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Dear Friend of Girard College,

In times of uncertainty, we must rely on our values and each other. Girard College has persevered for more than 170 years, through wars, pandemics, and civil unrest. Our school's purpose – to provide vulnerable children with an excellent academic and residential program – has never faltered, thanks to the steadfast support of our community.

As we begin a school year full of new challenges, I'm proud of our faculty and staff for responding with Courage, our newest core value. It has taken great effort and planning to welcome students back to campus in a safe and responsible way. Learning is taking place in person and virtually, and each presents its own set of challenges. As we work to reconfigure our facilities, upgrade equipment, and provide training, the health and safety of the entire community continues to be our top priority.

Everyday heroes are all around us if you know where to look. Today, I ask you, a member of the Girard College community, to be a hero to our students.

By making a gift to the Girard College Foundation, you are standing courageously with our students as they navigate the future and anchor their impact on the world. You extend the legacy of Stephen Girard by securing the tools we need to keep our community safe while providing an excellent education.



Girard College serves young people from communities that have been hit disproportionately hard by the current pandemic. Our commitment to give students every opportunity to learn and grow is more important than ever. We look to Stephen Girard's example for how to serve vulnerable populations and take collective responsibility to invest in their future.

I am grateful for all Girard alumni, families, and friends who have supported the College in the past. By choosing to be a hero to our students, you help them overcome adversity.

Your support helps make a Girard education possible. Please give as you are able, and thank you. Hail Girard!

Dr. Heather D. Wathington
President, Girard College

Make a Gift and Be a Hero to our Students

Like schools all across the country, Girard College has had to take unprecedented steps to respond to our national health crisis. To keep our students safe while delivering on our program's mission, we depend on your support as we reconfigure our facilities, procure personal protective equipment, and provide additional technology and training. By making a gift, you become a hero to our students, keeping them safe while they learn and grow.

Here is how your gift will directly impact a Girard College student:

Your gift	Impact
\$25	Personal Protective Equipment
\$75	General School Supplies
\$150	Desk Shields
\$250	Textbooks and Reading Material
\$500	A New Chromebook

The Importance of Giving Online

Not only is it incredibly easy to make a gift to the Steel & Garnet Fund, Girard College's annual giving program, using our secure website, it also ensures the accuracy of our data and timely acknowledgment of your generosity. Learn more about giving via credit card or direct debit at www.girardcollege.edu/support.

Additional Ways to Give

- Company Matching Gifts
- Recurring Gifts
- Cash or Check
- Stock via transfers
- IRA rollovers
- Planned and Legacy Gifts



"My teachers are invested in my future and push me to be my best."

~ Stephan Philemon '23

Stephan Philemon entered Girard College as a 9th grader in 2019, and initially struggled to fit in to the academic and residential program. He was attracted to the high school's innovative Quest Forward curriculum, but had a hard time adjusting to the Girard culture.

Through support from the instructional and residential faculty and his own determination, Stephan began to make friends and find his place. He finished his freshman year with a 4.0 GPA and trusts that Girard will help him fulfill his aspirations to attend the University of California and become a veterinarian.



"As a community, we all help one another and cheer each other on."

~ Simone Jones '25

Since joining Girard in 3rd grade, Simone Jones has worked closely with faculty and staff to develop new skills and practice successful habits to succeed academically and thrive as a person. Now as an 8th grader, she is excited to conclude her middle school journey.

At Girard, Simone belongs to a community of students who push one another to be their best selves in and out of the classroom. Thanks to this support system, Simone earned top grades in all subjects, including her favorites, math and social studies. She aspires to become an artist and entrepreneur.



The Everyday Heroes Club

Our monthly giving program

A gift at the level of your choice on a monthly basis serves as a continuous reminder of your impact on the lives of Girard students.

As your monthly investment accumulates throughout the fiscal year, it adds up to make a significant difference every day. Make the commitment today!

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