TAKING OWNERSHIP

TRI-UNITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL IS TAKING ANOTHER STEP OF FAITH.

The first was in 1980, when a small group of Spirit-filled believers heard the call of God and opened the doors of this unique ministry for 55 pioneering students. In 2010, we purchased our first-ever permanent home at 5353 Wilson Avenue. The location, exposure, and energy at this campus have been a big boost to our preschool—where enrollment has never been higher.

God is blessing us with an opportunity to sink deeper roots on the Wilson campus. In 2012, we added five classrooms for our upper elementary grades. In Phase III we will add classrooms for middle and high school, finish a new soccer field, and construct a gymnasium complex worthy of the amazing Tri-unity legacy.

And the best part? These changes will cut our middle and high school operating expenses in half! Read on to find out more about this project, and to learn how you can get involved.

A BRIEF HISTORY

1980 First day of school for 55 students in grades K-6 at The People’s Church
1984 Middle school and high school classes meet at Grand Rapids First Assembly
1987 First graduating class of 28 students
1992 Maranatha Ministries hosts grades K-2 at 5353 Wilson Avenue, and collaborates with TCS to design an education wing. Grades 3-6 meet at Resurrection Life Church.
1995 PS-3rd grades move to the Sports Xchange campus
2010 TCS purchases 5353 Wilson Avenue. Preschool classes meet at Wilson campus
2011 TCS graduates its 900th student. K-2 join PS at Wilson campus
2012 TCS adds five classrooms. Grades PS-6 meet at 5353 Wilson Avenue.
2015 TCS graduates its 1,000th student

OUR VISION:

TCS aspires to redefine the future of education by intentionally designing a unique spiritual and educational environment that prepares students for LIFE.

...GO IN TO POSSESS THE LAND WHICH THE LORD YOUR GOD IS GIVING YOU... JOSHUA 1:11
CLASSROOM ADDITION
TRI-UNITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL has built a great academic program. Consider the following facts:

- Our ACT scores are in the top 25% of schools in the state.
- Our graduation rate is over 99%.
- The percentage of TCS students who go on to college is over 80%.

After 34 years, we find ourselves facing an exciting opportunity to enhance our great academic program with a facility designed to meet our needs. The Building and Site Committee of our Board of Trustees has been collaborating with TCS staff, builders and an architect to determine what those needs are.

IMMEDIATE NEED: Capacity and Consolidation
The proposed 40,000 square foot addition to the Wilson Avenue campus includes four new middle school classrooms, and eight new high school classrooms. The new classrooms include dedicated spaces for art, music, and science. It also includes two new sets of restrooms.

The consolidation of our campuses does several important things:
- It reduces our footprint (and related operating expenses) by over 14,000 square feet.
- It enhances the TCS family experience by bringing PS-12th grades together under one roof for the first time ever.
- It enables our office staff to more efficiently support our families.
- It makes carpool more convenient for busy families.
- It introduces a controlled amount of interaction and mentoring between older and younger students.

FUTURE NEEDS: Flexibility
This addition was designed to provide flexible spaces that can be adapted as our future needs change. It could be modified to permit future expansion to the Southeast if our program requires more space.

Education is changing for the 21st century, and we have a unique opportunity to adapt. This addition provides flexible, multi-purpose spaces for study, hands-on group projects, and meetings. Imagine a culture of mentoring rather than lecturing. Picture your student conducting a hands-on experiment instead of reading about one. Imagine engaging your student in an online course tailored to his or her interests.

Your financial support will help us to make these dreams a reality.
ATHLETICS AND PLAYGROUND UPGRADES

Our academic program is designed to balance training of the mind, spirit and body. For many Tri-unity families, athletic participation is an important part of the middle school and high school experience.

WHY SHOULD KIDS PLAY SPORTS? Not only is physical activity good for their health, but kids who play sports do better academically as well. Athletes learn teamwork and goal setting skills. Playing sports boosts self-confidence; helps relieve stress, and can build Godly character.

To complete the transition from the 44th street campus, the following athletic and playground updates are planned for the Wilson campus:

HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

The high school addition includes a new 1,100 seat gymnasium with competition basketball and volleyball courts, twin practice courts, locker rooms, coach offices, and some athletic storage space. This will be a showcase facility worthy of the Tri-unity legacy, and will provide opportunities for facility use revenue.

MIDDLE SCHOOL GYM RENOVATION

The current multipurpose auditorium was designed for future conversion to a gymnasium. Its current dimensions will accommodate a regulation size middle school basketball and volleyball court. Proposed renovations include replacing the carpet with a sport friendly surface and installing basketball hoops and bleachers. In order to support drama and fine arts, the current audio, video, and lighting equipment will remain, and acoustical panels will be installed on the upper walls.

SOCCER FIELD

Our site plan protects space for a regulation high school sized soccer field in the Southwest corner of the property. The new site requires sod and re-grading for proper drainage.

PLAYGROUND

To make space for the soccer field, and make the playground more multi-age appropriate, some of the existing playground equipment will be relocated on the property. A fence will be constructed around the perimeter to enhance the security of our campus.
PROJECT BUDGET

The total cost of this project is $4.2M, including the proposed building additions, campus improvements, project fund, and debt retirement.

How can we afford it? Generous gifts from donors passionate about Christian education will cover most of the cost, and reduced operating expenses will make up the rest.

Our new facility will be more energy efficient and 25% smaller than the space we currently use, reducing our operating expenses. Taking control of our own custodial and maintenance expenses provides further opportunities for savings. Our new athletic facilities and prime location will make us a desirable host site for athletic events, providing a new revenue stream.

WHY GIVE?

This project is the culmination of a decades-long dream to create an independent, full gospel school in West Michigan. Tri-unity has benefited from the hospitality of local churches over the years, and is ready to take an important final step toward independence and unity.

This project benefits the school in many ways. It improves the efficiency of our staff, simplifies carpool, and unites our families; it establishes our independent identity, improves our marketability in a prime location, and reduces our operating expenses.

Over 100 generous TCS friends have given almost a million dollars over the past five years to purchase and renovate the existing Wilson campus. Were you one of them? Did you find that God rewarded your faith? Challenge yourself to do more this time! Did you miss the last opportunity to invest in TCS – to store up some of your treasure in heaven? This is your time!

Please use the attached form to indicate your support for the Tri-unity Capital Campaign. Gifts by cash or check are of course welcome, but you can also donate goods or services. If you would like to help us with something specific, look for an itemized list on our website, www.triunitychristian.org

“God measures generosity not by the size of the gift, but by the size of the sacrifice.”

CHIP INGRAM

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PHASE III:

1/ we commit $......................................................... per ........................................................ between April 15, 2015 and April 15, 2018 to the Tri-unity Christian School Capital Campaign.

1/ we would like to donate other goods or services to the Tri-unity Christian School Capital Campaign: ...............................................................................................................................................
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☐ Please contact me about the “Hand-Up” program to lend working capital to TCS for this project.

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MONTHLY ANNUALLY CAMPAIGN TOTAL
$25 $300 $900
$100 $1,200 $3,600
$500 $6,000 $18,000
$1,000 $12,000 $36,000

“SINK YOUR ROOTS IN HIM AND BUILD ON HIM” COLOSSIANS 2:7A