

Challenge for Chance

We need your support to **fill the gap.**



chance school

However you give, and whatever the amount, it truly does **make a difference** in what happens at Chance every day.

Please participate in our annual fundraising event.

Once a year, every year, we ask the Chance community to support our annual fund, Challenge for Chance. We rely on your response to the Challenge to **“fill the gap” between tuition and what it actually costs to educate each child.**



Tuition dollars only cover about **84% of the cost** of a Chance School education. To fill this gap each year, Chance has to raise, with your help, additional funds for every child enrolled. Keeping tuition costs down ensures that a Chance education will remain affordable for more families.

Year after year, your support has been outstanding. Parent participation has averaged 90% for the past six years. Grandparents and Friends of Chance School have also been generous in their support. We thank everyone for their past participation and hope you will join us again this year.



We need your help. Please consider generous support of this year's Challenge for Chance effort. With 100% participation, Chance School will continue to be the place where learning comes to life for more children. Together, we can fill the gap.

Challenge for Chance – The Annual Fund

Challenge for Chance provides unrestricted and budget-relieving support for the general operating budget of the school.

The gifts you make to the Annual Fund can be used in various ways—to strengthen and enhance academic programs, provide scholarship assistance to students with financial need, provide funding for faculty professional development, increase resources in the library, provide necessary upgrades to our technology, sustain and grow our programs, and help renovate our buildings and other facilities on campus. Your contribution helps Chance “fill the gap” between tuition revenues and the actual cost of a Chance School education.

Why should I give to the Annual Fund?

Your generous support helps Chance School focus on our mission of providing a challenging and joyful education to a diverse community of children. Most parents are surprised to find that tuition does not cover the cost of their child’s education. At Chance, as well as many independent schools, tuition only covers about **84%** of the cost to educate a student. Gifts to Challenge for Chance are used to pay the operating expenses of our school.

Where does my gift go?

Gifts to the Annual Fund are unrestricted and are used where the need is greatest. That means your gift supports student financial aid, faculty professional development, computer and classroom equipment, library resources, maintenance of facilities and program enhancements, etc.

Does my gift make a difference?

Yes! Every gift is an affirmative vote for Chance School and helps provide an affordable education for our students.

Your gift really does count! 100% participation is the ultimate goal and we have been fortunate to achieve at least 90% parent participation for the last six years! Every gift, no matter what the size, is important.



message from head of school



Chance School proudly begins its 53rd year of educating young children and creating a partnership with their parents. We are passionate in our work to provide an environment which promotes and develops a positive connection to the act of learning. Through a hands-on and experiential foundation in the classroom, Chance students expand and extend their critical thinking skills, creativity and their ability to solve problems.

Our vision “to ignite and instill confidence and skills to excel in a global and changing environment” prepares children for a lifetime of learning and a readiness to meet the challenges of a diverse and ever-changing global society.

To uphold the important work of our school, we ask for your gift to bridge the financial gap between tuition and the true cost of a Chance education. Our goal is for the parent body to match the 100% participation of the faculty and staff.

On behalf of every Chance student, I invite you to join me in supporting Challenge for Chance.

Gail Lotze
Head of School

now through october 31

We ask that you send your tax-deductible gift or pledge in the enclosed reply envelope by **October 31**. You may make pledge payments through May 31, 2012. Please know that our community considers **100% participation** to be even more important than the dollar amount of your gift.

OUR VISION: To ignite and instill confidence and skills to excel in a global and changing environment.

OUR MISSION: Chance School is an independent school for children ages two through fifth grade. Guided by a unique philosophy that emphasizes learning through discovery and building self-esteem, your child will realize his or her true potential and develop a lifetime love of learning.