

## ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

SCHOOL YEAR 2023/2024

Give a Gift - Help support a school as unique as your child.

The Annual Giving Campaign is the heart of our largest fundraiser and a crucial portion of our operating budget. Every year we rely on voluntary support from our community to help sustain the quality and depth of the whole-child education provided at Sonoma Charter School (SCS).

As a public charter school, only a portion of our financial obligations are fulfilled by state funds, and our school funding is much less than other schools in Sonoma Valley. We depend on donations from parents and the community to fill budget gaps that our state funding does not cover.

Your gift to the SCS Annual Giving Campaign directly supports our ability to offer a robust educational and arts experience for our students.

#### THE ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN: THE ENRICHMENT FUND & THE CLASS FUND

### THE ENRICHMENT FUND

Supporting Arts & Enrichment Programs

Our Enrichment Fund is our broadest category; it helps maintain our Arts and other enrichment programs (Ecology Center, classroom aides, wildlife center speakers, sports, etc) at SCS.

Our arts programs require good-quality art materials, high-caliber arts teachers, stage productions, ukuleles and so much more! Unfortunately, state funding doesn't cover these expenses. Infusing art and enrichment throughout our curriculum is a foundational piece of engaging the whole child: head, heart and hands.

#### THE CLASS FUND

Supporting Field Trips & Experiential Education

The Class Fund can be designated to any classroom of your choosing. The funds given to each classroom remain in that class' funds until the classroom teacher decides when and how to use them. The funds follow the class until they graduate.

The most common use of classroom funds is for field trips. See an estimate of the costs associated with our traditional grade-level field trips throughout the years on the next page.

## Estimated Field Trip Costs

This table shows estimated costs associated with our traditional grade-level field trips can help guide you in your decision-making when choosing to support the many hands-on, experiential learning opportunities Sonoma Charter provides for your student(s).

\*Places such as Petaluma Nature Museum, Safari West, the fire station, Sonoma Community Garden, Sugarloaf State Park, Bouverie Preserve, theaters for plays or performances, Oak Hill Farm, and The Academy of Sciences in SF.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Places such as the Ropes Course, Sugarloaf State Park, Bodega Head, and Malakoff Diggins.

Grade	Field Trip(s)	Cost per Student
TK/K - 2nd	Assorted Day Trips*	\$25-50 per trip
3rd & 4th	Assorted Day Trips*	\$80-150 per trip
5th	Experiential education**	\$80-150 per trip
6th & 7th	Overnight Science Camp	\$250-400
8th	Ashland, Oregon	\$350-450

## More Ways to Give...



# Charter Community Connection (CCC) Sonoma Charter School's Parent-Teacher Organization

The CCC pursues all-school fundraising events that contribute to an engaged and healthy SCS community.

Donations to the CCC are accessed and distributed by vote of the parents who serve on the CCC board. These funds are used to help support SCS and to host additional fundraising activities.

Fundraising activities are defined as any activity which involves collecting funds to benefit SCS such as Flock to School, Jogathon, Ice Cream Social, Harvest Carnival, family nights and dine and donate, to name a few. The CCC funds teacher grants, AV equipment, school improvements, classroom materials, and other needs identified by the school.



Together we can achieve amazing outcomes for our children.

## How Can Our Family Give a Gift?

You can help support our unique TK-8 school by filling out the attached form and sending it in with your donation (cash, check, or credit card) to the SCS office.

Your donation will go to either the Enrichment Fund, the Class Fund, or both, depending on what you designate on the form.

Donations to the CCC can be made at any of their events or by contacting CCC directly: ashcornil@gmail.com

Thank you for your consideration and continued support of SCS!

**For questions** about the Annual Giving Campaign, please contact Interim Superintendent Catherine Stone by emailing cstone@SCS.12.ca.us or by calling (707) 935-4232.