



Gifts to our **Community Investment Campaign** make a Great Hearts education at Arete Preparatory Academy possible.

YES, I WILL INVEST IN MY CHILD'S EDUCATION!

Arete Prep asks each family to contribute \$1,500 per student to our Community Investment campaign. However, **gifts of all sizes** are appreciated and vital to our school.

Our total Arete Prep family pledge: \$ _____

Please complete one form per family.

Student Name _____ Grade _____

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We will fulfill our family pledge through a:

	Monthly gift of:	One-time gift of:
1 Student	<input type="checkbox"/> \$125	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,500
2 Students	<input type="checkbox"/> \$250	<input type="checkbox"/> \$3,000
3 Students	<input type="checkbox"/> \$375	<input type="checkbox"/> \$4,500
4 Students	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500	<input type="checkbox"/> \$6,000
Other	<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> _____

Giving methods:

- Please use our current payment information on file.
- Credit/Debit Card:
 - Name on Card _____
 - Card # _____
 - Exp. date _____ Security code _____
- Check *(Please make payable to Arete Preparatory Academy.)*

Corporate Gift Matching *(Check with your employer about their matching program.)*

My company will match my donation. Company name: _____

Contact Information

Parent 1 Name _____

Title *(Dr. / Mr. / Mrs. / Ms. / Other)* _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Parent 2 Name _____

Title *(Dr. / Mr. / Mrs. / Ms. / Other)* _____

Address *Contact info same as above*

City/State/Zip _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

- Please plan to have your gift fulfilled by June 30, 2021. All Community Investment gifts are fully tax-deductible and stay at our school.
- Questions? Please contact Jessica Vaughan, Academy Giving Manager, at 480-222-4233, ext. 2408 or jvaughan@areteprepacademy.org.

Want to make your gift online? Please visit areteprepacademy.org/support.



WHAT IS THE COMMUNITY INVESTMENT CAMPAIGN?

The **Community Investment Campaign** helps to buffer our school from the reality of public funding.

GIFTS TO THE COMMUNITY INVESTMENT CAMPAIGN:

- Help to cover the gap between what we receive from public funding and the actual cost to provide our students with a Great Hearts education
- Allow us to offer our students a tuition-free private school caliber education in a public school setting
- Keep our class sizes smaller for individualized attention
- Enable us to offer programs such as art, music, and foreign language on a daily basis
- Support our excellent and dedicated faculty

100% of **Community Investment campaign** gifts made to the school stay at the school and directly support our operating budget. In fact, the **Community Investment campaign** makes up a portion of our overall school budget.

CAN YOU EXPLAIN THE FUNDING GAP?

Charter and district schools receive what is called a 'base per-pupil' amount. For a charter school, this amount comes from only the state's general fund (and some federal grants.) For a district school, the majority of this amount comes from local property taxes. However, a district school's base per pupil amount can be increased from sources that are also not provided to charter schools like local bonds, voter-approved budget overrides, and facilities funding received from the state's school facilities board.

When all sources are totaled, district schools receive significantly more in public funding than charter schools. Depending on the district a charter school resides in, it can receive anywhere between **\$1,200 - \$4,800 less per student** than the public district school next door.

HOW IS THIS CONTRIBUTION DIFFERENT THAN MY ARIZONA PUBLIC SCHOOL TAX CREDIT?

Gifts to the Tax Credit drive support our extra-curricular needs, whereas gifts to the Community Investment campaign support our operational and curricular needs.

WHY DOES OUR SCHOOL FUNDRAISE?

We fundraise not only because of the low per-pupil investments we receive from the state, we also do more inside our classrooms than you will find at many district schools: Smaller class sizes, lower student-to-teacher ratios, along with daily, core curricular programs like **art, music, foreign language, drama, and poetry**. All of this adds to the richness of the student experience and all of it costs money. We know this is what our children deserve, and it is why we rely on our partnership with families to help provide their children with this unique and worthwhile education.

WHAT CAN I GIVE?

The approximate gap between what we receive from public funding and the cost to provide the education our students deserve is \$1,500 per student. **Gifts of all sizes** are needed to bridge this gap and we ask each family to contribute in a way that is meaningful to them.

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