The Doar Fund

Q: Who is leading this initiative?
A: The Doar Fund initiative is being led by the Board of Trustees and championed by the Development Committee. Strategic counsel is provided through HUB Philanthropic Solutions.

Q: Who is being asked to support The Doar Fund and what is the timeframe?
A: The entire North Shore community will have an opportunity to participate in this initiative through June, 2016.

Q: Why should I invest in The Doar Fund and North Shore Country Day School?
A: This initiative will provide our community with the opportunity to recognize Tom Doar for his leadership and all that we as a school have accomplished together during his 27-year tenure. Specifically, contributions to The Doar Fund will impact students and faculty, both today and for years to come.

North Shore Fundraising Efforts

Q: What are all of the annual fundraising initiatives at North Shore and how does The Doar Fund fit into these efforts?
A: Annual Giving – North Shore’s annual operating expenses continue to require the support of Annual Giving. Because tuition only covers approximately 70% of the actual cost, Annual Giving is vitally important to the life of the School. Annual Giving will continue to be run independently of this initiative.

The Parents’ Association/Faculty & Staff Appreciation Fund – Funds are collected throughout the school year and distributed to all faculty and staff at the end of the school year.

The Benefit Board/Purple Wave – This year, the Purple Wave will raise funds for The Doar Fund. You do not have to contribute twice but if you plan to make a gift, you may choose to allocate a portion of your gift to the Purple Wave.

While the School needs support in all of these areas, it is up to you to determine the ways in which you would like to give to North Shore.
Gifts to The Doar Fund
Q: What percentage of the student body receives financial aid and what portion of the operating budget is allocated to scholarship? What is the range of support?
A: 17.5% of the student body receives financial aid and $1.7M of the operating budget is allocated to scholarship. Full and partial scholarship support is offered from $3,300 to full tuition.

Q: How is the Endowment fund managed?
A: The Foundation Board of North Shore Country Day School is responsible for overseeing this fund and is comprised of former Trustees who have financial expertise. The Board meets on a quarterly basis.

Q: How much should I contribute to The Doar Fund?
A: Only you can decide how much to give. Your gift should be made based on your ability to give, your understanding of the need and your belief in the mission of the School.

Q: How will my gift make a difference?
A: All students have access to supplemental-scholarship funds, ranging from those that support experiential-education opportunities such as Model United Nations, summer language-immersion trips, Interim Week, targeted field trips for experiential education days during the school year, curricular-unit support for invited speakers and college-counseling opportunities such as boot camp and Bus O’Fun trip. All faculty have access to faculty excellence funds through targeted professional development grants and supplemental development of new course offerings.

Q: Is there an opportunity to make a pledge or must I make a one-time gift?
A: North Shore welcomes one-time gifts or pledges that can be paid over a 2- to 3-year period.

Q: May I make a contribution in some form other than cash?
A: Certainly. Gifts of appreciated stocks, bonds, real estate, life insurance and charitable trusts will be greatly appreciated.

Q: Why is a signed pledge card necessary?
A: A signed pledge card, or letter of intent, is needed to confirm and ensure proper credit for each gift. Also, auditors ask to see written confirmation for multi-year pledges during the annual school audit.

Q: May I direct my gift toward a particular aspect of The Doar Fund?
A: Please discuss your specific interests with a Board member or contact Molly Ingram McDowell ’80, Director of Development, at mmcdowell@nscds.org or 847.441.3316.

Q: Will I be notified when the payments on my pledge are due?
A: Yes. Regular reminders will be sent to you based on intervals you specify when making your pledge.

Q: We’d like our gift to be anonymous—is that possible?
A: Yes.
North Shore’s Future Plans

Q: Has the Board identified other priorities for the School in the coming years? If so, what are they? And will this require another capital campaign?
A: Yes. North Shore’s Board of Trustees has identified key priorities for the School through the strategic-planning process. Starting in July 2016, the Strategic Plan will be created, and these priorities will be revisited and updated as appropriate to ensure the long-term health and success of North Shore. If the ongoing needs and priorities of the School require significant funding, North Shore’s Board of Trustees will consider a future capital campaign.

Q: Will North Shore have a campaign in conjunction with the School’s upcoming Centennial?
A: This will be considered as a part of the Strategic Plan.