

FAQ's about Annual Fund

What is the Annual Fund, and why is it important?

The Annual Fund is Bellevue Christian School's major annual fundraising effort. It runs throughout the school year. It supports every child, every teacher, every day. Your gift helps cover the cost of the school's educational programs, as well as athletic equipment, drama performances, concerts, music and art supplies, field trips, and much more. It also supports financial aid to help make BCS education accessible to more families. It is our hope that the Annual Fund will be one of the top philanthropic priorities for every Bellevue Christian School family. Nearly all aspects of teaching and learning depend on gifts to the Annual Fund.

Who contributes to the Annual Fund?

Every year, all members of our community (parents, faculty, staff, alumni, Corporation and Board members, parents of alumni, grandparents, and friends) are encouraged to make a tax-deductible gift to BCS.

How much should I give?

The answer is a gift that is right for your family. Giving expresses the gratitude families feel for the role Bellevue Christian School plays in their lives. Gifts to the Annual Fund range in size and we need gifts at all levels to reach our goal of \$760,000. Every gift counts.

What are the different ways in which I can donate?

Most of our donors use a credit card or give a personal check. Others donate in ways that maximize personal tax benefits using Qualified Charitable Donation (QCD), a Donor Advised Fund, donating stock, etc. Ask your tax advisor about options that are best for your family.

I've heard about matching funds – how does that work?

Many companies offer an employee matching gift program. Through these programs, companies match donation amounts made by their employees to non-profit organizations. Bellevue Christian School is registered as a 501 c3 not for profit organization. When making

your gift, please let us know your intent to arrange for a matching gift. You can contact Linda Shelby, Donor Care and Data Coordinator at Linda.Shelby@bellevuechristian.org.

I want to contribute, but I can't pay for it all right away. Can I pledge or pay in installments?

You may make a one-time gift, pledge now for future payment, or make small payments over time. If you'd like to arrange a pledge or schedule payment installments, please contact Jennifer Smith at jsmith3@bellevuechristian.org. Gifts to this year's Annual Fund must be completed by the end of our fiscal year, June 30.