



We are Benchmark

**2017-2018
CELEBRATION
OF GIVING**





We are **Innovators**

From its founding in 1970, Benchmark has revolutionized education for bright students who learn differently, continually evolving to stay at the forefront of educational practices. Our gifted faculty work flexibly within a basic framework that addresses students' social and emotional development as well as their intellectual growth while establishing global competence.

“ At Benchmark, we endeavor to strike the optimal balance between a student-directed, inquiry-based education and timely modeling, scaffolding, and explicit instruction so that students can take control of their own learning. Our individualized approach—designed to meet each student's particular learning profile—is grounded in the latest educational and neuroscience research. ”

— **Robert W. Gaskins, Ph.D.**
Head of School



WHO WE ARE

OUR MISSION

Benchmark School is committed to helping bright students who learn differently, or have yet to reach their academic potential, develop the confidence, strategies, and knowledge to become lifelong learners, thinkers, and problem-solvers.

OUR PHILOSOPHY

We believe that each child is a unique individual whose potential has yet to be realized. To help students develop their potential, we endeavor to provide an inclusive and supportive environment that is grounded in an appreciation of who each student is as a learner and individual. Since every child is unique and constantly developing, we tailor our instruction to students' current strengths, challenges, and overall profile as we develop their confidence and competence. From the day students begin at Benchmark School, we help them grow as learners by scaffolding their instruction—providing as much support as is needed but no more than is necessary as they move toward independence.

OUR VISION

Benchmark School is dedicated to making a profound difference in the lives of bright students who learn differently or have yet to unlock their full academic potential. For nearly half a century, Benchmark has been a recognized leader in innovative education. Setting a course for the future, the school will continue to create dynamic instructional practices and establish new educational standards. Benchmark's pioneering educational model is a proven approach that transforms students' lives by empowering them with the essential strategies, self-knowledge, and confidence not only to succeed but also excel in a complex and ever-changing world.

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

“The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members.” [Coretta Scott King]

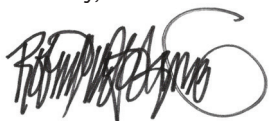
This piece of wisdom from the esteemed widow of Dr. Martin Luther King is true throughout the world and certainly reflects the exceptional quality of our dynamic community here at Benchmark School.

As you turn the pages before you, you will see the names of our community members who have compassionately given of their financial resources in support of our school's mission. You will see photos of school events made possible through the compassionate donation of time by volunteers. And most importantly, you will be reminded of the compassionate actions of our students and staff as they work diligently to provide a welcoming and supportive environment for our students and families.

Thank you for your integral and valued role in the Benchmark community. By joining together to help our bright students who learn differently, you and all of the members of our community move from a group of individuals to a collective “we,” deeply committed to transforming children's futures and empowering their success. Together, we are innovators, leaders, and partners blazing a trail to the future for our students and school.

Together, **we are Benchmark.**

Sincerely,



Robert W. Gaskins, Ph.D.
Head of School

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Not pictured: Irene W. Gaskins-Collins, Howard R. Marcus, Jami Wintz McKeon, Leroy Nunery II, and Roberta West

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD

Of all of my duties as chair of Benchmark's Board of Trustees, this one is my favorite: expressing my sincere gratitude to our incredible community of donors and volunteers for another terrific year.

It is a humbling—but thrilling—experience to lead an organization like Benchmark. When I see the collective results of the donation of time and talent by hundreds of individuals in pursuit of our shared goal of providing our bright students who learn differently with the tools needed for their success, I am in awe of what we can do.

Your support makes a difference in the lives of so many. It also motivates the Board to do its best work to advance the mission of the school. To all of you—trustees, students, families, alumni, faculty and staff, and friends of all kinds—thank you for making Benchmark the phenomenal school that it is!

Sincerely,

Beth Goodhart
 Chair, Board of Trustees
 Parent of Henry '10

SUMMARY OF GIVING

(July 1, 2017—June 30, 2018)

THE BENCHMARK FUND

The Benchmark Fund—or annual fund—bridges the gap between tuition and the cost of running the school. These funds can be used for everything from outside-the-classroom learning opportunities to professional development to facilities operations to scholarship support. In short, gifts to The Benchmark Fund benefit every student, every day.

In today's competitive environment for charitable dollars, evidence of a strong annual fund is often noted by prospective donors and outside funding sources as affirmation that the organization is worthy of an investment. Gifts of all sizes are important, not only because they benefit our students but they also send a clear message that our school has a strong and active community that believes in Benchmark's mission.

Without our community's generous gifts to The Benchmark Fund each year, our students would not be able to receive the complete Benchmark experience that transforms futures and empowers success. Donors to the 2017-18 Benchmark Fund contributed a total of **\$302,450** between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018. Thank you!

NAMED FUNDS & RESTRICTED GIFTS

In addition to The Benchmark Fund, a number of donors choose to support specific funds within Benchmark's overall budget, contributing a total of **\$1,129,942** to named funds and restricted gifts.

The commitment of these dedicated and passionate donors to Benchmark's mission is critically important to the success of the school. We are honored to have their support.



As of June 30, 2018, gifts and pledges to the new, state-of-the-art Benchmark School Innovation Lab (pictured below) passed the halfway mark of the project's \$2 million fundraising goal.

Opening in fall 2018, the Innovation Lab continues Benchmark's legacy as a leader in innovative education for bright students who learn differently. Designed by world-renowned architects and Benchmark alumni, Bill & Chris Sharples '77, the lab includes digital and physical tools that allow students to explore, design, and create while developing skills related to critical thinking, creativity, communication, and leadership.

For students who learn best when they can see, feel, and touch an idea, the opportunity for hands-on exploration can be life changing. The Innovation Lab will promote inspiration, foster creativity, support collaborative approaches, and enable problem solving through trial, failure, and success.

It is not too late to be a part of the visionary group of donors who are bringing this lab to Benchmark. For more information on how you can support innovation, contact Louisa Hanshew at 610-565-3741 or LouisaHanshew@BenchmarkSchool.org.



Middle School Innovation Lab



We are **Leaders**

The 107 Leadership Donors to Benchmark School pave the way in extending the school's mission to the Greater Philadelphia area and beyond. Their gifts provide scholarships, enable professional development and collaboration, fund outside-of-the-classroom learning opportunities, and create cutting-edge learning environments. Our appreciation of their generosity, support, and leadership cannot be understated.

“ Benchmark has cultivated a rich capacity for learning in both of our boys. We believe Benchmark has played an instrumental role in developing their confidence and self-awareness, which should enable them to succeed wherever their individual journeys take them. ”

— **Christina Morin-Graham**
Parent of Grey & Gunnar



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The members of our community listed here represent Benchmark's 1970 Society—a group of dedicated leaders in philanthropic giving. The investment of this group in Benchmark's mission is imperative not only to the financial well-being of the school, but also to achieving our goal of keeping Benchmark at the forefront of academic excellence for the benefit of our bright students who learn differently. All of the donors listed here have given a leadership level gift or pledge of \$1,000 or more to Benchmark between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018, and represent many segments of the Benchmark community: parents, grandparents, alumni and alumni families, corporations, foundations, faculty, staff, and friends. We are deeply appreciative of their gifts and leadership.

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We are **Partners**

Gifts to Benchmark come from parents, grandparents, alumni and alumni families, faculty, staff, and friends who have seen the impact of a Benchmark education. Their gifts benefit every student every day and we are most grateful for their generous support.

“ I support Benchmark because their approach is proven. I support Benchmark because faculty members work with experts to better understand how students with a variety of learning styles become excited about learning, develop strategies for their own success, and gain confidence in their abilities. I support Benchmark because our son was expected to work to his potential and given the tools he needed to thrive. ”

— **Sarah Willie-LeBreton**
Parent of Jeremy

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The donors listed here have partnered with Benchmark School, financially supporting the school's mission of helping bright students who learn differently develop the confidence, strategies, and knowledge to become lifelong learners, thinkers, and problem-solvers. Each donor made a gift or pledge to the school between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018. Their gifts not only made Benchmark a stronger school, but they also represent a commitment to excellence for our current students and students to come. We deeply appreciate their support.

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1: Students raised \$10,132.54 during Benchmark's 4th Annual Mini-THON® on April 13. More than 80% of Benchmark students participated in this optional after-school activity, modeled after the Penn State Dance Marathon to raise money for Four Diamonds and conquer childhood cancer. • **2:** The Benchmark JV and Varsity soccer teams take the pitch each fall, much to the delight of Cougar fans everywhere. • **3:** Students joined with alumni, parents, staff, trustees, and local government officials at the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new Benchmark School Innovation Lab in March. The Innovation Lab, opening in fall 2018, will be a state-of-the-art learning environment, designed to foster skills in critical thinking, communication, collaboration, creative problem solving and leadership. • **4:** Three of Benchmark's Lower School classes traveled to Philadelphia's Walnut Street Theatre to see *The Musical Adventures of Flat Stanley Jr.* in the spring.



1: As part of their ongoing experimentation with the aquaponics system installed in their science classroom at Benchmark, 6th grade students visited Riverbend Environmental Center in April. Students learned more about Riverbend's aquaponics system and how it addresses issues related to sustainability of the environment and food production. • **2:** The Peter B. Deakins Memorial Fund sponsored Family STEAM Night in the spring. Students and families enjoyed games, puzzles, and activities that focused on Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. • **3:** The middle school musical production of *Disney's Beauty and the Beast* delighted audiences just before the end of the school year. • **4:** Benchmark launched the school year with a professional inservice session led by John Spencer, author of "Launch" and creator of "The LAUNCH Cycle," a design thinking framework for students. By focusing on inquiry-based learning and design thinking, staff explored various ways to encourage student curiosity, problem solving, creativity, and risk-taking in the classroom. • **5:** Lower school students practiced innovation and collaboration to create custom lunch boxes for a partner during Benchmark's "Design Day." • **6:** Benchmark teachers Laurie Veacock and Marianne Smith led Ukulele Club, a popular after-school activity for 5th-8th grade students. • **7:** 8th grade students toured New York City for a day to focus on the experience of immigrants at the turn of the 20th century. The day included stops at the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, Wall Street, the 9/11 Memorial, the Tenement Museum, and dinner at Planet Hollywood in Times Square.

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Benchmark is grateful for the vision of our donors who make gifts to our named funds to expand scholarship opportunities and enrich student life.

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Some of the gifts listed here were given to celebrate a birthday, some were given to show appreciation, and some were to celebrate a student's accomplishments. All were given to transform futures and empower success. Benchmark joins with our donors in celebrating these honorees listed in bold type.

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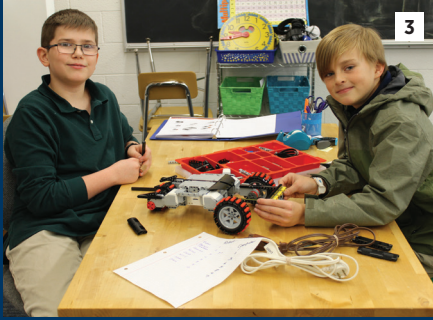
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1: A panel of alumni joined soon-to-be-graduates and their parents at Benchmark's annual 30 Days Out Breakfast in May. • **2:** Ruth Kelemen's 6th grade science class enhanced their study of scientific observation and the scientific method by studying how the properties of gummy bears changed after being submerged in various liquids. • **3:** Due to overwhelming interest, Benchmark's Robotics Club expanded to include options for both beginners and more experienced coders. The club utilizes Lego Mindstorm Robots (utilizing EV3 bricks) and Dash and Dot robots to teach students to design, build, and program robots using code. • **4:** Benchmark celebrated its newest community-building initiative—a House Community system—with an all-school picnic in September. Each student was placed into either the House of Learners, House of Thinkers or House of Problem-Solvers. These groups worked, played, and served together throughout the year, providing opportunities for students of various ages to interact and build friendships.

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The Benchmark Parents Association (BPA) works with the school's faculty and staff to enrich student experiences, provides support to the school as needed, and builds a stronger Benchmark community. Their dedication and generosity are key factors in making Benchmark an exceptional school for our students.

“ Benchmark has been a life-changing experience for my family. We are so grateful not only for our son's amazing education and his growing sense of self, but also for providing my family a safe and accepting place after wondering, questioning, stressing, and doubting ourselves for so long. Giving back to Benchmark is my way of saying thank you. ”

— **Suzanne Heckendorn**
BPA President & Parent of Otto



At the BPA's final meeting of the year, BPA President Suzanne Heckendorn (right) and Vice President Kristin Yerger (left) presented Kate McAllister (center) with the inaugural "Kate McAllister Volunteer of the Year Award" for the countless ways Kate has contributed to the Benchmark Parents Association over the years. The Kate McAllister Volunteer of the Year Award will be an annual recognition of an exceptional Benchmark volunteer that will also include a donation from the BPA to the Benchmark Children's Fund made in his or her name.

2017-2018 BENCHMARK PARENTS ASSOCIATION

The support of the Benchmark Parents Association (BPA) is critical to providing our students with many outstanding experiences that enrich their school life. The BPA sponsors a variety of activities, services, and events during the year such as the Ice Cream Social, Visiting Author presentations, the Scholastic Book Fair, and of course their signature event, the BPA Spring Social & Auction. Many thanks to BPA President Suzanne Heckendorn, the BPA Committee Chairs, and all of our parents for their dedication to Benchmark, commitment to our students, and support of our mission.

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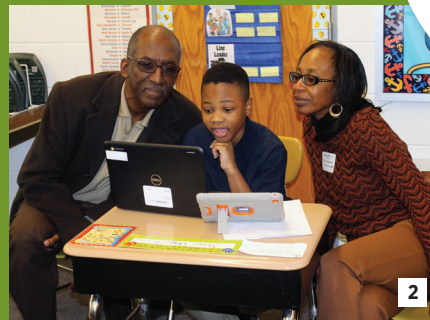
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1: Benchmark hits the ice! Students and families enjoyed a BPA-sponsored night at a Philadelphia Flyers game in November. • **2:** Nearly 200 guests visited Benchmark during Grandparent & Special Guest Day in April. BPA volunteers make the morning extra special by providing refreshments and decorations in the Clemens Family Lobby. • **3:** The Annual BPA Ice Cream Social always kicks off the school year with friends, fun, and of course, ice cream! • **4:** "Ball in the House," a nationally touring a cappella group brought down the house during their performance at the school, sponsored by the BPA. The group is committed to being good stewards of respect, positivity, and teamwork through a cappella music. • **5:** Benchmark parents took a chance on—and won—a fun evening out at "Denim & Diamonds Casino Night," the annual BPA Spring Social & Auction in March. Held at the Springhaven Club in Wallingford, the evening featured casino games, silent and live auctions, and a relaxed, festive atmosphere. • **6:** Every fall, volunteers transform the Clemens Lobby of the A. Palmer West Performing Arts Center into a book lover's dream at the annual BPA Book Fair. The book fair allows students to nurture their excitement for reading while also raising funds for the school library.

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