



## TOP REASONS TO GIVE TO THE ANNUAL FUND

### 1. *It's for our students!*

Any donation received as part of the Annual Fund is an investment supporting the best educational program for our students and providing resources to the School it would not otherwise have. This year we've introduced new giving options that allow parents to direct their gifts to initiatives that resonate most with them. These include the area of greatest need, facilities maintenance and enhancements, and financial aid. Last year alone, we awarded over \$2.9 million in financial aid, assisting 288 students from more than 190 families, and invested \$820,000 in facilities maintenance. By contributing to the Annual Fund, you support these crucial areas of our community, enhancing LILA's educational environment and sustaining the resources that make a difference for our students.

### 2. *It helps raise the School's profile for universities and career opportunities.*

Since Annual Fund dollars impact all aspects of the School, it also plays a part in helping LILA's reputation at large. We work hard so that our students and alumni stand out during the university and application process by remaining academically competitive. If the School thrives, having LILA on applications and resumes will be an asset they will have and leverage for years to come.

### 3. *100% participation is very important.*

One-hundred percent participation ensures the School's solid financial future and inspires major donors from within our community to invest in the School. Major donors like to see that everyone is doing their part.

### 4. *It supports and raises up our community as a whole.*

Did you know that our faculty likes seeing high parent participation in the Annual Fund? They see it as one more way for parents to show their appreciation for their dedication to teaching. Also, all Annual Fund parent volunteers put a lot of time and effort into the campaign, so why not show your support for your fellow parents and give?

### 5. *International schools have higher operating costs.*

We are a private international school, which employs faculty from around the world. Recruiting and bringing top-notch teachers from France and other countries is costly. Factoring in the expense of getting and maintaining visas for the teachers, the School spends more money on its teachers than most American private schools.

### 6. *We receive NO outside assistance from government sources.*

One of the biggest misconceptions is that we are subsidized by the French government but, in fact, the School receives no funds towards its operating budget. Rather, the French government only provides very limited financial aid (bourse) to French citizens who apply. Just like any other American private school, fundraising is an integral part of our operating budget. Fundraising is a necessary means to support continuing improvements for all private schools. In fact, giving above and beyond the amount of tuition and registration fees is an accepted and necessary practice in most private schools.