

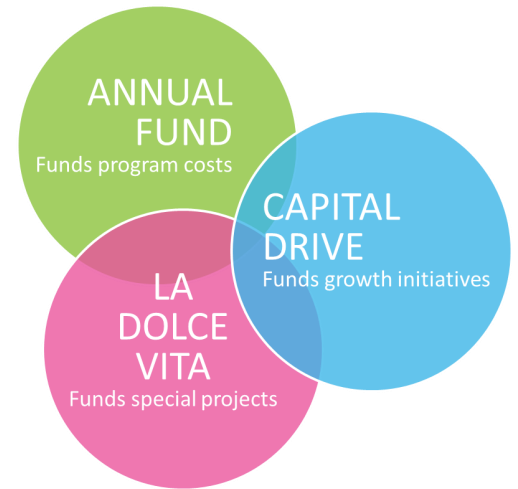


Support LA SCUOLA

Giving and Getting Involved at La Scuola - Our Fundraising Programs

Every year we depend on the generous contributions from our community to support and grow our exceptional programs. Like other independent schools, we do not receive any federal, state, or local funding. We rely on your support to keep tuition rates accessible for the greatest number of families and to keep improving our programs. While tuition is not tax deductible, voluntary contributions are. Family participation in our fundraising campaigns is essential toward building and growing the school community that we cherish and continuing to offer exceptional education opportunities for your children.

The generosity, support and values of our community are reflected in the continued success of La Scuola. Our school is now truly the first PreK-8 International school of San Francisco with the combination of language immersion, Reggio Emilia approach, and IB Primary Years Program curriculum. All of this has been made possible through the passion of the families that came before us and those who now continue to promote our mission:



Inspire Brave Learners to Shape the Future.

Annual Fund – 100% Participation in 100 Days

The Annual Fund is the school's most important fundraising event and we ask for 100% family participation in 100 days starting in September. Tuition covers just 90% of our operating costs. Your generous contributions to the Annual Fund allow us to:

- ◆ Provide an exceptional education through our unique Reggio Emilia, IB-PYP program and language immersion
- ◆ Support our environmental science, garden, atelier and music programs
- ◆ Keep the tuition as accessible as possible, providing financial aid to keep La Scuola diverse and inclusive
- ◆ Continue to offer rich professional development for our teachers and staff
- ◆ Offer competitive remuneration to keep top teachers as our city continues to become less affordable

Please make your gift or pledge now. Faculty, staff alumni and friends are also participating. All gifts, regardless of size, are important and very much appreciated. Annual Fund donations are fully tax deductible.

La Dolce Vita – The Spring Fundraising Gala

Our annual gala dinner, auction and fund-a-need program has been a resounding success since its inception in 2008. The generous donation received during past LDV events have helped us to grow and realize a number of special projects:

- ◆ Distinguish La Scuola through the creation of unique learning environments: from our beautiful gardens, to our unique Digital Ateliers, to our traditional Art and Music ateliers
- ◆ Our multilingual libraries
- ◆ Our playyards and outdoor spaces
- ◆ Our Fund-The-Need to support Financial Aid

La Dolce Vita is a volunteer-led event. In the fall, the committee will contact you for assistance. You can contribute to the auction in many ways: cash donations, auction item donations, ticket purchases and, of course, crazy bidding!

Capital Drive – Growth & Sustainability

La Scuola is developing a multi-year plan to meet its capital needs as it grows so that we may:

- ◆ Fulfill the long term goal of expanding through 8th grade with 2 classes per grade with a new campus

If you want to be involved in this long-term campaign, or you want to recommend anyone who could help fulfill our goals, please contact the Development Director at:

development@lascuolasf.org

Your gift impacts over 200 young people every year and your support helps us transform their learning experience. Everyone can make a difference.



A Few Different Ways To Give

Cash or Credit Card - We welcome cash, check, money order or credit card. Credit card gifts may be done online at: lascuolasf.org/community/support-us/donate

Pledges - Pledges can be made by mail or e-mail, to be paid by June 30.

Matching Gifts - Many companies have a matching gift program that can double the value of your gift. Please check with your company's personnel office.

Stock Gifts - A gift of stock or appreciated securities may offer greater tax savings than a cash gift. It allows you to avoid a capital gains tax in addition to receiving a charitable income tax deduction for the fair market value of the stock.

Memorial and Honorary Gifts - Memorial or honorary gifts can be made in honor of a loved one or in tribute to a special occasion. Gift acknowledgements will be sent to whomever you choose.

Real Estate - A residence, vacation home, farm, acreage or vacant lot may have so appreciated in value through the years that its sale would mean a sizable capital gains tax. By making a year-end gift of this property instead, you would avoid the capital gains tax, and, at the same time, receive a charitable deduction for the fair market value of the property.

Your donations are tax deductible!

Grazie di cuore for helping!

What Your Donations Have

Already Accomplished

Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of our families, friends and alumni, La Scuola has blossomed in so many ways. Grazie mille. Just some of what we have accomplished:

- ◆ Renovated a former medical clinic into our bright, beautiful 'sensory laboratory' that we inhabit today
- ◆ Transformed an empty lot into a magical outdoor play area that sparks the imagination
- ◆ Provided children with a dedicated art/creativity space, our Digital Atelier
- ◆ Gave life to our beautiful vegetable and sensory garden under the guidance of our wonderful garden teacher
- ◆ Helped with financial support for many families bringing diversity to our community

What Can You Do Right Now?

- ◆ Donate or pledge to the Annual Fund. Go to: LaScuolaSF.org/community/support-us/donate for details.
- ◆ Get involved! Volunteer for events. Join the Development Committee. Talk to friends and relatives.
- ◆ Save the Date for **La Dolce Vita Gala March 25, 2017.**

For more information about giving and getting involved, please contact our Development Office:

development@lascuolasf.org

or call us at 414-551-0000 ext 406

