



700 N. Walnut Street
Wilmington, DE 19801-3514



WHAT'S INSIDE

- RIBBON CUTTING CELEBRATES
END OF CONSTRUCTION
- THANK YOU TO OUR
CAMPAIGN SUPPORTERS
- *WHERE ARE THEY NOW?*
ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT
- NEW LOGO HONORS
EPISCOPAL ROOTS

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN TEAM

CO-CHAIRS

Bill Dugdale
Susan Sherk

HONORARY COMMITTEE

Atnre Alleyne
Tatiana Alleyne
The Hon. M. Jane Brady
Tracey Quillen Carney
Rev. Cannon Lloyd S. Casson
Bebe Coker
Sally Gore
Sen. Elizabeth "Tizzy" Lockman
Cynthia Primo Martin
The Hon. Donald F. Parsons
Ann Wick

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jack Stucker, Esq., *President*
Frederick Moran, *Treasurer*
Carling Ryan, *Secretary*
Elaine Archangelo
Rev. Dr. Stanley Hearst II
Stephen L. Johns
Ben Osbun
Tamara Perry, Psy.D.
Alice Sawyer
Susan Sherk
Kathie Stamm
Cheryl Thomas

ADVISORY BOARD

Madeleine Bayard
Bill Dugdale

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Lucinda Ross, M.Ed.

STEERING COMMITTEE

Linda Boyden
Bill Dugdale
Kyra Marcin
Valerie Noel
Ben Osbun
Lucinda Ross
Susan Sherk

CORNERSTONE COMMITTEE

Rick Bayard
Steve Boyden
Susan Casscells
Bill Dugdale
Priscilla du Pont
Vernon Proctor, Esq.
Charles Ryan
Geoffrey Sawyer
Susan Sherk
Ann Wick

PROJECT MANAGER

Linda Boyden
Boyden Design & Consulting

FUNDRAISING CONSULTANT

Valerie Noel
Blue Valor Consulting Services

GENERAL CONTRACTOR

Bellevue Contractors

NONPROFIT
ORGANIZATION
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
PERMIT NO. 766
WILMINGTON, DE

WHAT'S INSIDE

RIBBON CUTTING EVENT

pages 1 and 2

NEW LOGO EXPLAINED

page 2

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

page 3

THANK YOU TO OUR CAMPAIGN DONORS

Insert

*Ribbon Cutting Speakers and
Supporters (L to R) - Front Row:*
Susan Sherk, Campaign Co-Chair;
The Rev. Canon Lloyd S. Casson;
Mayor Mike Purzycki; Lucinda Ross;
Sherry Dorsey-Walker; Bill Dugdale,
Campaign Co-Chair. *Back Row:*
First Lady Tracey Quillen Carney;
Ann Wick; Madeleine Bayard; Jack
Stucker; Daykia Hunter-McKnight
and Caitlin Gleason.



Cutting the Ribbon on a New Era for St. Michael's

On November 14th, major funders and supporters of St. Michael's capital campaign commemorated the completion of nearly three years of construction with a Ribbon Cutting ceremony. The beautifully renovated second floor library and community space was the perfect backdrop where over 75 guests gathered to celebrate this exciting milestone.

Speakers included: The Rev. Canon Lloyd S. Casson; Lucinda Ross, Executive Director; U.S. Senator Lisa Blunt Rochester (via video); Wilmington Mayor Mike Purzycki; Daykia Hunter-McKnight with Senator Elizabeth Lockman's office; Jack Stucker, Board President; Madeleine Bayard, Chair of the Delaware Early Childhood Council; Ann Wick, Community Donor; Caitlin Gleason, Associate Secretary of Education and U.S. Senator Chris Coons (via video).

After remarks, guests enjoyed guided tours of the renovated facility and St. Michael's outdoor classroom areas. We were thrilled and grateful for the tremendous turnout and show of community support!

There are numerous supporters who made the event possible, but we would like to say special thanks to: **The Reinvestment Fund** for the construction bridge loan; **Bellevue Contractors** who went above and beyond as the general contractor; Our **Board** and members of our **Campaign Committees**; Our **amazing staff** who adapted seamlessly during every phase of construction so we could remain open; **Chuck Ryan** of Tevebaugh Architects; **Linda Boyden**, Project Manager and **Valerie Noel**, Fundraising Consultant.

The renovations, funded by a \$6.7 million campaign, have addressed critically needed exterior upgrades, expanded and replaced infrastructure and added two classrooms that will double enrollment to nearly 200 children. The Faculty Resource Center includes a new staff lounge, workroom and quiet space for teachers, reinforcing our commitment to the workforce. The project will also strengthen St. Michael's role as an essential community hub in the Eastside community with designated spaces for educational programs and family support services. An open house celebration for families and the community is being planned for early 2025. *More photos inside!*



OUR MISSION

St. Michael's School is dedicated to building a strong foundation for all children in the first five years of life and to supporting families as their educational journey begins. We foster a safe, nurturing, inclusive environment and seek the highest standards in our practice, curriculum, and professionals.

We are committed to the community we serve and believe a sense of community is a core strength for children, families, and educators.



www.stmichaelsde.org | 302.656.3389
admin@stmichaelde.org | EIN: 51-0066741



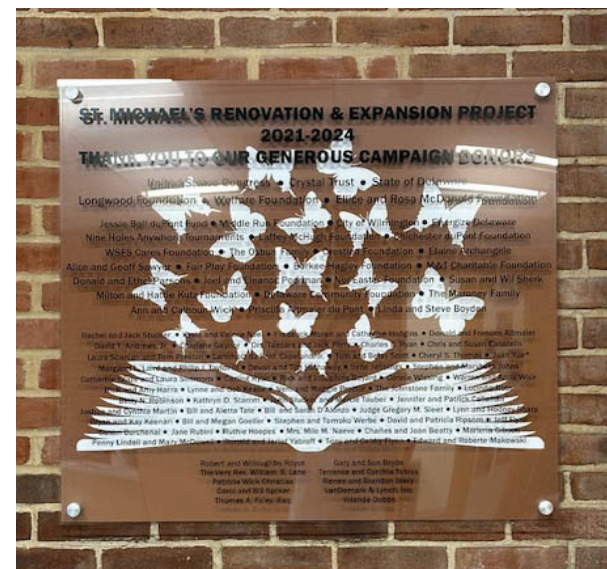


Renovations were completed in October. Outdoor garden and meeting spaces on either side of the community meeting room are still in progress.

St. Michael's New Logo Honors Episcopal Roots

By now, you have probably noticed the transition from St. Michael's old logo to the new one. What began as our capital campaign logo has now become St. Michael's new permanent logo and tagline, *Committed to the Future of Our Community*. The logo symbolizes family and community. With its bright colors and more modern look, it ushers St. Michael's into its next era.

While we are no longer an Episcopal entity, we still wanted to find a way to honor St. Michael's roots, dating back to its foundation in 1890 as an Episcopal mission. We worked with our designer to intentionally incorporate the image of the three vertical glass windows from St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in the old logo into the center of the new design. St. Matthew's Church, built in the 1940's, and St. Michael's purpose-built center, built in 1967, joined as one facility in 2001.



The new donor wall in the lobby recognizes our generous campaign supporters.



The renovated library has cozy reading nooks for our students and is overlooked by the original stained glass windows of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church.



Guests at the November Ribbon Cutting, with a view of the new Community Resource Center space on the opposite side from the library.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW? ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: CHRIS WILLIS

Life has come full circle for St. Michael's alumni Chris Willis. As a child, he attended St. Michael's from 1997-1999. His mom worked at MBNA at the time and other relatives worked or lived in downtown Wilmington. He remembers St. Michael's as central to his life and laying a foundation for the importance of being immersed in the community.

After grade school at St. Anthony's of Padua, Chris attended St. George's Technical High School in Middletown. It was there where his interest in community service was ignited through volunteer work at the Food Bank of Delaware. In fact, Chris was nominated by the Food Bank for the Governor's Youth Volunteer Service Award and was awarded the honor during his senior year.

After graduating from Seton Hall University with a degree in Communications, Chris moved back home to Delaware and worked as a car salesman. While the job helped to build his people skills, Chris soon realized he wanted a more fulfilling career path. He inquired about positions at the Food Bank, remembering how gratifying his volunteer experience there had been. That was three years ago. Today, Chris coordinates the Food Bank's statewide Backpack Program, which provides food to children at-risk of hunger for weekends and holidays when school is not in session. Backpacks are stocked with kid-friendly, nutritious meals and snacks and distributed to over 200 partner sites year-round. He says the role has dramatically changed how he views himself and families in need. **"I have realized that this work is so much bigger than me. What I do each day is important and makes a difference for so many children."**

Chris is also currently enrolled in Wilmington University's Masters in Management with a concentration in Human Resources. He sees the program as a strong fit with his desire to support individuals in their day-to-day work as they help those in the community. He says, "Ultimately, I want to have a servant's heart."

Ironically, his employment at the Food Bank has brought Chris back to his childhood roots at St. Michael's, a partner site of the Food Bank through the Rotary Club of Wilmington. The Rotary delivers food donations to St. Michael's weekly, which are distributed to our families and walk-up neighborhood residents. "It is definitely a full circle moment for me, coming back here. I have a lot of fond memories of St. Michael's and to be able to give back to this community is so fulfilling."



Our pre-K students enjoy a visit with Chris Willis, a 1999 alum who loves giving back through his work at the Food Bank of Delaware. St. Michael's is a partner site of the Food Bank.

Construction is Done, but Fundraising Continues

Though construction is finally complete, St. Michael's is still fundraising to meet our \$6.7 million campaign goal so we can fulfill our financial obligations. The project has received tremendous support from the Delaware Congressional delegation, local foundations and businesses as well as dedicated individual community donors. We are thrilled that we have reached 83% of our goal so far! With additional support, we know we can achieve our goal.



Just like our new facility, St. Michael's next era will be full of light and hope because of all of you.

Please make your gift today using the enclosed envelope or at www.stmichaelsde.org.

THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS CAMPAIGN DONORS*

United States Congress • Crystal Trust • State of Delaware
Longwood Foundation • Welfare Foundation
Ellice and Rosa McDonald Foundation

Jessie Ball duPont Fund • Middle Run Foundation
City of Wilmington • Foster and Lynn Friess • Energize Delaware
Nine Holes Anywhere Tournaments • Laffey-McHugh Foundation
Chichester duPont Foundation • WSFS Cares Foundation
The Osbun Family • Crestlea Foundation • Elaine Archangelo
Alice and Geoff Sawyer • Fair Play Foundation
Borkee-Hagley Foundation • M&T Charitable Foundation
Donald and Ethel Parsons • Joel and Eleanor Poorman
Nor'Easter Foundation • Susan and Wil Sherk
Milton and Hattie Kutz Foundation • Delaware Community Foundation
The Maroney Family • Ann and Calhoun Wick
Priscilla Altmaier du Pont • Steve and Linda Boyden

Rachel and Jack Stucker • Kevin and Valerie Noel
Frederick Moran and Catherine Hodgins • Donald and Frances Altmaier
David T. Andrews, Jr. • Charlene Gaynor • Drs. Tamara and Jack Perry
Charles B. Ryan • Chris and Susan Casscells • Tom and Betsy Scott
Laura Scanlan and Tom Preston • Lammott du Pont Copeland, Jr.
Cheryl S. Thomas • Joan Yue • Margaret L. Laird and Philip J. Taylor III
Devon and Tim Hathaway • Irene Jennings • Stephen and Marybeth Johns
Carling Ryan • Catherine Glaze and Laura Simmons • Rick and Josephine Bayard
Connie Wissing • Warren and Anna Wick • Rick and Amy Harra
Lynne and Bob Keane • Vern and Maggie Proctor • Lucinda Ross
The Johnstone Family • Betty N. Robinson • Kathryn D. Stamm
John Stucker and Marcie Tauber • Jennifer and Patrick Callahan
Joshua and Cynthia Martin • Bill and Aletta Tate • Bill and Sarah D'Alonzo
Judge Gregory M. Sleet • Lynn and Rodney Sharp • Bryan and Kay Keenan
Bill and Megan Goeller • Stephen and Tomoko Werbe • Jeff Flynn
David and Patricia Ripsom • Susan Burchenal • Jane Rubini • Ruthie Hoopes
Mrs. Milo M. Naeve • Charles and Joan Beatty • Marlena Gibson
Penny Lindell and Mary McDowell • Ronald and Janet Yabroff
Tony and Cabby Flynn • Edward and Roberte Makowski
Robert and Willoughby Royce • The Very Rev. William B. Lane
Patricia Wick Christias • Carol and Bill Spiker • Thomas A. Foley, Esq.
Gary and Sue Bryde • Terrence and Cynthia Tobias • Yolande Dobbs
VanDemark & Lynch, Inc. • Renee and Brandon Biery

