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November 2026 | Annual Report

Gifts made to the Foundation between September 1, 2025 and August 31, 2026

November 7, 2026

Dear Friends,

The date on this letter is the exact day, 50 years ago, when a group of concerned, faithfilled parishioners gathered to discuss what could be done about the financial troubles facing Sacred Heart Academy in 1976. There was not enough money to pay the teachers at the end of the week and bills were overdue. The Bishop was questioning the viability of keeping the school open.

Thankfully, a group of parishioners, most of whom had students enrolled in the Academy at the time, believed strongly in the value of Catholic education. They gave additional money themselves, made sure the bills were paid, then moved forward to create the SHA Foundation, an endowment fund established to ensure the mission of Sacred Heart Academy would be sucessful for years to come.

Today, 50 years later, with the valuable insight of those original leaders and the help of many others over the years, including donors such as yourself, the SHA Foundation continues to thrive, and Sacred Heart Academy is stronger than ever.

This year's letter is a thank you to everyone who has made our Foundation what it is today. Thank you to all the Trustees who have served over the years; to the volunteers who stuffed envelopes in Shirley Sheppard's kitchen year after year; to the Alumni Association for keeping addresses updated and sharing those lists; to the SHA teachers for their sacrifices; to the families who included the SHA Foundation as the benefactor of memorial donations; to our Named Fund families and Legacy givers; and to all our generous donors. We cannot thank you enough. All of you have made the SHA Foundation the endowment it is today supporting the mission of Sacred Heart Academy, its teachers, and students.

Last year I boldly asked for support in our 50th year and you responded. In the time period from September 1, 2025 to December 31, 2026, I challenged donors to boost the Foundation balance by $1 million as a way to celebrate this milestone anniversary. I am pleased to report that as of today, gifts from all sources total $750,000 and I look forward to toasting this success at the 50th Anniversary Gala later tonight, and believe we will reach our goal by year end.

And now, as I sincerely thank you, I again ask for your continued support. Please join me in making an annual donation to the Sacred Heart Academy Foundation to ensure the continued success of our important work. We appreciate your financial support, your prayers, and your friendship.

Sincerely,

Bill Myler, Jr.

Bill Myler
President

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General Fund

Donors | **September 1, 2025 to August 31, 2026**

Gabe & Michelle Ambrozaitis
John & Kathleen Audretsch
Fred & Joyce Cashen
Connie & Stan Dinius
Dolores & Jim Epple
Kathy & Larry Fussman
Neil & Stacy Garner
Richard & Cynthia Gergel
Maureen Gierucki
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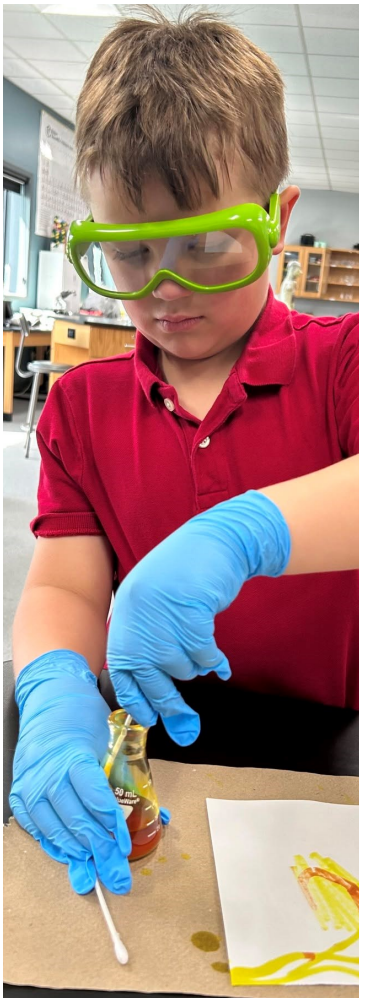
Michele & Sam Houston
Mike & Suzanne Hovey
Mary Myler Hunter
Charlotte & James Ison
John Kahl
Cindy Kaliszewski
Jim & Sandy Kenney
Michelle & Matt Kisell
Don Landwehr
Charles & Dorine Lilly
Ken & Susan MacDonald
John & Jennifer
Mackovjak Gerald Martin
Jerry & Marilyn Morey
Bennett & Kylee Myler
Billy & Amelia Myler
Pam & Bill Myler
George (Tim) & Jo Neyer
Judy O'Brien
Andrea & David Palka
Suzanne & Craig Peffer
Bud & Louise Percha
Allen Poag
Roselynn Pohl
Peter Reed
Rick & Mary Beth Roberts
Elaine M. Salisbury
Roque Schafer
Justin & Tarami Sherlock
Jacob Starry
Maureen & Greg Starry
Douglas Struble
Margaret Sweeney
Benjamin Sych
David Todd
Bob & Kathy Thering
Anthony & Jennifer Utt
Shannon Vautrin
Meghan & Jack White
Janet Whitmore
Carol & Jim Wojcik
Danielle & Mike Zeien





Honorarium

Gifts | **September 1, 2025 to August 31, 2026**

Fr. Bob Byrne
Vicki & Marty Naumes

Jim Fabiano
Joe Fabiano
Kristen Fabiano
Maureen Fabiano

The DuHamel Family
David DuHamel

Earl Hartman
Paul Bigard Family

Jerel Konwinski
Janet Feltman

Richard & Nancy Marzke
Richard & Nancy Marzke

Walter & Irene Theisen
Jodi & Doug Hura

Youth Ministry
Suzanne Wemigwans

Barb Wentworth
Robin & Steve Stressman

SHA Teachers
Alexa & Andrew Doerr
Mike Ervin
Joe Fox
Linda Heintz
Connie McCann
Pam & Bill Myler
Michelle Sias
Megan & Andy Theisen Jr.
Julie & Andy Theisen Sr.
Lori Trainor

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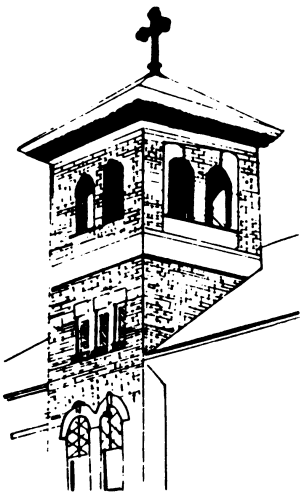

Over 50 years, the mission of the SHA Foundation has not changed:

To financially assist with salaries and benefits for Sacred Heart Academy elementary and high school teachers.

The purpose, outlined in 1976, has also not changed:

The SHA Foundation raises money, invests the assets, and annually disperses earned income to the school.



Ways to Give

Donate by mail | Make your check payable to SHA Foundation, and use the envelope included with this mailer. If the envelope has been misplaced, mail your check to:

SHA Foundation, P O Box 522, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48804-0522.

QR code | Scan the QR code provided here to make your annual donation online. It's quick, easy, and secure.

Give later | Planned gifts such as amounts from your will or trust represent a lasting legacy and on-going support for Sacred Heart Academy. Contact Lindsay Ley, Sacred Heart Development Director for important details.

401K and IRAs | If you are 70 1/2 or older and have excess IRA assets, you can maximize value and avoid income tax by giving through an IRA charitable rollover.

Stocks, bonds, and mutual funds | Receive a tax deduction for the full fair market value and avoid paying tax on your capital gain. This giving option can provide greater benefit than a cash gift of the same amount.

Employer matching gifts | If your employer will match your gift, please let us know so we can qualify for the match.

Contact Lindsay Ley, Sacred Heart Development Director for additional information at (989) 772-1385 or LLey@sha.net



Memorial Gifts

For those who recently passed | **September 1, 2025 to August 31, 2026**

JoAnn French Grisdale
Mike Grisdale
Anthony Ingersoll
Maureen Lamperis
Geraldine Neary

Sonja Baumgarth
Thomas Baumgarth
Sharon & Dan Balogh
Barb & Joe Barberi
Robert Bromley
Bill & Megan Brown & Family
Becky Carson
Bill & Sandy Caul
Tim & Terri Coscarelly
Janet Cummings
Barb & Bob Elmore
Dianna English
Jim & Kelly Fabiano
Jim & Lee Fabiano
Joe & Michelle Fabiano
Char & Jan Fokens
Patty & Mike Gostola
Sue Knight
Bart & Sarah LaBelle
Doug & Melissa LaBelle
Melissa & Kevin Langlois
Jeremy & Katie MacDonald
Connie & Christopher McCann
Joan & Kevin McCrone
Pam & Bill Myler
Marty Siuda
Sid & Judy Smith
Mary & Dave Spence
Mary & Mark Szymula
Andy & Julie Theisen
Denise Vogel
Mary Kay Yonker
Danielle & Mike Zeien

Mary Emily Smiley, SHA '61
Mary Beamish
Valerie Campbell Thompson, Mark R. Campbell, Caryn Campbell Manning & Lynette Bailey

Bill Ervin
Colleen & Kelly Beltinck
Tracey Ervin-McCaghy
John Cotter
James Kenney
Pam & Bill Myler
Andy & Cindy Verwey
Carol Wiltse

Dan Natzel
Kim & Dave Hire
Bob Lackie
Connie & Christopher McCann
Dorothy & Mick Natzel
Mary Natzel

Mary Ann Grisdale Tuma
David & Pam Didonato
Sandra & Kit Karsten
Sue Massaro
Dolores Myler
Pam & Bill Myler
Jeff & Vicki Tuma
Rick & Mary Vandenheuvel

Joseph E. Campbell '65
Tom & Kathy Campbell
John Cotter

Kathy McNerney Andres SHA '81
Sandy & Allen Britten
Connie & Christopher McCann

Rose Marie McFarlane
Kay Ashworth
Maria Brent
Charlie Campbell
Julie & Jim Campbell
Janet Cummings
Jane Eldred
Jim & Chris Engler
Dianna English
Kathy & Ron Ervin
Patty & Mike Gostola
Tim Hauck
Bill Judge
Connie & Chris McCann
Bill McFarlane
Doug & Penny McFarlane
Rita Mogg
Carol Neyer
Eleanor Quinlan
Marie Scheske
Doug & Tina Stanke
Robin & Steve Stressman
Dennis Thavenet

Jim Thering
Dan & Sharon Balogh
Mary Beamish
Charlotte Birgy
Kay Bissett
Mark Butcher
Becky Carson
Barbara Cataldo
Helen & Roger Chase
Lily Ann Claybaugh
Laura Courtright
Linda & Dave Coyne
Stacy & Dominic Finnerty
Deb & Joe Fox
Jeff & Mariska Gepford
Julie & Phil Gross
Wally Link & Chris Hafer
Mary Hauck
Rene & Marlene Helias
Dorothy & Don Hire
J. Ken Hubbell
Kathy & Mike Hutchins
Lori Johnson
Brenda Johnston
Bill Judge
Tim Judge
Kathy King
Sue Knight
Pat & Angel Lynch
Ruth MacWilliams
Connie & Christopher McCann
Maxine & Don McDonald
Sally McDonald
Leona McDonald
Russ & Jean Messersmith
Elizabeth Miller
William Miller
Pam & Bill Myler
Brenda & Marty O'Brien
Mark & Kathy Parks
Mary Kay Rau
Michele Reinke
Maureen & Gary Rondy
Connie Schafer
Fred & Vicky Schafer
James & Pat Schafer
Patty & Don Schafer
Ken Sebenick
Vicki Shoff & Michael Baumann
Lendy & Margo Siefker
Gertrude & Harry Smith
Alice Spayd
Mark & Suzanne Stansberry
Marty Suida
Bill Thering
Bob & Kathy Thering
Diane & Don Thering
Ellie & Tom Thering
Lynn & Jerry Thering
Jim & Barb Trainor
Lori & John Trainor
Cindy Vautrin
Dale Wawersik
James Wernette
Lisa & Jack Williams
Linda Wilson
Danielle & Mike Zeien

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For those who recently passed, *continued*

Kevin Humphreys
Mary Lee Humphreys
Angel & Pat Lynch
Connie & Christopher McCann
Mary Kay & Dave Reetz
Michele Reinke
Julie & Andy Theisen Sr.
Mary Kay & Steve Yonker

Patricia Horgan
Nancy & David Cantrell
Clarabel & Ed Hoffman
Dolores Myler
Pam & Bill Myler

Marian McDonald
Laurie & Dan Acker
Donna Anderson
Nancy Arends
Ken Baker
Ruth & Dick Beltinck
Cathie & Denis Cluley
Consumers Energy Retirees Lunch Bunch
Pete & Denise Cotter
Deb & Joe Fox
Jeff & Mariska Gepford
Bill & Marsha Grace
Bill & Dana Hauck
Neal & Kay Hauck
Don & Dorothy Hire
Cecilia & Dave Jerome
David Job
Ruth, Beth, Barry, Lori & John Johnson
Barbara Ley
Lindsay & Ryan Ley
Mike & Janet Mann
Connie & Christopher McCann
Doug & Sherry McDonald
Leona McDonald Family: Ann, Gary, Mary, & Dan
Mike McDonald
Sally McDonald
Jennifer & Mike Mills
Kathleen & Mark Mumford
Donna Murphy
Dolores Myler
Pam & Bill Myler
Dorothy & Mick Natzel
Sue Ellen (Deni) & Scott Owen
Rick & Kay Pieratt
Drew Pinter
June Powell
Caroline Pramuka
Mary Kay Rau
Mary Kay & Dave Reetz
Molly Schuneman
Kim & Dan Snover
Marty Suida
Marilyn Sweeney
Bob & Kathy Thering
Sara Thering
Doug & Carrie VanSycle
Mary Kay & Steve Yonker
Danielle & Mike Zeien

Marge Mills
John Anderson
Chad Clark
Kirk Coston
Jim & Chris Engler
C. Joanne Grabinski
Larry & Shari Grabinski
John & Danae Hunter
James Jaruzel
Maxine Kent
Judith Kolaja
Marguerite Kolaja
Lynn LaBrecque
Helen & Bob Lee
Andrea & Luke Lirones
Joe Marciano
Barb & Chuck McCollom
Kristin & Tim MacGregor
Bill & Charla Miller
Bud & Louise Percha
Chuck Pisoni
Kurt Schafer
Lynn Smith
Edward Thompson
Mary Tilmann
Lori & John Trainor
Irene & Bill Walters
Jim & Nanette Ward
Bob & Maureen Weisenburger
Dave & Mary Weisenburger
Gale Wood

Keith Hutchins
Pete & Denise Cotter
Pam & Bill Myler

Connie McCrackin Sacks
Jean Richardson

Nancy Fox West
Pete & Denise Cotter
Margo & Mike Heintz

Michael Campbell '73
Tom & Kathy Campbell

Edna Konwinski
Michael Chapman
Janet Feltman
Devin Humphreys
Julie Keenan
Konwinski Construction Inc.
Jerel Konwinski
Connie & Christopher McCann
Pam & Bill Myler
Barb & Dan Stalter
Jeanne Stewart
Kathy Stuart
Hedlun Walton
Jo & Beth Wilson
Mary Kay Yonker

Christy Frick
SHA Class of 1972

Bernice Grinzinger
Sharon & Dan Balogh

50TH ANNIVERSARY
SACRED HEART ACADEMY FOUNDATION, INC.
1976–2026

Fifty YEARS AGO. . .

- The USA celebrated a bicentennial
- A new house cost $35,000
- Gas was 35 cents per gallon
- Disco music was on the rise
- The top songs on the Billboard Hot 100 Chart were Cyndi Lauper's "True Colors", Boston's "Amanda", and "Purple Rain" by Prince
- The movie "Rocky" premiered and became a massive phenomenon
- Apple Computer Inc. was founded
- ***The SHA Foundation was created for the benefit of Sacred Heart Academy***



Memorial Gifts

For cherished family & loved ones **| September 1, 2025 to August 31, 2026**

Henry Ahlers, Brian Ahlers, & Nathan Jones
Catherine Doan
Patty & Don Schafer

William Arends
Nancy Arends & Family

Bill Arnold

Sheila Hodges

Jessie J. Baderschneider
Colleen & Kelly Beltinck

Ed & Ida Berg Family Bethel Schafer

Virgie Bigard, Jim & Lucille Bigard
Steve Bigard

Robert, Frances, & Michael Bollman
Dan & Roxana Bollman

Debra McCann Brehm '77
Colleen & Kelly Beltinck
Mike Brehm
Connie & Christopher McCann

William & Clarice Brehm
Mike Brehm

Joseph E. Campbell
Tom & Kathy Campbell

Lloyd & Dorothy Carroll
Ann Cole

The Codden Family
Patricia Codden

Marg Cotter Crawford
John Cotter

Thomas DuHamel and Joseph DuHamel Jr.
Bruce DuHamel

Jeremy Ervin
Colleen & Kelly Beltinck

Edward & Agnes Ege
Joanne Ege Niederoest

Mary Jane Fabiano
Jim & Lee Fabiano

Richard Fabiano
Barb & Joe Barberi
Jim & Lee Fabiano

Rick Falsetta
Jeana Falsetta
Steve Bigard

Al & Adeline Fortino
Sandy & Joe Falsetta

The Family of August & Hedwig Frick
Joe Frick

Patrick J. Gepford
Jodee & Mitchell Carter
Jeff & Mariska Gepford

Marjorie Gottschalk
Duane Gottschalk

JoAnne French Grisdale
Anthony Ingersoll

Michelle Hauck
Kay & Neal Hauck
Diane & Mark McConnell
Tim Hauck & Bonnie Westervelt
Lisa & Jack Williams

Carol B. Heintz
Colleen & Kelly Beltinck
Gerald Heintz

John, Sally, & Mary Jo Hackett, and Jeanne Anne Hackett Hudson
Sharon & Dan Balogh
Rita Maddox
Elaine Salisbury
Karen Tasch
Patty & Van Tuma

Bud & Lucile Hubbell
Ken Hubbell

Barbara Ingram
Renee & Todd Fabiano

Steve Jackson
Jill & Justin Stankewicz

Brian H. Kornexl '76
The Doneth Family

Elmer, Edward, & Dennis Lemon
Ellie Lemon

Agnes Patricia "Trish" Locke
Kirtland & Ellis
Katy Szymula

Norbert & Mary C. Martin
Jean Hood

Mary Jo McCann and Peter J. McCann Sr.
Colleen & Kelly Beltinck
Mike Brehm
Connie & Christopher McCann

Lois & Tom McCann Sr.
Colleen & Kelly Beltinck
Mike Brehm

John McDonald
Mary Srodulski

John & Kathleen Neyer
Ken Neyer

Jerry Powell and Coach Jim Powell
June Powell
Paul Powell

Harvey & Eileen Pollard
Betsy & Ron Rau

Jim & Lois Sheppard
Mary Weber

William & Shirley Sheppard
John & Lori Trainor
Mary Myler Hunter

Pat & Dick Shook
Linda & Mark Pasche

Thelma Simmer
Karen & Elton Petoskey

James F. Sweeney
Patrick Sweeney

Robert F. & Marie Sweeney
Frank & Carol Sweeney
Margaret Sweeney

Mary Straight
John Straight

Howard & Margaret Theisen and Charlotte (Ramsey) Theisen
Nancy & Mike Klumpp

Helen Torpey
Hilton Torpey

Stanley & Mary C. Veit
Connie & Christopher McCann

Marinus W. Verwey '51
Holly & Jim Verwey

Josiah Jeremiah Wemigwans
Suzanne Wemigwans

Daniel Wentworth
Alma & Sherry Wentworth

Patrick Wood
Michael Wood & Karrie Powis

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Gifts to Named Funds

| September 1, 2025 to August 31, 2026

James & Lucille Bigard Family Fund
Jeana Falsetta
Steve Bigard

Virgilene "Virgie" Bigard Scholarship Fund
Steve Bigard
Jeana Falsetta
Thomas J. Sullivan Memorial Fund

Keisha Y. Brown Angel Wings Scholarship Fund
SHA Basketball

Virginia (McConnell) & Devereaux "Dave" Cotter Fund
John Cotter
Tim & Mary Cotter

Gerald Courtright Scholarship Fund
Michael Hetzman
Mary Ellen White

James & Evangeline Fabiano Family Fund for Teachers
All Edna Konwinski Memorial Donors
All SHA Teacher Honorariums
Mary Beamish
Jim & Lee Fabiano
Michele & Joe Fabiano
Mary Myler Hunter
Maureen & Greg Starry
Kristen Fabiano
Maureen Fabiano

Lisa Marie Fredericks Assistance Fund
Ken & Linda Kuk

Alice & Roger Goenner Fund
Patty Bednarz
C. Joanne Grabinski
Marilyn Hicks

Marcy McDonald Hosking Silver Lining Fund
Deb & Joe Fox
Connie & Christopher McCann
Don & Maxine McDonald

Stephen & Patricia Jaksa Family Endowment Fund
Kelly Bleise
Marc Jaksa
Steve & Patti Jaksa
Rachel Derusha
Stacey Jaksa

Dr. Thomas & Mrs. Jayne Keating Scholarship Fund
Tom & Jayne Keating

Carol & Jerel Konwinski Fund
Janet Feltman
Jerel Konwinski
Jeanne Stewart

Kostrzewa Family Fund
Michael C. Kostrzewa

Dorothy A. Johnson Scholarship Fund
Katie & Andy Maness
Mary & David Maness
Janet A. Patrick Endowment
Helen & Doug Hackett

David & Laura McGuire Scholarship Fund
Laura & David McGuire

Bill & Dolores Myler Fund
Jean Beaudet
Mary Myler Hunter
Ellen Myler
Dolores Myler
Carol & Jim Wojcik

Natzel Family Teachers Fund
** All Dan Natzel Memorial Donors **

Sara Olivieri Memorial Scholarship Fund
Sara & Ben Brown
Megan & Matthew Stephens
Thomas J. Sullivan Memorial Fund

Charles & Betty Powell Johnson Fund
John Johnson
Carol & Jim Wojcik

Connor J. Puhlman School Improvement Fund
Deb & Greg Conroy
Karen & Pat Jarman
Douglas Osborn
Maureen & Greg Starry

Michael Scully Scholarship Fund
Tom & Sue Scully

Theisen Family Legacy Fund
Vicki & Matt Begres
Connie & Christopher McCann
Gene Theisen
Julie & Andy Theisen Sr.
Megan & Andy Theisen Jr.
Christine Veit James & Bradley James

Jack & Ruth Voisin Innovation Fund
Mike Voisin

Edward Wentworth Memorial Scholarship Fund
Maureen & Greg Starry
Robin & Steve Stressman
David Todd

Welcome to our newest funds:

Breidenstein Maxim Family Fund
Jack & Maxine Breidenstein

Deacon Jim & Diane Damitio Family Fund
Diane & Jim Damitio

Earl & Madeline Seybert School Improvement Fund
Phil & Kim Seybert

Andy & Cindy Spence Family Fund
Andy & Cindy Spence

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From our teachers.



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What will your legacy be?

One powerful way to extend your philanthropic impact on the SHA Foundation is through legacy giving. But what does it mean to be a legacy donor, and how can you make a difference?

What is Legacy Giving?

Legacy giving involves making gift(s) to a nonprofit organization, such as the SHA Foundation, as part of your estate plan. This allows you to support Sacred Heart Academy, its teachers and students, well beyond your lifetime. Legacy giving ensures that your values and beliefs continue to create a lasting impression.

If you've been a supporter of the SHA Foundation, consider the profound impact you can have by leaving a legacy gift. Not only does it provide financial resources to Sacred Heart Academy, but it can also enhance your own well-being. Studies show that giving contributes to improved mental and emotional health, and there may be tax benefits for you, your estate, and your family as well.

Types of Legacy Gifts

The most common legacy gifts include:

- Life Insurance
- Retirement Plans
- Real Estate
- Gifts from a will or trust

The choice of what to give typically depends on the assets you possess. It's wise to consult with a financial advisor to determine the best options for your situation.

Opportunities available

You are welcome to meet with Lindsay Ley, Director of Development at the SHA Foundation. A discussion with Lindsay can help determine the type of planned gift that aligns with your intentions and goals. She is a valuable resource to help match priority areas of support with your passion to make an impact. You should also consult with your financial advisor regarding the best options for your situation.

The impact of legacy donors for the SHA Foundation is profound. Thanks to generous contributions and especially leadership commitments through legacy gifts, many lives have already been transformed through scholarships, teacher salary initiatives, and Named Funds. Most donors choose to leave unrestricted gifts, allowing the Foundation Trustees to invest endowment income as they see best. However, if you have a specific impact area which resonates with you—Teachers salaries, the STEM Fund, or tuition assistance—restricted gifts are certainly an option.

Receiving legacy gifts each year into the future from alumni and friends who want to make a difference is a true blessing to our organization. These gifts not only secure funding for current initiatives but also lay the groundwork for future projects which can benefit Sacred Heart Academy.

For information

For specific information about planned gifts, contact Lindsay Ley at LLey@sha.net or (989) 772-1385. The sole purpose of the Foundation is to support the Academy in its mission to educate students with a strong foundation in the Catholic faith. Together, we can create a lasting legacy to help secure the future of SHA and its Catholic school mission.