



Annual Fund

"Giving from the Heart"

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Dear Friends,

Every weekday morning, our daughters walk through the doors of Sacred Heart Academy -- ponytails bobbing, fresh-faced, toting clarinets and lacrosse sticks. Once inside, what do we want them to think about, dream for themselves, desire for each other?

As loving parents of Jacqueline '05, Stephanie '09, and Paige '11, we are grateful that Sacred Heart gives our girls a "girlhood." Freed from the pressures that surround them outside Sacred Heart's walls, our daughters learn to be "**women of heart**" by being "**girls of heart.**" In a world that values superficiality and often objectifies girls, Sacred Heart provides a place where our daughters learn that how they feel and what they think is more important than how they look. At Sacred Heart, girls learn to value the sanctity of human relationships. They acquire a sense of self-acceptance so essential to their adult wellness. Their personhood as intellectual and spiritual beings is fostered and celebrated.

Guided by the selfless instruction of their teachers and administrators, they grow in discernment and self-awareness. They dance, draw, run, write poetry, play the flute, and laugh. They cherish each other as persons, as women. At the same time, they develop the tools necessary to make choices about their futures. They are tomorrow's mothers, chemists, engineers, social workers, and corporate CEOs.

Sacred Heart flourishes because we love our daughters and because we stand together and declare to the world that our daughters deserve a place where they can become the persons God calls them to be. We know that this vital mission, like any other, requires our investment. Sacred Heart strives to keep tuition highly competitive, particularly given current economic challenges. Sacred Heart relies on our gifts to its Annual Fund to support the many and diverse needs of the school and to fulfill its mission.

Our daughters are your daughters. Your daughters are our daughters. Let's stand together and support Sacred Heart as it transforms our "girls of heart" into "women of heart." Please visit www.sacredheartacademyhempstead.org ("Donate Now" Quick Link) to make your tax-deductible gift to **Sacred Heart Academy** today.

Very truly yours,

Nancy and Steven Vincent P'05, '09, '11
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