a common thread
SAN FRANCISCO DAY SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT 2010–2011
San Francisco Day School educates, nurtures, and inspires girls and boys of diverse backgrounds to achieve their highest academic and creative potential, to embrace ethical values, and to become active contributors to their communities.
In 1981, MTV was born, the Raiders won the Super Bowl, and Sandra Day O’Connor became the first female member of the United States Supreme Court.

The world was a different place, and these were just a few notable occasions in a decade that saw much change. However, there is one in particular that made a real difference in our community, giving us reason to celebrate today. On September 9, 1981, San Francisco Day School opened its doors to sixty-three children for the very first time.

It’s difficult to believe that thirty years have gone by since then, and I am excited and honored to take part in this outstanding milestone. For SFDS, turning thirty is not unlike a young person moving into adulthood. We are transitioning from our “twenties,” a time of soul-searching and discovering personal values, into our “thirties,” a time of settling into one’s self and deepening the beliefs that have been established. In this sense, SFDS has reached a maturity that enables us to appreciate the lessons learned over the past three decades and affords us the wisdom to reaffirm our founding values: compassion, integrity, and responsibility.

Our new Strategic Plan, “The Power of Potential,” is just one example. Together we created a plan to continue educating students to thrive in the 21st century, using critical thinking skills and essential habits of mind such as perseverance and the ability to collaborate with peers from different backgrounds and unique perspectives. This plan would not have been possible without the engaged support and insight of our community. Our parents and friends also helped us reach ambitious goals by giving generously to our Annual Fund and programs for discounted tuition, professional development and differentiated instruction. I am deeply grateful to our entire community for helping SFDS uphold academic
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effort for every student within a safe, diverse, and financially secure environment.

SFDS also strengthens its mission by thoughtfully refining our approach to faculty professional development. In addition to the Institute for Teaching and Learning (ITL) where teachers devote thousands of hours each summer, we devoted two non-school days to professional development. Teachers shared progress on summer projects including science scope/sequence and 5th-8th grade grammar, and discussed further implementation into curriculum.

We also rigorously assessed our differentiated instruction and mathematics programs. From parent and faculty surveys examining perceptions of children’s experiences at SFDS, the frequency of private tutoring, and the impact on faculty and their students, we received encouraging feedback that indicated SFDS is truer to its mission of being a family school committed to academic excellence for all students than it has ever been; teachers know each student much better and therefore can set expectations appropriately for everyone.

For the past two years, our Upper School teachers worked with a consultant to enhance math instruction in favor of in-depth content units and student objectives. This work has already shown positive results as the students performed extremely well on the ERB skills and critical thinking tests.

As SFDS evolves over the years, our students continue to excel. In addition to their aforementioned performance, over 90% of our 8th graders were accepted into their first or second choice high schools. One admissions officer remarked, “SFDS students are committed, engaged community-minded and academically prepared for the rigors of high school.” The end-of-year experience for our 8th graders was revised this year and the students devised their own culminating projects, using their passions for inspiration. The result was an amazing night filled with robotics, films, art, a math lesson demonstration and more...boundless creativity, presented by our graduating class.

In honor of the Class of 2011’s love for Shakespeare, I will close with a quotation from *The Tempest*, “What’s past is prologue.” Be it through present-day tools or cornerstones created years ago, I am confident that our school’s accomplishments over the past three decades are a strong indication of the achievements that await us in the years to come. As we embark on the 30th year, I extend my sincere gratitude and appreciation to all of you: faculty, parents, students, and friends of SFDS. Here’s to the next 30!

David E. Jackson, Ed.D.
Head of School
This year’s Annual Report theme is “A Common Thread,” which raises the question, “What is the common thread at SF Day School?”

Although many answers spring to mind, there is a singular aspect of the school that consistently inspires me both as a parent and as Board President, and that is a shared vision.

Vision has been defined as “the art for seeing the invisible.” If this is true, then our founders demonstrated their special gift for reaching for the unseen and appreciating pure potential when they devoted their vision to the birth of our school nearly thirty years ago. As we celebrate our 30th anniversary this year, we are especially grateful to everyone who has played a part, large or small, in shaping SFDS into the school it is today. Through their vision, inspiration, dedication and generosity, they have created an educational experience at SFDS in which we can all take great pride. In the decades to come, it will be our shared vision as a community that will ward off complacency and ensure our school is as forward-looking and vibrant as it is today.

By every measure, it’s been an outstanding year for our students and for San Francisco Day School. We made great progress advancing our strategic agenda—a vision established by our Board of Trustees to build on our School’s core values and strengthen all that we do. Subsequent to a year of research, planning and discussion, the Board of Trustees adopted our strategic plan, “The Power of Potential” in February 2011. This plan articulates our major goals and the strategies required to achieve them.

Inspired by our children and united by our vision to build upon our successes, the entire community came together to focus on the strategic plan. Together, we examined our founding values and reflected on how
best to leverage those values to serve our students in the future. The planning process concluded that an emphasis on critical thinking and learning in collaboration within a diverse community are necessary for achievement. We developed an educational model centered on developing strong habits of mind, cultural competence, an artistic mindset, and commitment to health and wellness. Core programs integral to SFDS—differentiated instruction, discounted tuition, and our Institute for Teaching and Learning—will be nurtured and our academic program will be strengthened. All of these improvements were taken on within the context of a sound financial footing and commitment to providing the facilities necessary to provide this type of sustainable learning environment.

This annual report is a testament to what our community has built together. I am indebted to the boundless energy, time and insights generously given by our Board of Trustees and community. It is also a pleasure to welcome our new trustees, Nicole Krassner, Ken McNeely, Christy Tripp, Molly Wood, and Grace Won. Last year was an important time in the life of SFDS, and I am grateful to have been a part of it.

And as far as shared visions go, well, I’m envisioning a hallmark year for San Francisco Day School in 2011–2012, and I invite you to not only share my vision, but to help me make sure it comes true.

Mike Halper
President, Board of Trustees 2010–2011
new trustees, 2011–2012

NICOLE KRASSNER graduated from USF with a degree in political science, but pursued a career in the hospitality/hotel industry managing luxury boutique hotels. She moved into human resources, specializing in diversity staffing for Fortune 500 companies. After starting her family, Nicole chaired several committees and served on the board at Laurel Hill Nursery School. She now owns a company specializing in floral and event design. Nicole has spent many happy hours as an art and admissions volunteer and co-chair of CultureFest RockStock, and served on a number of committees that positively impact the school community. Nicole and her husband, Michael, have three children: Maggie (sixth grade), Billy (fourth grade) and two-year old Olivia. Michael also has two sons, Daniel and Alex, who graduated from SFDS in 1994.

KEN MCNEELY is President of AT&T California, the largest domestic market for AT&T Inc. As such, he leads AT&T’s workforce in the state of more than 35,000 employees. He was appointed to his current position in November 2005, following the close of the historic merger between SBC Communications Inc. and AT&T Corp. Ken has served as a room parent, admissions volunteer, member of the Parent Group on Diversity and Annual Fund volunteer. He is also a trustee at The Little School and Bay Area Council, where he chairs the education committee.

Ken and his partner, Inder, have a first grader at SFDS.

CHRISTY WALther TRIPP is the executive director of The Walther Foundation, a family foundation based in San Francisco. Previously, she worked as a consultant at the Boston Consulting Group and as a manager at Score Learning Corporation. At SFDS, Christy has served in a variety of roles: art volunteer, room parent, co-chair of parent education, and President of the Parents Association. Most recently, she served as chair of the school’s Strategic Plan. Christy is a graduate of San Francisco University High School and Harvard University and has a master’s degree from the University of Chicago. She and her husband, Alan, have two boys: Alex in eighth grade and Ben in fourth.
MOLLY WOOD is an educator with deep experience in San Francisco and nationally. She began her teaching career at Benjamin Franklin Middle School in San Francisco, was a founding teacher at the Academy of the Pacific Rim in Boston, and went on to found KIPP Bayview Academy, a college preparatory charter school in San Francisco’s Bayview-Hunters Point community. She served as principal at KIPP Bayview for six years, and continues to be involved as a tutor and a member of the KIPP Bay Area Schools Development Committee. She has also worked with Partners in School Innovation and Teach for America, and is currently a consultant to education and nonprofit organizations. Molly has a B.A. and M.A. in Education, and an M.B.A. from Stanford University. She and her partner, Dagny, have a 16-month old son.

GRACE K. WON has been a business litigation partner with Farella, Braun + Martel LLP since 2002, and has been named by the Daily Journal as one of the “Top 75 Women Litigators in California.” Grace holds a B.A. in American History from Harvard University, an M.A. in Anglo-American Literature from University College London, and she received her J.D. from the Georgetown University Law Center. Grace serves on the executive committee of the Board of Directors for Children Now, a non-partisan advocacy group devoted to keeping the interests of children foremost on policymakers’ agendas. She is also President of the Cow Hollow School Board. Grace and her husband, Richard Holden, have a daughter in second grade and a son who is a kindergartener.

A Piece of Paper
by Mia Blaine ’14

A piece of paper can sit and wait for a drawing to come and crawl up onto it. When an artist meets a blank piece of paper there is a moment like a fork in the road when she has to decide if she is satisfied. There will always be a new piece of paper sitting and waiting for a drawing to come and crawl up onto it.
We thank our community for its huge support this year. We maintained record giving levels of over $2 million to the annual fund and in restricted major gifts. Equally impressive was the fact that 96% of our families participated in this generosity, especially when compared with the nationwide peer school average of 71%. Our Parent Association fundraisers, including the Library Party and CultureFest: La Vida Loca, raised an impressive $297,100. These funds provide essential support for discounted tuition, differentiated instruction and professional development. Raising these funds would not be possible without the deep commitment from our parent volunteers and dedicated Development Office.

As we enter our 30th year, SFDS is in excellent financial shape. We ended 2010–2011 with a surplus and a strong balance sheet. Thanks to appreciation in the stock market and trusted guidance from our investment committee, we grew our endowment for the second year in a row. Our positive investment returns of 16.4% allowed us to end the year with an endowment balance of $14.8 million.

Through our new Strategic Plan, we have renewed our commitment to long term financial planning and sustainability. Upholding educational priorities within the constraints of our financial model is an ongoing challenge. By tightly controlling expenses, we kept our tuition increase below prior-year levels while preserving the quality of our educational program and support for programs such as discounted tuition, and teacher training, and compensation. Our future focus includes maintaining strict cost controls, and diversifying revenue streams while vigilantly managing our investments. We have also begun a realistic and focused endowment campaign that will further secure our financial sustainability.

San Francisco Day School is a thriving institution with a 30-year history of sound financial management and an amazingly generous community of faculty, parents, alumni, and friends. We continue to rely on your participation to realize our goals and look forward to your ongoing support.

Laura Spivy
Treasurer, 2010–2011
Gifts 2010–2011

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Dear Day School Community,

As we reflect on the past thirty years, I would like to say a heartfelt thanks to all who went before to create this incredible association of parents. Under the leadership of our past Parents Association Presidents, we have continued to strengthen our volunteer efforts in the classroom and in fundraising. Most important, though, is the sense of community that volunteering creates. Resoundingly I hear that it is through volunteering that families feel like they become part of the School.

It’s often the time spent arranging books at the Library Party, hushing kids to sleep in outdoor ed., cleaning paintbrushes in the art room, and in coming together as a whole community for Culturefest that we can truly appreciate our outstanding faculty and parents. One of the PA goals has always been to support faculty and families in helping students reach their potential. For this, we give special thanks to the Parent Group on Diversity, Parent Education committee and Parent Group on Learning Differences. Through discussions, projects, and informed speakers, they have brought the community together around issues meaningful to us all.

As we look toward the future, starting with next year as the new Strategic Plan is implemented, enhanced communication and an emphasis on a strengthened home-school partnership will largely guide the work of the PA. Giving voice to all parents is a goal that will continue into the future. To this end I would also like to thank this year’s executive committee for bringing forward issues that are of concern to parents and students and working with our administration to address them.

→ Nicole Krassner, President-Elect
→ Mardi Dier, Treasurer
→ Mary Kay Melvin, Secretary
→ Courtney Norris, Volunteer Chair
→ Bert Galleno, Diversity Chair

Thank you so very much for the opportunity to serve this year. I’m excited to see what the future brings to this amazing institution and all the ways the Parents Association can work to support it!

Sincerely yours,

Jennifer Holderness

Jennifer Holderness
PARENTS ASSOCIATION 2010–2011

Officers
Jennifer Holderness, President
Nicole Krassner, President-Elect
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Mary Kay Melvin, Secretary
Courtney Norris, Volunteer Chair
Bert Galleno, Diversity Chair

Committee Chairs

COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR FAMILIES
Barbara Abbott
Wendy Miller

CONCERT FOR THE COMMUNITY
Kelly Halper
Larry Hirschhorn
Alicia Nogales

CULTUREFEST
Claudia Jofre
Ashley Lucio

COMMUNITY EVENTS Fundraising

CulturalFest: La Vida Loca ........................................ $ 278,900
Library Party ........................................................ $ 16,900
Other ............................................................... $ 1,300
Total ................................................................. $ 297,100
annual giving leadership donors

Leadership donors, beginning at the $3,000 Buena Vistas level, gave generously to the Annual Fund and to other restricted funds, including Discounted Tuition, Institute for Teaching and Learning, and the Differentiated Instruction Program. Leadership donors last year accounted for 85% of our total Annual Fund gifts. The Day School has been tremendously fortunate to have many dedicated families who ensure continued excellence in all that we do and protect the legacy that the previous generation has built. We extend our deepest gratitude to members of our leadership giving categories, as well as to all the generous donors who supported San Francisco Day School last year.

**PRESIDIO SPIRES ($50,000+)**
Anonymous
Wendy Holcombe and Carl Kawaja

**SILVER DOLPHINS ($25,000+)**
Anonymous (3)
Monica Devereux and Chris Columbus
Laura and John Fisher
Ms. Susan Byrd and Mr. Mark Lampert
Jane and Roger Mortimer
Laura and Greg Spivy

**TREASURE ISLANDERS ($15,000+)**
Jennifer and Thomas Battat
Cathy and Sandy Dean
Kelly and Michael Halper
Grace Won and Richard Holden
Inder Dhillon and Ken McNeeley
Wendy Berry and Michael Mendes
Ann and Brian Roberts
Diana Kapp and David Singer

**BARBARY COASTERS ($10,000+)**
Ms. Madeleine Albright
The Bravo Family
Susan and Samuel Britton
Caitlin and Tom Brown
Lisa Giannone and Michael Dillingham
Mrs. Doris Fisher
Sakurako and William Fisher
Patricia Tierney and Chris Flanagan
Elizabeth Funk
Lindsay and Peter Joost
Andrea Evans and Christopher Lehane
Wendy and James Miller
Greg Olbright
Lisa and John Pritzker
Claudia Lewis and Woody Scal

**EMBARCADEROS ($5,000+)**
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Claire and Eric Alt
Ann and Christopher Barber
Cheryl and Greg Blaine
Su-Moon Paik and Robert Brown
Scott E. and J. Scott Case
Gail Chang
Yvonne Wu and Howard Chung
Linda M. Burch and Rajen K. Dalal
Chun Ding
Teresa Goodwin and Michael Dulworth
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Steven Funk
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Laura Catena and Daniel McDermott
Celeste and Anthony Meier
Meagan and Dan Nye
Jenny Pearlman and Jack McDonald
Bettina Steffen and Scott Setrakian
Courtney Cooney and Topher Solmsen
Pasha and Laney Thornton
Gina and Michael Warren
Rosemary Tarlton and Douglas Young
Ron Zeff

**BUENA VISTAS ($3,000+)**
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Candy Shue Buckner and Peter Buckner
Sara and Tom Byrne
Carolyn Klebanoff and Fred Cohen
Delphine and Allen Damon
Lisa Neimeth and Peter Dickstein
Alexis Woods and Daniel Donahoe
Diane Harwood and Andy Dreyfus
Martha Siegel and Daniel Elsesser
Fif Ghobadian
Mary Haber
Dawn and Scott Hartman
Laura and Charles Hespe

Donna DiGiuseppe and Rick Matcovitch
Gabrey and Tommy Means
Natalie Rome and John Pendleton
Janie Havemeyer and Julian V. Pollak
Lisa Branstien and John Rumsey
Blair and Rick Shane
Christina and Bob Tillman
Suzzanne Uhland
Jennifer and Bruce Wilson
Marcia and Danny Wong
Frances Ho and George Yu
Each year there is a gap between tuition revenues, income from endowment, and operating expenses. Annual Fund contributions provide crucial unrestricted support to supplement the School’s annual operating budget. The Annual Fund benefits each and every SFDS student, every day of the year.

We are deeply grateful to those parents, alumni, parents of alumni, grandparents, faculty, staff, and friends who continue to make it possible for us to “keep our community whole,” and who generously support the Day School’s Annual Fund each year.

**Annual Fund Committee**

Christopher Barber, Co-Chair
Claudia Lewis, Co-Chair
Toph Solmsen, Co-Chair
Jim Avery, Class Captain
Sydney Bernier, Class Captain
Greg Blaine, Class Captain
Sara Byrne, Class Captain
Kerry Cooper
Barclay Corbus
Jan Culbertson-Dickey
Jody Driscoll
Stouffer Egan
Will Evers
Steve Fillipow, Class Captain
Josh Frieman
Lance Fulford
Fil Ghobadian
Scott Hartman
John Hayashi
Laura Hespe
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Gina Warren, Class Captain
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Barbara Pino and Evan Goldstein
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Renée Otero
Kadambari and Abhay Parekh
Janie Havemeyer and Julian V. Pollak
Susan Diamond and Marty Schenker
Laurie and Jeff Ubben
Ramsey Walker
Marcia and Danny Wong

**EIGHTH GRADE**

89% participation
Susan Ashcraft
Sally and Gordon Atkinson
Ann and Christopher Barber
Bernadette and David Barker-Plummer
Ann and Herb Bool
Caitlin and Tom Brown
Emilie and Thomas Calhoun
Tonia and Sean Canavan
Henny Tanujaya and John Chan
Yvonne Wu and Howard Chung
Delphine and Allen Damon
Lisa Neimeth and Peter Dickstein
Charles Elliott

**Seventh Grade**

95% participation
Ann and Jim Avery
Diana Wolf and Darren Bianchi
Bruce Deming and Jeff Byrne
Wendy Yamamura and Michael Cavanaugh

**Parents**

At the close of the 2010-2011 academic year, 96% of current parents had made gifts to the SFDS Annual Fund. We remain eternally grateful to those parents who generously support our Annual Fund each year.

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Rebecca and John Sheehan
Deborah Kamali and Kevan Shokat
Marna and Mauricio Sifuentes
Susanna Bonetti and Rico Solinas
Paula Birnbaum and Neil Solomon

FIFTH GRADE
100% participation
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Nicola Miner and Robert Anderson
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Pam and Larry Baer
Ann and Christopher Barber
Liam Blackwell
Cheryl and Greg Blaine
Susan and Samuel Britton
Su-Moon Paik and Robert Brown
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Jody and Michael Driscoll

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Stacie and David Chernen
Monica Devereux and Chris Columbus
Elizabeth and Barclay Corbus
Jacqueline and Douglas Corley
Beth and Andy Daecher
Jan D’Alessandro and Mark Haffenreffer
Thomas J. Davis IV
Nichole and Danny De Leon
Claudia Denton
Richard Denton
Jan Culbertson-Dickey and Larry Dickey
Kathleen and Tom Fazekas
Cynthia Traina and Steven Fillipow
Maca and Agustin Huneeus
Amy and Rob Hurlbut
Lynn and Scott Kaplan
Joy and Jan Lauber
Antonio and Ashley Lucio
Ann and Robert Martinez
Laura Catena and Steven Fillipow
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Lynn Ching and Claude Sidi
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Karla Martin
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Rohini and Ravi Sadarangani
Claudia Lewis and Woody Scal
Katie Albright and Jake Schatz
Diana Kapp and David Singer
Laura and Greg Spivy
Laura and Joseph Sweeney
Ramsey Walker
Mary Kay Melvin and Christopher Weltzien
Erin and Craig Yamamura

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Faculty and Staff .......................................................... $ 7,000
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Friends ........................................................................ $ 800

Total ............................................................................. $ 1,114,300

Tree Cathedral

by Ben Schatz

The high ceiling of tightly knit branches lets a beam of light come through to the ground
But it is still ghostly
More light seeps through the leaves and creates a stained glass window constructed by nature

The fog hangs low
The wind scatters the leaves so each individual one can be lost in their own thoughts
And the tree cathedral waits in solitude
It waits until it can be no more
San Francisco Day School is incredibly grateful to a small number of donors who have generously supported the School’s Major Gift program over the past several years. These current-use gifts are in addition to Annual Fund contributions, and are designated by the donor, in partnership with the Head of School. New gifts and pledges provide bridge funding and reaffirm our commitment to long-term financial stability, which was identified as a priority in the School’s strategic plan. For fiscal year 2011, major donors contributed a total of $687,000 to the following programs.

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The School remains deeply committed to providing tuition assistance to preserve our socio-economically diverse student body. In today’s uncertain economic times, our community has stepped up time and again to demonstrate their support for one another. We are profoundly moved by the way our community has responded in such times in order to “keep our community whole.” In 2010–2011, 22% of students received some form of tuition assistance.

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Sound investment management by the SFDS Investment Committee produced outstanding returns for 2010–2011. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, the Day School’s endowment realized a 16.4% return on investment.

We feel comfortable that we are positioned well going forward with 66% of our portfolio in equity, 27% in fixed income, and 7% in cash or cash equivalents. In terms of geographic exposure, we are invested approximately 55% in the United States and 45% in non-U.S. markets. Our investments are consistent with our asset allocation guidelines and are overseen by investment managers that we expect will add value over the long term.

The SFDS endowment consists of an investment pool of many diverse funds. Endowed funds are created through monies set aside by the board of trustees, or with gifts made to provide long-term funding for designated purposes.

Those interested in establishing a named endowed fund may do so if they meet certain minimum contribution requirements. Funds may be specified for a designated purpose, such as tuition assistance, faculty, or program support — or donors may elect to have their fund provide unrestricted dollars to be used at the discretion of the School. In addition, donors may supplement existing funds with a gift of any amount. Although each fund is distinct in designation or restriction, endowed funds are commingled in an investment pool but tracked separately.

The spending formula for the Day School’s endowment is 4.5% of a 12 quarter rolling average of the market value of the funds. This policy has served the School well in allowing stability of income, while also minimizing the effects of inflation and market volatility. This strategy provides sufficient cash flow, while protecting the endowment principal for future generations of San Francisco Day School students.

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We are grateful for the endowment gifts from families and friends of the School to support our effort in maintaining a strong financial standing well into the future. New gifts and pledges to the endowment in FY 2011 totaled $6,915,745.

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UNRESTRICTED ENDOWMENT

**Cornerstone Campaign — Imagine our Tomorrow**
Established in 2001 with gifts from families and friends of the School to boost the School’s endowment for faculty salaries, program support, and discounted tuition.
$6,372,300

**The Endowment for San Francisco Day School**
Established in 1993 with gifts from parents, grandparents, faculty, alumni, students, and friends to the Next Steps campaign and supplemented since then. This fund is unrestricted with the income to be used at the discretion of the School.
$2,276,600

**SFDS Enrichment Fund**
Established in 2010 with an anonymous gift to boost the School’s endowment for faculty salaries, program support, and discounted tuition.
$2,026,300

FACULTY SUPPORT

**The Endowment for Faculty Salaries**
Established in 2000 with an anonymous gift in honor of the SFDS faculty.
$127,300

**Jim Telander Fund**
Established in 2004 with gifts from SFDS families to augment the Cornerstone Campaign’s first endowment initiative to increase teacher compensation.
$501,600

**The Nancy S. Boettiger Endowment for Faculty**
$258,800
**discounted tuition**

**Day School Discounted Tuition**
Established in 2010 with an anonymous gift.
$1,899,200

**Gerson Bakar Financial Aid Endowment Fund**
Established in 1986 with a gift from Mr. Bakar.
$47,200

**Gregg Hedlund Fund**
Established in 1998 with gifts from families, parents, faculty, and friends in memory of Gregg Hedlund, father of Nick Hedlund '01. Income from the fund supports discounted tuition.
$18,900

**Hearst Student Aid Endowment Fund**
Established in 1986 with a gift from the William Randolph Hearst Foundation and later supplemented by additional gifts from the Foundation.
$256,600

**Michael Peterson Fund**
Established in 1997 with gifts from faculty, parents, and students in memory of fifth grade teacher, Michael Peterson, member of the faculty from 1995–1997. Income supports discounted tuition.
$7,600

**Miriam and Peter Haas Endowment Fund**
The School’s first endowed fund was established in 1982 with a gift from Miriam and Peter Haas to provide income for discounted tuition.
$67,000

**SFDS Tuition Support Endowment Fund**
Established in 2000 with an anonymous gift.
$125,200

**William Knox Holt Scholarship Fund**
Established in 1988 with a gift from the William Knox Holt Foundation. Income from the fund supports discounted tuition.
$39,600
endowment funds

**PROGRAM SUPPORT**

**The Cultural Enrichment Fund**
Established with an anonymous gift in 1998. Income is intended for special field trips, workshops, performances, and guest speakers to enrich the curriculum for the students.
$504,400

**The Jerold C. Kindred Educational Symposium Endowment**
Established in 1995 with gifts from family and friends in memory of founding trustee Jerry Kindred. Income supports enrichment programs for faculty, students, and parents.
$7,600

**The McKinley Family Endowment for Faculty Enrichment and Learning Resources Grant**
A fund established by Sara ’95, Thomas ’98, and Kathryn ’01 to provide funds to faculty for continuing education, special programs, or training in technology, and for investments that encourage or enrich technology in the curriculum. The fund also provides special grants to support the Differentiated Instruction program.
$113,900

**OTHER FUNDS**

**Eighth Grade Endowment Fund**
Initially funded by students in the Class of 2010 to establish a gift tradition for future graduating classes. Income from the fund is intended to support an eighth grade culminating experience, including, but not limited to, a service learning trip (such as Puerto Rico), an international experience, or cultural enrichment.
$1,300

**Sally’s Day Off Fund**
Established in 1991 with a gift in honor of Day School founder Sally Rosenblatt. Income to be used for Sally’s Day Off, a day of celebration for eighth graders and their faculty. Supplemented by gifts from Sally and Toby Rosenblatt and The James Irvine Foundation.
$24,700

Gifts to the endowment help preserve the financial and academic health of San Francisco Day School. Investments in SFDS’s endowment ensure the overall fiscal security of the School while providing for faculty salaries, discounted tuition, and faculty and curriculum development.

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San Francisco Day School has enjoyed remarkable success in raising funds to support the growth of its programs and facilities. The School encourages every member of the community to continue this tradition of philanthropy and be a partner in helping to preserve the financial health of the School.

**Annual Fund**

The Annual Fund raises unrestricted funds between September 1 and June 30 to supplement the annual operating budget of the School. The fund helps bridge the difference between tuition and the cost of educating each student. The generosity of the SFDS community of current parents, alumni, parents of alumni, grandparents, and friends enables the School to maintain and improve its educational program. Annual Fund participation ensures excellence and quality beyond what tuition alone will cover.

**Major Gifts**

The board seeks ongoing support in the form of Major Gifts to fund special projects and new initiatives. These gifts are often pledged over several years. Major Gifts to SFDS in recent years have helped finance Differentiated Instruction (DI), Discounted Tuition, and Institute on Teaching and Learning (ITL).

**Capital Fundraising**

In addition to the Annual Fund and Major Gifts, SFDS regularly engages in capital campaigns. These campaigns have been initiated to raise money for new facilities, capital improvements, faculty compensation, tuition assistance, and other specific needs and programs. SFDS is currently embarking on an endowment campaign based upon the recommendation of the Strategic Plan to secure our long-term financial stability.

**Planned Giving**

Deferred or planned gifts secure the legacy of the School and represent a significant asset in planning for future operations. Many options are available to structure a charitable gift that can maximize personal, financial, and tax benefits for the donor—and at the same time provide a meaningful gift to SFDS. Planned gifts can include gifts of appreciated stock, bequests, charitable trusts, gift annuities, life insurance, and real estate.

**Wills and Bequests**

Donors may obtain definite tax advantages for themselves and their heirs by naming SFDS as a beneficiary of an estate or trust. Donors who have set up a planned gift or have made arrangements to include the Day School in their wills should contact Vanessa Alexander, Director of Development, so that we may acknowledge your intention.

**Parents Association**

In addition to its role in strengthening the SFDS community, the Parents Association is crucial to fundraising. Parent volunteers make Annual Fund calls and organize events such
ways to give

Every gift to San Francisco Day School is vital to the academic and financial health of the School. SFDS is grateful for gifts of all sizes and offers a variety of ways to make a gift to suit individual donor objectives. The Development Office welcomes inquiries about ways to structure your gift and invites you to consider the giving options listed below.

Cash
Gifts of cash, payable by check or credit card, are tax-deductible and provide the School with funds immediately available for use.

Online
Like cash gifts, your contribution is tax-deductible, and your transaction is private and secure. Our online gift partner, Google Checkout, accepts most major credit cards. Visit the School’s website at www.sfds.net/give.

Appreciated Securities
Gifts of stock and appreciated securities allow the donor to receive a tax deduction for the stock’s current market value while avoiding capital gains tax on the appreciated stock. For instructions on how your broker can transfer stock to SFDS, please contact our development office at 415.568.3631.

Matching Gifts
Many companies will match your gift to SFDS, greatly increasing your donation to the School. Find out if your employer has a matching gifts program by contacting your Human Resources Department.

as CultureFest, the Library Party, special lectures, and other school functions. Parent Association events support many programs at the School, including Discounted Tuition, Differentiated Instruction, and other initiatives that sustain diversity in its many forms.

Breakthrough San Francisco
As part of its sponsorship of the Breakthrough program, SFDS contributes 10% of the organization’s annual operating expenses. For the remainder, Breakthrough relies on gifts from foundations, corporations, and individuals. Day School parents comprise a significant portion of Breakthrough’s donor base and are urged to support the organization’s work toward educational equity.

For information about making a gift to SFDS, please contact Vanessa Alexander, Director of Development, at 415.568.3641 or valexander@sfds.net.
The board of trustees, faculty, and staff extend a special thank you to the volunteers and donors who generously gave of their time and resources to support CultureFest: La Vida Loca. The May 2011 event at Bimbo’s netted $278,900, for the San Francisco Day School Discounted Tuition program. On behalf of our students, we thank you for your ongoing commitment to maintain a socio-economically diverse student body.

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Breakthrough provides academic enrichment and support to motivated San Francisco students with limited educational opportunities, and trains outstanding high school and college students for education careers.

My wife and I had a daughter this year, and within hours I had a new appreciation for parents. For the first time, I felt the joys and sacrifices, and the determination that my child be well provided for. Whether going without sleep for days on end, or making the late night run to Babies R Us, I went about it with purpose.

As parents, caring for our children is paramount. But our obligation doesn’t stop there. We also need to consider the needs of other young people, so many of whom lack access to a high-quality education and appreciate any opportunity to grow. The famous words of Rabbi Hillel, of which Dr. David Jackson reminded me recently, are fitting: “If I am not for myself, who will be for me? If I am not for others, what am I?”

San Francisco Day School embraces this dual responsibility. Thirty years after its founding, the School not only provides a world-class education to its students; it also, through the Breakthrough program, reaches beyond its walls, helping deserving young people access college and training the next generation of educational leaders. Brought to the School in 1993 by a group of founding families, Breakthrough remains relevant today.

“I feel great that BT is here in the summer and afternoon hours—it’s a huge bonus,” said one current parent, interviewed as part of our recent strategic planning process. “Breakthrough is a huge benefit and addition to the students’ experience, the parents’ experience.”
“Breakthrough is definitely something positive and unique to the School,” another parent said. “SFDS is ‘walking the walk,’ whereas some schools [just] talk about community involvement and service. I think to have a program living and breathing within our confines provides all of us with a unique opportunity.”

The School’s commitment to Breakthrough was underscored in May, when the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to authorize an expansion campaign. If revenue targets are met, during the next two years we will add programming for seventh and eighth graders, coupled with follow-up support during high school. In expanding, we seek to raise our students’ four-year college matriculation rate to at least 90%; and to make our program a well-known example of what works in urban education.

As we wrap up the 2011 fiscal year, we celebrate many accomplishments. One-quarter of SFDS parents made gifts to Breakthrough this year. Raise Your Hand, our February fundraiser chaired by Barbara Abbott, has become a major event, attracting over $150,000 in revenues and 300 guests from across the city. Overall, individual giving has quadrupled from three years ago.

Meanwhile, our participants continue to perform at high levels. In summer 2011, our fifth and sixth graders made average gains of 1.0 grade levels in reading and 0.65 grade levels in math, while our teaching interns improved by 14.0 percentage points on our teacher efficacy rubric. As important, their words and actions demonstrate the program’s impact. “Breakthrough was the single most empowering experience of my life,” said Cal Trembath, a recent UC Berkeley graduate who is beginning work this fall at an urban charter school. “It taught me not just what it means to work hard, but to work with a sense of purpose and impact.”

In closing, I want to thank you—for providing not only for your own children, but also for other deserving young people throughout the city. We are grateful.

Sincerely,

Andy Shin
Executive Director

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**DASHELL, TEACHER**  
As a child spending summers in Virginia while the rest of his friends were swimming, Dashell went to the library with his mom. “Every week we chose twenty books and read them before we could do anything else. My mom was tough, but she gave me a great respect for education. She left Ghana when she was 20 so she could give her children an excellent education.”

Excellence is exactly what Dashell’s mother got. In the seventh grade, he received the Jack Kent Cooke scholarship which provided him the opportunity to attend high-performing middle and high schools and eventually Yale University.

Motivated by his love for education and witnessing the economic disparity on the Yale campus, Dashell began searching for a place he could gain teaching experience. “Breakthrough is the only organization that provides college students with hands-on teaching experience. Not just tutoring, but learning classroom management...and writing lesson plans that reach students with varying ability levels.”

Mr. Dash, as he is called by some students, learned that successful teachers find creative solutions. “One of my students is a very capable kid, but talked to anyone next to him. The first week I moved his seat every day.” In search of a successful strategy, Dashell created a tally system that rewarded the student for positive behavior. Dashell has since seen him become more engaged in class.

Dashell calls his Breakthrough experience fulfilling and all-encompassing. “I only slept three hours last night; we work really hard. But it’s worth it. On the weekends when the teachers get together, we’re talking about our students and new ways to reach them...To see some of my students go from only being able to write two sentences to three pages in just three weeks is absolutely inspiring.”

A Political Science major, Dashell is considering law school and working in educational policy after graduation.
Angel, Student | Walking the Breakthrough hall, you often hear students and teachers alike calling out, “Cheese!” Angel, a.k.a. Cheese, lives in Potrero, loves sports, and was given the nickname at age two by his brother who said he smiled all the time. “I’m always smiling. It’s just something special I have in me.”

This is Angel’s second year at Breakthrough, and his enthusiasm for the program and its teachers is as infectious as his smile. In writing class he is learning to write persuasive five-paragraph essays and selected a topic close to his heart—who should be the Giants’ new catcher. In science, he’s discovering the Earth’s many layers and how convection causes tectonic plates to move across the Earth’s surface.

When Angel came to Breakthrough as a rising fifth grader, he was nervous the program would be hard and that his shy nature would be difficult to overcome. As he enters his second summer, he says the key to success is to keep your binder organized so you always know what tasks you have to complete, and that making friends is easy at Breakthrough: “we have the most well-behaved students and they always say good things about each other.”

But the teachers are what Angel thinks makes Breakthrough so special. “They’re always positive and bringing us up rather than pushing us down. Every teacher is my favorite because I know all of them want to help me succeed.”

Angel is anxiously awaiting the outdoor education trip when he and his fellow sixth graders will camp under the stars and “see things in real life, rather than in a book.” When he goes back to St. John’s School in the fall, Angel knows the homework schedule and fast pace of his summer at Breakthrough have prepared him for great success in sixth grade. In the future, he plans to attend UC Berkeley or UC Davis. Angel hopes to be a professional baseball player, with a backup plan of being a math teacher—he really loves working with kids.
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Trader Joe’s
Jeff Tatum
UCSF Medical Center
Sophia Vinogradov
Walmart.com
Rosemary Tarlton and Douglas Young
YouTube
Zog’s Dogs

The Stanford Achievement Test ("SAT-11") was administered before the 2011 summer program and again during week 6. Scores shown are on Reading Comprehension and Math Procedures sections. Students made average gains of 1.0 grade levels in reading and 0.65 grade levels in math.
In your experience, what are the elements of SFDS that have endured over time?

HERB: The teachers have always been committed to their craft and bringing their discipline alive for students. We’ve also always been a school that believes in project-based, hands-on learning. If you just see something, you may forget it. But if you do it, then you own it forever.

LISA: I’ve always loved Nancy Simon’s vision that SFDS students “should be able to speak intelligently to a wide variety of people, on a wide variety of subjects.” I work closely with 8th graders and feel that this vision has become a distinguishing characteristic of our graduates.

JASON: We have a strong relationship with our students and parents. From the very beginning, this school was created out of a desire to have a close home-school partnership, and it still does. It’s definitely still a family school.

ELEANOR: SFDS is a place that fosters growth in everyone; adults and kids. As for the teachers, the School really works with you to develop your skills and passions. It’s more than just professional development or faculty conferences; it’s the entire atmosphere here.
What is it that ties our community together?

HERB: The fact that our school was founded by parents has created a strong bond. Because of our history, parents really feel welcome to be a part of the educational process and curriculum development. They have always been a part of the conversation—not just administratively, but on a strategic level.

JASON: I like the collegial atmosphere and the level of respect everyone has for the School. People sometimes shake their heads when they hear how much time our faculty spends together outside of school, even after they no longer work here. We naturally share a lot of interests—it’s an incredibly congenial place to work.

How has your experience at SFDS influenced your outside, everyday life?

ELEANOR: As a parent, my life has definitely changed. SFDS has always been a big part of my life, but as a parent, I now have the amazing gift of watching my children grow up here as well. It’s incredibly gratifying.

What were you like as a child and/or student?

JASON: As the youngest of four, I got to fly under the radar a bit. I was a good student and liked the school I was in. Luckily, I’m still 17 at heart—you’ve got to be young at heart here, otherwise you wouldn’t choose to work with middle school students!

LISA: Energetic, an obsessive reader and completely dedicated to my friends and family. When I was in 2nd grade, I discovered my love of drawing; when I was in 4th grade, I discovered acting; when I was in 6th grade, I discovered writing. That year, instead of doing our assigned book reports, a friend and I spent countless hours making up book titles, complex plots, characters, and publishing houses for books that didn’t exist. It was the most fun, but I think our teacher must have been on to us.

ELEANOR: I was shy and drawn to subjects like science, nature, and art. I was less motivated by a highly structured environment than by open-ended learning and being able to make choices.

Looking ahead to next year, what does “30 years” mean to you?

HERB: As an adult, your metabolism changes, and you work on sustaining what you have. Like a person, now the School will focus on maintaining what we’ve built. Infrastructure is more of a focus now than when we were an “adolescent” school.

LISA: We’re just getting started. Think of 30-year-old people. In this day and age, they are launching careers, often in the early stages of finding partners and they can’t always confidently say “speaking from experience...” Although SFDS seems established in so many ways, we are not old enough to be dogmatic—we are still young enough to have spark and flexibility.
TACHINA RUDMAN-YOUNG ’88
We’re expecting our first child this fall, I’m very happy to say. We moved to a new place in Cole Valley, and enjoying the slightly warmer weather (than the Sunset district!). Still making art, but only the non-toxic kind now. Looking forward to teaching art again next year.

GABRIELLA FRACCHIA ’91
Hello friends! I live here in SF (in the Inner Sunset) with my husband of almost three years, our little boy Giacomo, and our dog, a mutt named Lucia. I am a realtor at Paragon Real Estate Group and am fortunate to work in neighborhoods all over the city and beyond. I love what I do and love this city. It would be fun to reconnect. I can be reached at gabi@gabi@fracchia.com.

SUSIE CRANSTON ’92
My big news this year is the birth of my son, Jackson Hamilton, this June. Jack arrived two weeks early but still managed to weigh 8 lbs 12 oz. He is doing well and his parents love everything about him. Maybe he’ll be lucky enough to be part of the SFDS class of 2025 (which makes me feel so old since I was class of 1992!)

Professionally things are also going well. I was named one of 4 “rising stars” in this year’s SF Business Times “Most Influential Women in Business” and have continued to speak around the country on the topic of women and leadership. I hope everyone is doing well!

MATTHEW STRATTON ’92
My wife Emily and I had a baby daughter, Lily Marie Stratton, on April 29, 2011 in San Francisco. She is healthy, chatty, and a lot of fun.

CHARLES THIERIOT ’92
I’m running Llano Seco Organic Pork. We’re the first local organic pork producer to supply bay area restaurants and grocers. The pigs are raised on my family’s farm near Chico, CA.

TORRI PARKER ’94
Torri graduated with her M.Ed. in Elementary Education from Regis University in May. She is very excited to have a job teaching at the University of Wyoming!
CAMERON SHAW ’97
I am currently working as a cinematographer in Los Angeles, and every summer I go to Chicago to teach film production at my (other) alma mater, Northwestern University.

MIA WEINBERG ’97
I graduated from University of California Santa Cruz in 2005 with a B.A in Public Health. I was inspired to be a medical professional and went on to study at the American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine in San Francisco and graduated from the four-year Masters of Science program in 2010.

I am a licensed acupuncturist, herbalist and primary care provider in San Francisco, CA. I am currently working at Moss Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine Works with a particular interest and experience in women’s health and pediatrics.

I recently got engaged and am looking forward to my wedding this August. Many girlfriends from my days at SFDS will be attending!

EMILY HARN DEN ’98
I’m graduating from med school in May (from USC in Los Angeles) and moving to Seattle to start the long road of residency training to be an orthopedic surgeon!

KATHARINE KENDRICK ’01
Katharine graduated from Yale in 2009 with a focus on international journalism and the Middle East. Her work involves shaping U.S. policy to advance an open Internet and supporting human rights groups working on Internet freedom initiatives around the world. (Read more in Katharine’s alumni profile on pages 42–43.)

HANNAH LAU ’01
Hannah is a graduate student at UCLA studying archaeology, with a focus on the Ancient Near East.
alumni profile

KATHARINE KENDRICK ’01

How has your experience here influenced your outside/everyday life?

SFDS encouraged me to always ask questions and explore new ideas. Since then I’ve always been drawn to emerging issues, whether in my academic work, journalism, or now at the State Department, where I am working on a cutting-edge policy initiative.

I graduated from Yale in 2009 with a focus on international journalism and the Middle East. During college I spent time reporting abroad in a range of countries and interning for the US Embassy in Morocco. I am now working in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor at the State Department in Washington, focusing on Internet freedom policy and programs. As we’ve seen in the Middle East this year, people around the world are increasingly using new technologies to exercise their rights, and governments are too often responding with increased repression. My work involves shaping U.S. policy to advance an open Internet and supporting human rights groups working on Internet freedom initiatives around the world. Internet freedom is an exciting and important issue to be working on right now, and one that I care about deeply.

In your experience, what is unique about SFDS?

I think SFDS is unique in emphasizing creativity and critical thinking from a young age. From kindergarten on, we were challenged to learn through interactive exercises and working together — like creating a
What kind of kid and/or student were you?
I probably could be described as inquisitive, open, and friendly. I loved writing and singing — two things that haven’t changed with age. My classmates will remember that Hannah, Erica Reeder, and I were always running off to practices and performances for the San Francisco Girls Chorus. Erica and I both sang in a cappella groups when we were at Yale together, and I’m still singing in DC. I also had a silly streak — my classmates might remember my goofy Halloween costumes, including the time I dressed up as a piece of ravioli in 5th grade!

What do you miss most and/or what is your fondest memory?
I remember creative writing in fourth grade. I remember writing a wacky play with my friend Hannah Lau and boldly performing it for the whole grade. That experience solidified a lifelong passion for writing, as well as a lifelong friendship! Recently Hannah and I had a reunion in Istanbul, where I was on a trip for my job at the State Department and she was visiting after an archeological dig in Azerbaijan.

What is it that ties our school and/or our community together? In other words, what do you think is our “common thread”?
We are more creative and more willing to take risks, having grown up in a community that welcomes new ideas.

What does “30 years” mean to you?
Not much — I’m 24! But I remember that my mother, Katy Lewis, was involved with SDFS from its beginning — she was on the board the first year of school, and was also the treasurer and head of finance for a number of years. Hearing her stories makes me realize how quickly time passes in the life of an institution.
Maybe the true metaphor is that you reflect not a baseball team or a zoo, but the city we live in: like San Francisco, your class is a mix of viewpoints, cultures, passions, and personalities.

— Sabina Piersol and Jeff Turner, faculty graduation speakers
The Class of 2011 came up with three principles in kindergarten.
Love yourself, respect each other, and take care of your world.  
—Adam Kwok, student graduation speaker

We have grown up together, and although we cannot continue the journey through life with each other, we will forever be in each other’s hearts.  
—Maddy Chung, student graduation speaker
“Imagine an educational model and a committed faculty that together ensures every child receives the instruction to learn in the ways that best suit that child... See this happening in a family school with sound and stable financial footing, pursuing innovative ideas in K–8 education.”

— SFDS Strategic Plan
August 2011 marked the culmination of a long-range strategic planning process for San Francisco Day School. Together, our community created a plan to reaffirm our mission and identify the intellectual and practical components of a meaningful 21st century education.

SFDS is indebted to our parents, alumni, trustees, grandparents, students, faculty, and administration, all of whom put forth tremendous time and effort.

To download a PDF of the Strategic Plan, please visit: 
http://www.sfds.net/About_SFDS/SFDS_Strategic_Plan.pdf

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San Francisco, California. 4:56 PM. I’m on highway 101 heading south to the foggy hills of Crocker-Amazon. To the left of the car are the tall buildings of the civic center, towering over the passing cars, so high up above the ground it is like they are in separate worlds, but this being San Francisco, the difference of a few hundred feet CAN feel like a different world. To my right, I see layers upon layers of residential neighborhoods, each neighborhood with its own individual ingredient that makes up the SF flavor.
# SFDS Alumni

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