund and \$30,000 for a new playground.

Attached you will find detailed information with the 2020-2021 Tree House Annual Fund goal components. This includes more information on our \$30,000 goal to build an eco-friendly playground for our students to enjoy at our new building. We have also provided information regarding the current Christ the King Capital Giving Campaign - Rooted + Grounded in Love. One major component of this campaign is to raise funds to eliminate the line of credit for the new school building.

Please consider a monetary donation to both efforts for the continued success of our school. As you know, tuition alone does not cover the cost of education. The Tree House continues to provide quality education, a safe and nurturing environment and exceptional care for all students. Your gift will help support student scholarships and the financial aid program, curriculum enrichment and professional development for our staff.

If you're interested in making a donation, please make checks payable to: The Tree House Episcopal Montessori School by **June 29, 2021**. For additional information, visit our website www.thetreehousectk.org.

We wish to thank you in advance for your support! Every donation, no matter the size, takes us one step closer to achieving our goals.

Sincerely,
Summer Stough
Head of School

Mighty Oaks Parent Board
Katie Robinson, President; Jamie Lynn, Vice President; Sarah Armistead, Treasurer;
Candace Vlahos, Secretary and Jessica Standley, Parent Representative



2020-2021 Tree House Annual Fund

Our 2020-2021 goal is as follows:

\$25,000	Student Scholarships/Financial Aid *\$3,388.87 raised through fundraisers to date *\$2,050 received in donations to date
\$10,000	Teacher Development and Continuing Education *\$1,000 received in donations to date
\$25,000	New School Building [Furniture, Materials and Supplies] *\$500 received in donations to date
\$60,000	Total funds to be raised before the end of the 2021 school year

A Playground for our New School Building

In addition to our Annual Fund, the Mighty Oaks Parent Board and the Tree House School Board, are seeking donations for a natural and eco-friendly playground for our new school building. Our goal is to raise **\$30,000** to allocate towards the new playground. Through the generous donations of several current Tree House families, we have already raised \$4,500.

\$30,000	New Eco-friendly Playground *\$4,500 received donations to date
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The Tree House Episcopal Montessori School Annual Levels of Giving



DONATION LEVELS

Champion

\$15,000+

Partner

\$5,000 - \$14,999

Patron

\$1,000 - \$4,999

Supporter

\$500 - \$999

Friend

\$100 - \$499

Unless anonymity is requested, our donors will be recognized on the Tree House website and updated as necessary. Donors will also be acknowledged with signage in the new school building.



Christ the King Episcopal Church Capital Giving Campaign - Rooted + Grounded in Love

The Christ the King Capital Giving Campaign Steering Committee is excited to announce more campaign details to the Tree House community. Our campaign, Rooted + Grounded in Love, will raise funds to ensure the continued success of several significant ministries at Christ the King for many years to come. This includes eliminating the existing line of credit for the new Tree House school building.



Our campaign components are as follows:

\$320,000	Eliminate line of credit for new Tree House school building
\$147,500	Funding for Family Faith Formation Program
\$50,000	Refurbish CtK education building and nursery
\$50,000	Outdoor Beautification Projects
\$15,000	Memorial Garden (for interment of ashes in lieu of columbarium)
\$67,000	10% Tithe to the diocesan "Go Forward" Campaign: Beckwith Camp and Conference Center
\$25,000	Venture funds to develop multi-generational music program

\$675,000 To be raised over five years
(2021,2022,2023,2024, 2025)

Our largest mission of the parish is our Episcopal day school. With high demand for preschools in the community, coupled with the unique offering of an Episcopal Montessori environment on such a beautiful campus, our school has grown quickly, occupying the entirety of Christ the King's education building.

With help of generous gifts, Christ the King has stepped out in faith to build a separate facility to house our rapidly growing parish day school. But it is a commitment that comes with a cost, a funding gap requiring the church to carry a burdensome loan of **\$320,000**. With our campaign, we can retire that debt and be freed to use those resources to fund other ministries of the church – enabling us to bring Christ's love to our students as well as to many others.

If you have any questions regarding the campaign or if you are interested in supporting our efforts, please contact Campaign Chair Travis Meyer at capitalcampaign@christthekingfl.org or visit www.rootedandgroundedctk.org.

...“that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love.” Ephesians 3:17

The Tree House Episcopal Montessori School is an outreach ministry provided by Christ The King Episcopal Church and a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast, Inc., so your donation may be tax deductible. The Tree House EIN #: 82-1441558.