



A Commitment & Philanthropy Guide to

Gift Giving

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Dear Parents and Friends,

At IHM School, our theme for the 2025-2026 school year is “Rooted in Christ.” Our commitment to your child extends beyond the classroom. Thank you for the opportunity to partner with you in helping your child learn and grow. Just as we expect the commitment and involvement of our students, we also hope you find a way to become a committed and supportive member of our school community.

A positive school environment depends on your participation, and with your help, we will achieve the mutual goals we have for the children entrusted to us. Inside this booklet, you'll find information and unique QR codes for:

- The Eagle Fund, our annual fund
- Our Endowment
- Memorial Scholarships
- Georgia GOAL, a Student Scholarship Organization
- IHM School's Home and School Association's major events
- IHM Church's Capital Campaign

Your participation nourishes and supports all present and future students as they grow to their potential and branch out into the world. Thank you in advance for your active involvement at IHM!



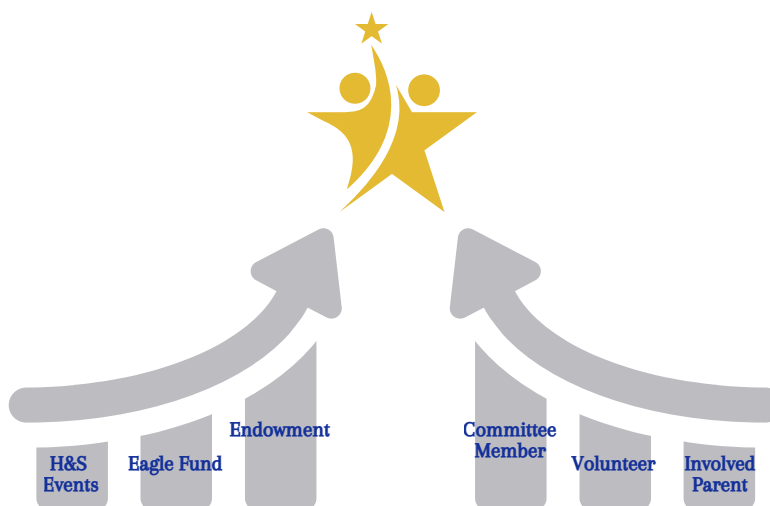
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How can I get involved? How can I help?

The answer is two-fold. Every school needs an active constituency in order to thrive.



Financial Support

We ask you to contribute to the Eagle Fund to the extent that you are financially able, as well as participate in the periodic campaigns and fundraising that support the needs of IHM.

Active Participation

We ask you to take an active part in your student's education by volunteering at the school or being a member of the Home & School Board or School Advisory Committee.

The Eagle Fund

The Eagle Fund is the cornerstone of our development efforts.

It is comprised of annual and recurring gifts from parents, faculty & staff, grandparents, company matches, friends of our school, and alums. It takes every single member of our school family to fulfill our mission. The Eagle Fund represents a commitment from supporters of IHM to provide the resources needed for an outstanding educational experience, year after year.

We expect 100% participation from Faculty & Staff; Home & School Board members; and School Advisory Council members.

We strive for 100% participation from our parents.

Guardian Angel Virtue Levels*

\$10,000 +	Visionaries
\$5,000 - \$9,999	Principal's Circle
\$2,500 - \$4,999	IHM Champion
\$1,500 - \$2,499	Good Shepherd

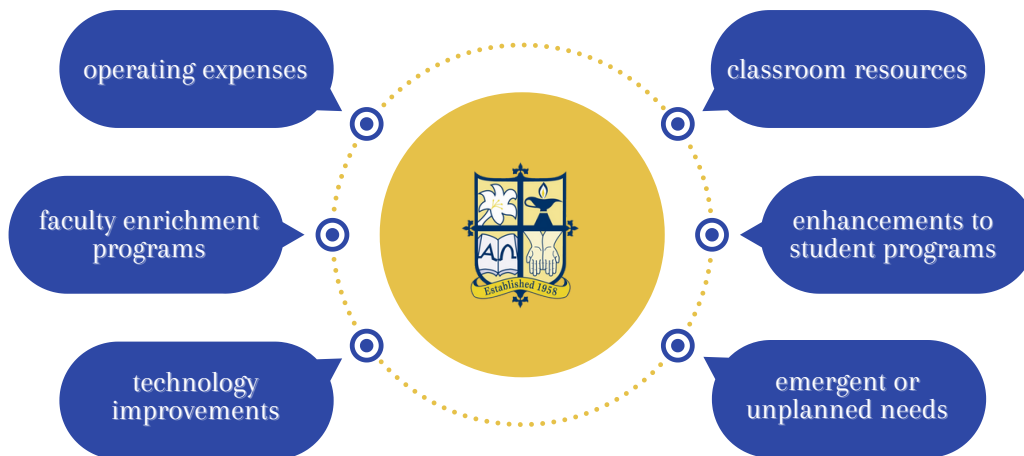
**Donors who give at any of the Guardian Angel Levels by Dec. 19, 2025 are invited to a gathering in Spring 2026.*

Heartfelt Giving Levels

\$1,000 - \$1,499	Eagle Club
\$500 - \$999	Blue & Gold Club
\$250 - \$499	Spirit Club
Up to \$249	Friends of IHM

What does the Eagle Fund support?

Donations towards the Eagle Fund are unrestricted, thus used towards an array of areas needed to sustain and improve our school.



Scan to Pledge or Donate

MATCHING GIFTS: Double or triple the value of your gift to IHM!

Many companies offer programs that match charitable donations made by their employees, employees' spouses, or retirees. A percentage of (or in some cases, all of) the donations are matched. If your employer has a matching gift program, simply obtain a matching gift form from the human resources office, fill it out, and submit it per your company's instructions.

Scholarships

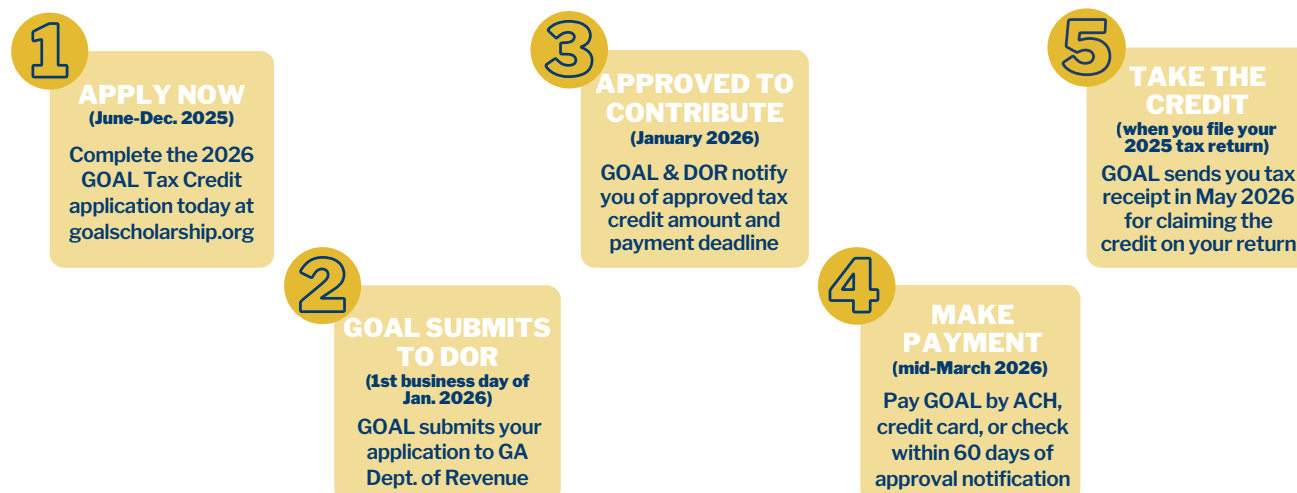
Student Scholarship Organization (SSO)

The Qualified Education Expense Credit law permits Georgia taxpayers to receive a state income tax credit for amounts contributed to qualified student scholarship organizations. The scholarships are awarded to students currently eligible for Georgia public education. Recipients use their **GOAL Scholarship** to attend the private school of their parents' choice.

You can redirect Georgia tax dollars to directly benefit IHM students by allowing us to offer need-based scholarships. Registration is easy, and both IHM School and GOAL will help you each step of the way!



GEORGIA GOAL
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, INC.



Additional Scholarships

Are you an avid reader and enjoy seeing passion for literature in young learners? Would you like to help an IHM family in a temporary time of need? If so, please consider giving a gift to one of our important and respected scholarships below. Visit the QR code to learn more.



- > Edward Barnsley '86 Memorial Scholarship
- > Vivian Adan Eager Reader Scholarship
- > Immaculate Heart of Mary School Hardship Tuition Fund

Endowment & Planned Giving

A strong **Endowment Fund** is vital to our long-term strategic financial plan. Gifts to our endowment are an opportunity to invest in the sustainability and financial security of IHM School. As these funds grow, the corpus remains in perpetuity while only the interest is drawn upon. Simply stated, gifts to our endowment will last forever! The IHM School Endowment Fund is held and managed by the Catholic Foundation of North Georgia.

The two primary goals of the Endowment

- Provide need-based scholarships and financial aid to qualified, talented and diverse students who would not otherwise be able to attend IHM School;
- Cultivate academic leadership through the acquisition of specialized educational resources for students, increased professional development opportunities, and funding for continuing education programs and advanced degrees for teachers.



How an Endowment Fund Works



An endowment fund is established with a major gift from a lead donor.



The endowment grows over time and as more donors contribute.



Portions of the fund's growth are distributed or reinvested into the endowment for more growth.



This cycle continues and the endowment fund gets larger as more donors give.

Planned Giving is a way dedicated donors create their Catholic legacy. Creating a bequest in your will for IHM School is a wonderful way to support the mission of IHM in the future. Anyone may create a planned gift at any level! It is not just for the wealthy, but for anyone with a desire to make a gift to the cause of their choosing. Gifts may come in a variety of forms:



Gift of Real Estate



Gift by Donor's Will



Gifts of Stock or Bonds



Life Insurance Policies

Home & School Association

Home & School Association Major Fundraisers



Date TBD

Get ready to show everyone who's the smartest! This adults-only event is held in January to kick those winter blues. Form a team (or get matched up) and compete in a night of who-knows-what. Start brainstorming for that perfect team name, and don't forget to BYOB and food!



April 25, 2026

The Soaring Eagle Road Race is a much-loved event! The school and local community rise early on a Saturday morning each spring to enjoy a 5K, 1K, or toddler sprint. The great energy brings hundreds of people together, and you won't want to miss such a fun family event supporting IHM!

The Home & School Association's success is accomplished through events. There are at least two major H&S fundraisers per school year, and they intend to raise money to support the school's Strategic Plan. Visit the QR code to learn more about IHM's H&S or to volunteer!



Other Ways the Home & School Association Supports IHM



School Supply Sale



Spirit Wear Sales



Uniform Shop



Pizza DJ Night



Read-a-Thon

Fulfilling the Promise

IHM Church's Capital Campaign to Renovate the Historic Church

Atlanta's Immaculate Heart of Mary parish was established in 1958, and the first church building was constructed that same year. **The original church building would serve as the community's spiritual home for 50 years**, witnessing countless baptisms, first holy communions, confirmations, weddings and funerals, and of course school Masses.

In the early 2000s, the growth of the parish necessitated the construction of a new, larger sanctuary. It was everyone's hope that the historic church might become a worthy parish hall that would preserve the wonderful memories enshrined in that building. **In 2023, a successful capital campaign kicked off and construction began early 2024.**

The structural foundation of the building will be retained, while bringing the electrical, plumbing and mechanical systems up to current standards. The renewed interior will feature two adult meeting rooms/classrooms, a kitchen and a lovely hall accommodating hundreds of guests. The exterior will be improved to complement the design and finishes of the new church building, and solar panels will be installed to maintain the parish's commitment to be a good steward of Creation.



What you may not be aware of is how often our school uses the Historic Church space.

Pre-K and Kindergarten host their educational centers multiple times per year in the historic church space. We also utilize that space for our **4th Grade** Living Wax Museum, **Middle School** Explore classes and Interdisciplinary Unit activities, and the **2nd Grade** Day of Reflection. Our **school-wide** day of reflection and special programs by our School Advisory Council have also used that space. The **After Care Program** relies on the historic church for dance, yoga, martial arts, and more. And, of course, our H&S Association hosts multiple functions there, such as our bi-annual **Gala, Trivia Nights**, and **family dinners**, just to name a few. As a school, we know we will be using the space for all of the above mentioned activities and programs, **and probably more**, in the years to come.

Please remember that this is not just about a building. It is about creating increased learning opportunities for our students and social activities for our parents and community.

Please join in Fulfilling the Promise!

Contact IHM Church at (404) 636-1418 for additional info.





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