

“A gift opens the way for the giver and ushers him into the presence of the great.” Proverbs 18:16

WAYS TO GIVE AT CREAN LUTHERAN SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

There are many giving options with possible tax benefits. These gifts may be customized to express your interest and financial situation.

Please contact Mr. David DeMars, Director of Advancement, for more information regarding any of these or other means of charitable giving. DeMars@CLSHS.org Thank you!

CASH GIFTS

Most donors find that a personal check is the easiest way to make a gift. These donations are fully tax-deductible and have an immediate impact upon the program for which the funds are allocated. Checks should be made out to Crean Lutheran South High School and mailed to:

Advancement Office
4947 Alton Parkway
Irvine, CA 92604

CREDIT CARDS

Another immediate way for donors to contribute is via a credit card gift. These gifts can be made by calling our main phone # at 949.387.1199, completing a gift form with the appropriate information, or donating online via Vanco (See “Giving” tab on main website). CLSHS accepts Visa, MasterCard, or American Express.

ELECTRONIC TRANSFER GIFTS/PLEDGES

Donating electronically is becoming a very popular and easy way to give/pledge to give. Pledge gifts may be made one-time, weekly, or monthly, depending upon your own payment schedule. See “Giving” on our website.

EMPLOYMENT MATCHING GIFTS

Double your gift! Many employers offer a matching gift program to encourage support of nonprofit organizations via employees, retirees, and their family members. Specific details about your matching gift programs can be obtained through your Human Resources office at your work place.

LIFE INSURANCE

A major gift to CLSHS may be funded with a new or old life insurance policy at a relatively small cost. There are many ways in which life insurance policies may be used to make a contribution, all of which provide tax deductions and may enable you to make a larger gift than otherwise possible.

PLANNED GIFTS

A number of planned gift vehicles exist to make charitable gifts over time. Some of these gifts include life insurance, bequests, remainder trusts, and other annuities. Through planned giving, donors may find that they are able to make a more generous gift to CLSHS while receiving financial benefits such as increased current income, tax savings, avoidance of capital gains tax, and reduced estate settlement costs.

REAL ESTATE

Gifts of real estate, including personal residences, vacation homes, commercial properties, farms, and unimproved land may provide exceptional tax benefits for you while providing support to CLSHS. If the

ownership of the unencumbered real estate is transferred to CLSHS prior to its sale, you will likely avoid the capital gains tax associated with that appreciation.

STOCKS (Appreciated) OR SECURITIES

Gifts of appreciated stocks or mutual fund shares provide immediate support to the school. You may realize substantial tax savings by transferring appreciated stock or securities to CLSHS prior to the sale. Capital gains on the amount of appreciation may be avoided, and you will receive a tax deduction based on the fair market value of the stock or property at the time of the gift.

THRIVENT FINANCIAL FOR LUTHERANS GIVING PLUS PROGRAM

As a member of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, your gift can accomplish even more. If you own Thrivent mutual funds or insurance products, for every contribution, \$1 will be added for every \$2 contribution annually, up to a maximum of \$300 matched funds. Please download the Giving Plus Matching Funds form listed on the CLSHS website.

WILLS

A valid, updated will is the cornerstone of an effective estate plan, and a bequest is a provision in your will to make a gift to the future of CLSHS. Please notify the school if you have already included, or plan to include, the school in your estate plans. Planned-giving, wills, trusts, or retirement plans can be an advantage to both you and to CLSHS by securing your future and the future of the school as well.

Thank you for desiring to be one of CLSHS's Patron Saints!

... "for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7