

# FRANCIS W. PARKER SCHOOL

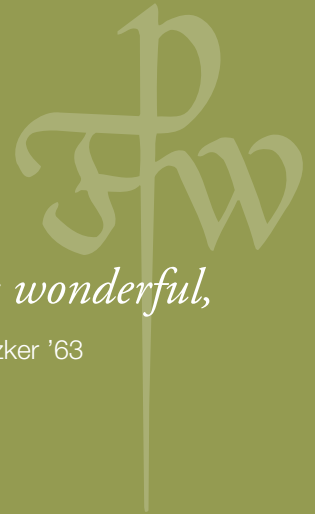


*“My life will be spent for this, for the children.”*

ANITA McCORMICK BLAINE

Planned Giving Society





*“I love this place. I’ve never been to a place that has been as wonderful,  
nurturing, as happy a place to be as Parker”* —Nick Pritzker '63



ANITA McCORMICK BLAINE

## Planned Giving Society

As Francis W. Parker School began its second century, the Anita McCormick Blaine Planned Giving Society was founded to recognize alumni, parents, parents emeriti, faculty, grandparents and friends who are helping to ensure the school's future by including Parker in their estate plans. The society honors Parker's first benefactor, Anita McCormick Blaine, who made the school possible.

*“The aim of education, according to Colonel Parker, is to promote understanding, character, citizenship and freedom, and the endowment feeds our freedom. A large endowment frees us from the difficult constraints of tight annual budgets so that students and their teachers can fulfill Parker’s mission fully and openly.”* —Daniel B. Frank '74, Principal

Mrs. Blaine endowed Parker with the land on which the school currently stands. She also served as a trustee for 38 years with a formidable presence and far-sighted vision. Blaine's dedication included covering the balance of Parker's financial needs from 1901 through 1931. Her outstanding long-term commitment to supporting the school's mission has become a tradition followed by many parents, alumni and friends. These supporters have ensured the future of Parker's progressive education for a distinguished and diverse community.

Generous benefactors who have remembered Francis W. Parker School in their wills and estate plans during their lives earn membership in the society. By joining the society, alumni, parents and friends of Parker strengthen the school's future for generations of students to come. Gifts may be unrestricted so that the school may use them for its greatest needs or designated to establish or support endowed funds such as financial aid, educational initiatives or building projects.



## Support Francis W. Parker School

Francis W. Parker School remains an essential educational institution committed to its founding values of progressive education for **character** and **citizenship** and its continued commitments to being a purposefully **diverse** learning community.

A Parker education continues to provide students with a special quality of knowledge, understanding, confidence and purpose that enables them to carry Colonel Parker's vision into the future. One alumna put it this way: "Parker students have an *extra dimension*" that guides them through life as robust individuals and **responsible citizens**.

Parker School's core **values** continue to express our ongoing commitment to enhance the educational program, provide financial aid, support teachers and sustain and improve the physical facilities needed for exploration and learning. After 100 years, Parker is now in the process of **building an endowment** worthy of the institution's size and history. This endeavor will secure the school's future for generations to come and requires the love and commitment of alumni, parents emeriti, grandparents, parents and faculty.

*"The children of today are in our hands, whatever we do for them will determine the future. Our lack of faith in this direction is the greatest infidelity."*

—Colonel Francis W. Parker

Parker calls on our extended community to ensure that we remain a **vital** institution for educating future leaders in a diversity of fields. A significant way that many members of the Parker community, even with limited resources, can help is through **planned or deferred giving**.



In making a planned gift to Parker, donors can make unrestricted gifts to support the school's greatest needs or restrict their gifts to one or more areas including endowment, financial aid and building projects.

Opportunities include:

- **Unrestricted Support** for Parker's greatest needs
- **Financial Aid Support** to help the nearly 20 percent of Parker students receiving financial aid
- **Capital Improvements** to Parker's physical facilities
- **Establishing or Supporting an Endowed Fund** to ensure Parker's long-term fiscal health and its commitment to its founding principles of progressive education and socioeconomic diversity
- **Financial Aid**
  - Endowed Scholarship Fund
  - Jack Ellison Scholarship Fund, established in 2005 in memory of former faculty member and Principal Jack Ellison
  - Dr. Marie Kirchner Stone Scholarship Fund, established in 2006 in memory of former faculty member and school historian Marie Kirchner Stone
  - Faculty Children's Scholarship Fund, established to fund tuition remission for children of faculty members
- **Educational Program Support**
  - The Ellen Liebman Principal's Opportunity Fund for Educational Enrichment and Innovation, established in 2006 to support new educational programs and innovation
  - *Schools* Educational Journal Endowed Fund, to support the publication of a biannual journal that promotes scholarship and understanding about school life

## Ways to Support Francis W. Parker School Through a Planned Gift



## Ways to Make a Planned Gift

### **Appreciated Securities**

By making a gift of appreciated securities to Francis W. Parker School, you can contribute the whole value of the stock without having to pay capital gains tax, if applicable.

### **Bequests**

By making a testamentary gift in your will or trust of a particular dollar amount, a specific asset or a percentage of your estate to Francis W. Parker School, you can benefit the school and take advantage of an estate tax deduction, if applicable.

### **Retirement Plans or IRAs**

If you name Francis W. Parker School as a beneficiary of your retirement plan, you can avoid any related income or estate tax for your heirs, while ensuring the full value of the IRA or retirement plan benefits the school. Under certain circumstances, you can even make a gift directly from your IRA to Parker during your life.

### **Charitable Gift Annuities**

Through a gift annuity, Francis W. Parker School will make payments to you and/or a designated person for the lifetime of the annuitants in exchange for a gift of cash or marketable securities. A portion of each payment is paid tax-free. The remainder of the assets becomes available to Parker for the purpose designated by the donor when the annuity obligation is completed.

### **Charitable Remainder Trusts**

Charitable Remainder Trusts offer the opportunity to make a generous gift to Francis W. Parker School now and receive payments for life or a period of years after which the trust's remaining assets pass to the school.

### **Charitable Lead Trusts**

Charitable Lead Trusts allow you to benefit Francis W. Parker School, while passing assets to your children at a reduced gift tax cost. Parker would receive annual payments or gifts for the term of the trust, and the remaining assets would pass on to your designated beneficiary/ies.

### **Life Insurance**

A gift of an entire life insurance policy, naming Francis W. Parker School as the sole owner and beneficiary, allows you to make a substantial gift for a relatively modest annual outlay. You receive an immediate income tax deduction for the approximate cash value of the policy with the same "write off" privileges as with a gift of cash.

### **Real Estate and Other Property**

You can give real estate or other property, jewelry, art or other assets to Francis W. Parker School and enjoy tax benefits. Please note, Parker's gift acceptance policies require that the school be able to liquidate any real assets upon their donation to the school due to space constraints unless it benefits the educational mission of the school.



*“Everything to help, nothing to hinder”* —Colonel Francis W. Parker

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—Anita McCormick Blaine



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