



St. Stephen's School

Report of Volunteers and Donors

1 September 2019 to 31 August 2020

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Director's Overview



In a year unlike any other, the St. Stephen's School community was remarkably quick to respond to the challenges and uncertainties created by the Covid-19 crisis.

Our faculty transformed their curricula to meet the new demands of online learning. Students showed resilience as they adjusted to these new virtual learning spaces and staff found new ways to connect with one another while working from home. Despite these challenging circumstances, we launched a new program (the Aventinus Minor Project archaeological dig) and continued with innovations in our iLab.

Through the extraordinary generosity of our community, we exceeded our goal of raising \$400,000 for the Trustee Challenge. These donations were used to keep our Signature Programs running, to purchase health and safety equipment and to make critical upgrades on campus, including increasing our internet capacity.

We also found a few moments to express our uniqueness, including a virtual version of our annual Student Talent Show and some fantastic Zoom alumni events.

Following is a roundup of our accomplishments from the year like no other.

This report is the result of a collaborative effort, and I give many thanks to colleagues, Inge Weustink, Moira Egan, Elizabeth Di Cataldo, and Simona Monaco, and to trustees, Harvey Stone and Deborah Packer Mumm, for their invaluable contributions.

With sincerest gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to be "Allison Kemmis-Price".

Allison Kemmis-Price
Director of Development

By the numbers

Funds raised and pledged in Fiscal Year 2019-20

\$407,424.12

New funds raised for the School, including cash donations and philanthropic grants.

Number of gifts

277

Number of Donors

136

Largest donation

\$50,000

Largest pledge

\$60,000

The value of the
St. Stephen's Endowment increased 10.10% to
\$12,375,814.51

By the numbers

Endowment

en•dow•ment \ noun: a legal structure for managing, and in many cases indefinitely perpetuating, a pool of financial, real estate or other investments for a specific purpose according to the will of the funds' founders and donors.

The St. Stephen's endowment, held in US Dollars, consists of unrestricted funds and funds that have been donated with a specific objective or purpose. Unrestricted and restricted funds are then invested to generate income in perpetuity. Thus, donations provide long-lasting benefits to the School, rather than if they were spent all at one time. Benefactors may choose to support student scholarships, or perhaps they might want to fund a special program (e.g., the Lyceum, faculty development or technological enhancements). To date, the majority of restricted endowed funds given to St. Stephen's are earmarked by donors for faculty development and scholarships.

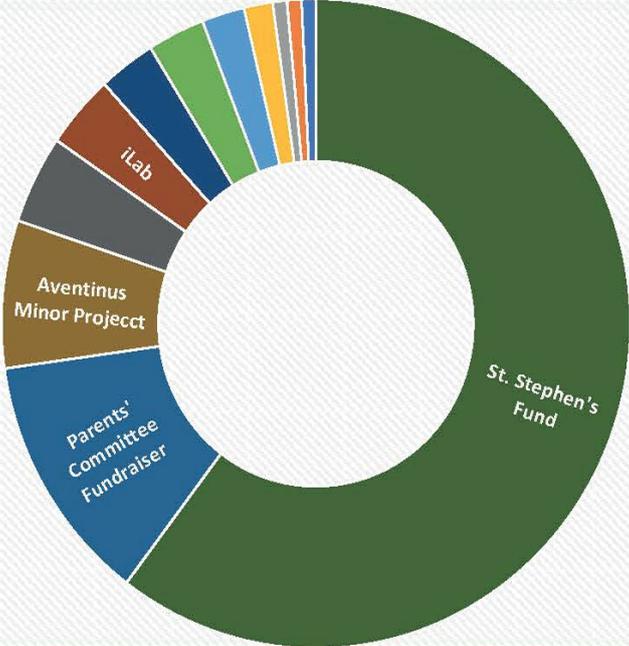
The principal (funds that have been donated) is not meant to be spent—nor are all of the earnings from the invested principal. A portion of the earnings is usually added to the principal; this is done to augment the endowment and to compensate for future inflation and possible economic downturns. The “spendable income” of the earnings (also called the “endowment draw”) is used for the purpose that the donor originally specified. Only endowment “income” can be spent. By law, the principal must remain intact in perpetuity. The current endowment draw is 3.5%.

Last fiscal year, donors added \$103,494,39 to the endowment. The return on endowment was 10.10%. These donations, along with the returns on investment, will be reflected in the 2020-21 Annual Report of Volunteers & Donors, along with the endowment performance.

	Beg. Bal. On Aug 31, 2019	Additions in 2019-2020	Disbursements in 2019-2020	Invest. Earnings in 2019-2020	Unrealized G/L in 2019-2020	Expenses in 2019-2020	Realized G/L in 2019- 2020	Ending Balance on Aug 31, 2020
RESTRICTED ENDOWED FUNDS								
Alumni Legacy Scholarship	161.539,26	0,00	0,00	3.946,75	14.244,77	-1.295,42	82,85	178.518,21
Carter Faculty Funds	1.083.605,51	0,00	0,00	26.474,78	95.553,93	-8.689,68	555,78	1.197.500,32
Cultural Center	3.365,60	0,00	0,00	82,23	296,78	-26,99	1,73	3.719,35
Ely Fund for Junior Faculty	50.304,66	0,00	0,00	1.229,04	4.435,94	-403,40	25,81	55.592,05
Faculty Fund	1.298.125,16	158.255,73	0,00	34.094,91	125.472,43	-11.198,72	455,55	1.605.205,06
Francesco Lucchino Scholarship Fund	138.610,84	0,00	0,00	3.386,55	12.222,91	-1.111,55	71,11	153.179,86
Lyceum Endowment Fund	102.186,40	0,00	0,00	2.496,64	9.010,95	-819,46	52,40	112.926,93
Phil Allen Scholarship Fund	1.083.205,95	0,00	0,00	26.465,01	95.518,71	-8.686,47	555,58	1.197.058,78
Pope Ullman Fund for Trips	86.886,96	0,00	0,00	2.122,83	7.661,82	-696,77	44,57	96.019,41
	4.007.830,34	158.255,73	0,00	100.298,74	364.418,24	-32.928,46	1.845,38	4.599.719,97
Endowment Income Unrestricted	6.824.298,05	217.788,10	0,00	169.965,25	616.530,35	-55.798,93	3.311,72	7.776.094,54
GRAND TOTAL	10.832.128,39	376.043,83	0,00	270.263,99	980.948,59	-88.727,39	5.157,10	12.375.814,51

Gift Designations

This chart represents the programs and projects supported by our donors last fiscal year.



- Barb Devine Fountain
- Alumni Legacy Scholarship
- Lyceum Program Fund
- Financial Aid
- Poems of Rome
- Aventinus Minor Project
- Phil Allen Scholarship Fund
- Pope-Ullman Trip Fund
- Parents' Committee Fundraiser
- Molecular Biology
- iLab
- St. Stephen's Fund

Featured Stories

iLab

In response to Covid, the iLab robotics program shifted from collaborative Lego Mindstorm EV3 robots to smaller, individual models that the students are able to take home during remote learning. Through necessity, we ended up with an entirely new and better program, using Micro:bit microprocessors, a compact robot, and a HuskyLens sensor that allows the students to explore Artificial Intelligence through facial, object, tag, and colour recognition, along with object and line tracking. This dovetails with the AI curriculum introduced in the Core class, taken by all 9th graders during the fall semester. Robotics has been a great success at St. Stephen's, with the majority of the participants asking for a Robotics 2 course for the spring semester. This will allow us to incorporate more complex challenges while introducing the Python programming language, another 9th-grade student request.

Aventinus Minor Project (AMP)

We are pleased to report that the Big Dig, as it's affectionately known, is progressing! We have secured \$70,000 in initial seed funding from a handful of founding donors, and we expect to secure a second round before the end of this calendar year. The project is a landmark partnership with American University of Rome and the Istituto Santa Margherita home for the elderly in Piazza Santa Balbina. This historic community excavation project, exploring the Aventine Hill, will engage students in the classics, history, science, math, technology, and art. Through it, they will gain critical knowledge of archaeology, including the methodology of excavating and archaeological drawing, hard sciences, including archaeobotany and other interdisciplinary fields such as zooarchaeology, 3D laser scanning and printing, archival studies, record keeping, iconography, cartography, topography, and photography. Over the next five years, we seek to raise an additional \$600,000 to fund the project activities.



Featured Stories

Poetry at St. Stephen's

In February of 2020, the St. Stephen's community welcomed poets Carol Ann Duffy and Ella Duffy. Their visit was a collaborative venture initiated by The Lyceum, the English Department, and Creative Writing. Carol Ann Duffy, DBE, U.K. Poet Laureate (2009-2019), is the author of plays, children's books, and some 20 volumes of poetry. Ella Duffy, an award-winning younger poet, is the author of two poetry pamphlets. Carol Ann visited with English classes whose students had been studying her work; Ella was a guest and participant in the Creative Writing workshops. Together, Carol Ann and Ella had a powerful meeting with the Embrace Club, the School's safe space for LGBTQ+ students. The public highlight of the visit was their joint reading in the chapel to a packed house—an enthusiastic audience composed of students, teachers, parents, and other members of the St. Stephen's community. In keeping with the community spirit of the evening, the beautiful art backdrop was created by artist and St. Stephen's parent, Nina Eaton. (photos by Mario Ventura)



Financial Aid & Scholarships

The School makes a firm commitment to financial support, giving more than €500,000 annually to families to ensure that every student is able to take their place, regardless of financial ability.

The *Alumni Legacy Scholarship* was established in 2015 through a generous founding contribution, and ongoing support, from the family of two former St. Stephen's students. The fund is awarded to the children and grandchildren of St. Stephen's community members, including alumni, faculty and staff.

During the 2019-20 Academic Year, the award went to the child of an alumna.

The *Phil Allen Scholarship*, established to honor the legacy of leadership that Phil Allen left to St. Stephen's upon his retirement as Head of School, is awarded to students with demonstrated financial need, who otherwise would be unable to attend. Since the fund's founding in 2010, more than 100 students have received the Phil Allen Scholarship.



Trustee Challenge

Last year, our Trustees stepped forward with an extraordinary effort to secure \$400,000 in total donations to enable the school to secure the resources to keep our community safe and functioning at an optimum level and to support our signature programs, such as the Lyceum.

Our community responded to the Challenge with incredible generosity, surpassing the overall goal and raising the impressive sum of \$176,696 for the *St. Stephen's Fund*, the School's annual giving program.

Each year, *St. Stephen's Fund* donations are put to use for the benefit of the entire community, and the funds raised last year are being used to meet the demands of the Covid-19 crisis. We are sincerely grateful for the extraordinary support from parents, alumni, and friends.

Thank you!

Honor Roll of Volunteers

Each year, dozens of alumni, parents, and friends serve the School in Rome and around the world through their generous gifts of time. These dedicated community members put into practice the School's motto, "Mens, Voluntas, Gratia" (Mind, Will, Influence), and we are honored to recognize them for their service.



Career Fair

Larissa Anibaldi
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Erica Dornburg, 1989
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Viktorija Podagelyte, 1999
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Class Ambassadors

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Honor Roll of Volunteers

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St. Stephen's is governed by the Board of Trustees comprised of alumni and current or former parents, teachers, and administrators, among others. Trustees commit both time and financial resources on behalf of the School, and we are fortunate to have these leadership volunteers who are dedicated to furthering our mission.

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In Recognition of Service

Sarah Selby Ely Kelly, Class of 1975

Sarah Ely Kelly spent her junior and senior years at St. Stephen's and graduated in 1975. After graduating from college, she received her MBA from NYU and married her St. Stephen's classmate, Douglas Ely. Sarah worked in investment banking in Paris and New York, and, when living in New York in the mid-1980s, joined the St. Stephen's Board, serving for more than a decade as Treasurer and on the New York Office committee. After Douglas's death in 2006, she honored their joint commitment to St. Stephen's by establishing the Douglas Ely Junior Faculty Fund, which provides junior faculty with stipends for outside study in furtherance of their teaching goals. She rejoined the Board in 2010, and again served for another decade, including stints on the Investment, Development and Alumni Affairs committees. Sarah stepped down from the Board in 2020, but remains active in St. Stephen's alumni affairs. She lives in Washington DC with her husband, David Kelly, and looks forward to returning to Rome post-Covid. (Sarah pictured above in the center)



George Klopfer, Class of 1967

A few months ago George Klopfer stepped down from the St. Stephen's Board of Trustees following more than three decades of service. George arrived at St. Stephen's as a student in 1965, just one year after the School had opened at its original location, a beautiful villa (now the Bulgarian Embassy) in Parioli. He graduated from St. Stephen's in 1967 and Johns Hopkins University in 1971. The very next year, applying his business and entrepreneurial skills at an early age, George and a Johns Hopkins classmate founded the iconic Polk Audio, an American manufacturer known for its high-quality speakers. George joined the St. Stephen's Board in 1987. George consistently gave the School valuable advice in dealing with complex and difficult issues, and has been one of the most generous donors to St. Stephen's throughout its history. He conceived and financed a major renovation of the current dormitory facilities. Upon his retirement from the Board, the Trustees unanimously elected George to be a Trustee Emeritus, one of the School's highest honors. His son John graduated from St. Stephen's in 2005. It is expected that, out of habit and love for the School, George will continue to attend festivities with his wife Joy when the Board has its Annual General Meeting in Rome.



Donor Stewardship - Our Pledge to Donors

St. Stephen's would neither be as strong nor as innovative without the extraordinary generosity of those who believe in its mission. We are grateful to the alumni, parents, and friends whose philanthropy supports the School's many programs of teaching and learning, and we are honored to express that gratitude in a variety of ways.

For example:

All donors receive a thank-you note and gift receipt, as well as recognition as a donor in printed materials (unless donors wish to remain anonymous) and regular communications about their giving and what's new at the School. Donors have our promise that we will be responsible stewards of the philanthropic support we receive and that we will always be respectful of our donors' intentions and wishes.

Donor Recognition Levels

Mens Voluntas Gratia

Donors giving \$5,000 or more annually qualify for membership in the Mens Voluntas Gratia Circle, which comes with benefits including lunch on campus; a private, faculty-led tour; and St. Stephen's apparel.

Fundatores

In honor of their visionary investment in the future of the School and the lives of future generations of students, donors who give \$100,000 or more during their lifetime are recognized as Fundatores or founders.

Patterson Society (formerly Legacy Society)

The Patterson Society recognizes and honors the extraordinary people who remember St. Stephen's through bequest intentions, charitable remainder trusts, and other life income gifts.

Other expressions of gratitude are more personal: an update from a program director on how a gift has been used that year, or a presentation by a department chair on how a gift has made a difference for its students and faculty.

Honor Roll of Donors

We are grateful to recognize the following donors who made gifts to the School between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020.

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