



## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):

### How does fundraising work at CLIC?

We have five main fundraising efforts during the year:

1. **Family Giving Campaign:** is when we ask our **families** – YOU! – to donate to support our wonderful school. Is our biggest and most important fundraiser of the year!
2. **Fun Run:** when we ask **our personal networks** (family, neighbors, doctors, coaches, etc) to support our students – is a flat donation (not per lap). This year it is likely that it may be another virtual event with students running in place, up and down their block, or around a local park all on a school-wide Zoom.
3. **CLIC Parties:** these are **parent created and run events** that help foster community, fun, and raise funds. They happen throughout the year and will be virtual until further notice. They can be for kids only, adults only, or both! Some ideas for virtual events could be learning a skill (cooking, knitting, cursive writing, calligraphy, sign language, magic tricks...), art & wine night, science experiments, Minecraft tips and tricks, sports drills, how to make a terrarium, how to read music – almost anything you think would be fun or a skill you are willing to share could be a CLIC Party!
4. In the past years, the following events have also been part of CLIC fundraising. In future years, these events may return, pending availability of volunteers: *Kermes / Holiday Bazaar* and *Casino Night*.

**Retailer Programs!** See the “Retailer Programs” section on our website (Support Us → Retailer Programs) for more information on where and how to shop at retailers with “give back” programs.

### Where is my donation going specifically?

The money raised will go towards music programs, field trips, and teacher training.

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### **Why am I being asked to give money if this is a public school?**

The donations you make bridge the gap (about \$600 per student) between government funds our school receives and the actual cost to operate our amazing school and provide everything we love about CLIC for our children.

Many of the top performing schools in California, both regular public and charter, supplement through family donations. Without fundraising initiatives such as ours, many public schools in California continue to rank quite low scholastically on a national scale.

### **Do charters receive less money than traditional public schools?**

Yes. According to the California Charter School Association (CCSA), *The gap can exceed \$600 per pupil in base state operating funds.* These inequities are often more significant than reported, because charter schools do not have equitable access to facilities or facilities funding, and often must pay for facilities out of their general operating funds.

### **Is my donation confidential?**

**Yes!** It is not shared with teachers or the principal. Only staff authorized to take payments and the Family Giving Committee co-chairs have access to this information (solely to process payments).

### **I plan to or already volunteer at CLIC, why should I donate money too?**

Volunteering is an essential and appreciated part of any school's success. However, it does not diminish the fact that charter schools receive less funding than public schools, and that without donated funds, CLIC will not be able to continue to fund the services currently provided. For any school to thrive, it needs the financial support of its community.

### **Is donating mandatory?**

Donating is not mandatory and will not affect your family's standing with the school. Given the amount is up to you, we do hope everyone donates as it takes a village to keep our community strong.

### **What if I need/want to adjust the amount I signed up to give?**

Contact Pamela Orellana, Director of Operations, [porellana@newlosangeles.org](mailto:porellana@newlosangeles.org)

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

- California ranks 41st out of 50 in per pupil spending and California charters receive less money from the state than traditional public schools.
- In fact, according to the California Charter School Association (CCSA), *the gap can exceed \$600 per pupil in base state operating funds.*
- Our facility's mortgage costs \$650K/year.
- The school continues to pay for:
  - Supplies, from computers all the way down to toilet paper
  - Utilities, including water, gas, electricity, telephone, and internet
  - Facility repair and upkeep
  - Rental costs for school-wide events
- The money we parents plan to raise this year has **already** been included in the school budget. If we miss our mark, cuts to extra programs, art/music/P.E. and T.A.s may be necessary.