

## Laramie Christian Academy's Donor Quarterly Newsletter

*And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. Romans 8:28*

### LCA - A STORY OF GOD'S PROVISION THROUGH MANY DONORS

Laramie Christian Academy, since opening doors in fall of 2020, has relied on God's financial provision through many generous donors. In the fall of 2020, when our doors opened, we started with faith that God would help us raise \$80,000 throughout the course of the school year. He provided through funds raised to cover not only the \$80,000 needed but a few thousand in extra. Each year since, while also simultaneously seeking council on how to become sustainable by tuitions alone, we have relied on God's miraculous provision for funds every month.

As part of our search on how to become sustainable, we participated in a sustainability study through contacts in the ACCS (Association of Classical Christian Schools). Their primary recommendations were to switch to board governance, charge a tuition that funded at least 80% of our annual budget, and follow a strategic plan.

With God's help, all three of these recommendations, and more, were accomplished by the end of spring 2025. LCA has been a board-governed school for 4 of the past 5 years. We have followed a strategic plan for 3 of the past 5 years and our projected budget for 2025-2026 school year projected 100% of our expenses funded through tuition.

With the new school choice ESA funds that had been voted into law, parents in Wyoming would have had access to \$7000 per student for educational choice approved expenses, including private school tuition. LCA became an approved educational entity with the state of Wyoming and 38 LCA students enrolled were registered to receive ESA funding. These were funds that did not come from public education funds but did recognize that parents of private school students also pay taxes - a portion of which could be credited back to parents of children not attending public school to cover educational options of their own choosing. Parents could now afford LCA tuition set at our per student costs of \$8950 (k-8 students) and \$9995 (9-12 grade students) annually.

You can imagine our excitement to have thought we had reached this milestone of covering 100% expenses through tuitions last spring and the relief parents felt knowing these funds were going to be available. LCA started considering ideas of fully paying administration, [our start-up financing model relied on generous sweat equity donations from lead admin, and prioritized teacher salaries above admin salaries,] raising teacher salaries, upgrading computers/books that had worn out and in general not needing to fundraise except for the following year's scholarships. You can imagine our joy at anticipating fundraising for the future rather than the present.

I, personally, was looking forward to our first Donor Newsletter for this school year being a celebration, a thank you, and a focus on the following school year's scholarship funds.

All that came to a screeching halt as national organizations, threatened by the educational choice initiatives across our country, under the guise of local protest, succeeded in lawsuits against school choice laws in three states this summer. Wyoming was one such state where these activist groups were successful.

Much confusion was spread through social media, local media, and syndicated media as well. The general public became confused as to what the actual ESA law did, where the funding came from, and who it benefited. A law that was in fact upholding and enacting the Wyoming constitution was falsely ruled, in the lower Wyoming courts, as violating it. Because of this false ruling, funds were halted just 5 business days, (8 calendar days) prior to funds being disbursed.

In the short term, LCA faced uncertainty as families wondered if they could afford tuition this year. We responded by offering fundraising discounts and additional LCA scholarships. LCA staff and admin stepped up with expense reduction efforts by foregoing raises, and donating academy supplies, bringing our budget to bare bones so tuition (even with LCA fundraising efforts) covers 72% of our expenses. Parents and families helped by donating classroom supplies and jumping all-in to our early fundraisers. Once again, we reached out to you, our amazing donors, for help in this year of last-minute need.

As we start out our second fundraising quarter of the 2025-2026 academic school year, we are celebrating and praising the Lord for you and all who have stepped in the gap bridge the missing finances for this academic school year. We are told that February 2026 is the soonest a Supreme Court overturn of the erroneous ruling might take place.

While praying about this year and all that God is doing, I was comforted with the realization that our story is not a story about how "lawfare" took promised funds from LCA families, but in fact about how God is doing the miraculous by providing for our every need through generous donations of all kinds. The same type of providing He has done through our donors every year since our opening.

Our story is about the God, who throughout the ages, has been taking what the enemy meant for harm, and working it for our good (our struggle is not against flesh and blood - Ephesians 6:12). As usual, the vehicle He works through is people - you. In the past month, we have received donations in the amounts of \$25, \$100, \$500, \$1000, \$5000, and \$10,000 among others. We have also had donors step up and provide scholarship donations for LCA students. Each of these amounts represent someone doing what they can, someone saying "yes," someone making Classical Christian school a possibility for students at LCA.

We are so thankful for you, so thankful for every prayer you've prayed, so thankful for every donation that has come in. We ask that you continue to remember us throughout the year and share our story with others you know who might also like to partner with us. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus and a reason we celebrate!

-- Holly McKamey, Head of School

**PRAY** Join us in thanking God for donations already received and also praying for the remaining funding throughout the school year.  
Thank you for your prayers!!

**GIVE** Would you consider standing in the gap with a one time or re-occurring donation of any amount?  
Would you consider our changemaker program or Safeway/Albertsons partner card?



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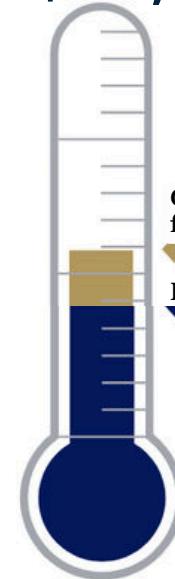
# NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

LAST SCHOOL YEAR'S REMAINING FINANCIAL NEED	\$0
FAMILIES REQUESTING TUITION ASSISTANCE THROUGH FUNDRAISING DISCOUNT	96%
THIRD-PARTY (ACE) SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO LCA STUDENTS 2025-2026	\$22,180
PERCENTAGE OF FAMILIES REQUESTING LCA SCHOLARSHIPS (ON TOP OF FUNDRAISING DISCOUNTS)	58%
LCA SCHOLARSHIPS REQUESTED (ON TOP OF FUNDRAISING DISCOUNT)	\$69,328
FUNDRAISING DISCOUNT EXPENSE	\$100,758

## 2025-2026 NUMBERS & GOALS

2025-2026 FUNDRAISING GOAL	\$170,086
2025-2026 RAISED/PLEDGED	\$58,603
EXPENSE REDUCTION EFFORTS	\$12,323.65

2025-2026  
FUNDRAISING  
GOAL  
**\$170,086**



Cost reduction & funds raised  
\$70,926  
Raised/Pledged  
\$58,603

Remaining Needed:  
\$98,589

## A NOTE FROM OUR FINANCIAL DIRECTOR

Dear LCA Friends and Family,

As the Financial Director of LCA, I want to sincerely thank each of you who responded so generously to our recent appeal for funds. Your gifts are a powerful reflection of your faith and your dedication to our mission in providing Classical Christian education. We are truly grateful for your partnership in shaping the hearts and minds of our students.

Thanks to your support, we've made encouraging progress—but we still have a long way to go. In order to meet our ongoing operational needs due to the deficit left by the frozen

ESA funds, we are aiming to raise \$15,000 per month. We know that this is no small task, but the Lord has been faithful this far thanks to the generosity of donors like you.

We ask that you continue to keep LCA in your prayers and consider how you might help us reach this important goal in covering such a large deficit. With your continued support, we are confident the Lord will provide all we need for this season and beyond.

In His service,  
Natasha Snelson  
Financial Director  
Laramie Christian Academy

## LCA DONORS STAND IN THE GAP



LCA donors can stand in the gap for 2025 - 2026 fundraising needs with one-time or reoccurring donations