

Metro Christian Academy

# OUR TIME

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Case Statement



# From the Headmaster

I am excited to be re-introducing the “Our Time” Campaign to the families at Metro. The campaign has raised over \$5 million in commitments, of which we have received over \$3.8 million in actual cash contributions as of this year. This is a milestone for the school. In the 25+ years that Metro Christian Academy has been in existence, no other campaign has received this level of gifts or commitments.

The monies received have been used to put a new roof on the entire building, enhance our security, install new fencing, build new entrances and a new guard shack and most recently, to construct the track and field complex. Additionally, the funds received have paid for the campaign fees and expenses as well as funded the 2007 Annual Appeal.

With more yet to do, we are asking those who have come to Metro since 2008 to join our effort to complete the plans we have outlined. The remaining projects include a multipurpose building that will serve as an additional lunchroom, gymnasium and meeting space for clubs, organizations and parent meetings; completing the final build-out of office and classroom space in the middle school area; and funding \$500,000 in endowments. Due to escalating construction costs, we will not be able to complete the Learning Center that was in the original campaign. This building will be moved into a future campaign.

This is an exciting and dynamic time at Metro Christian Academy. It is my hope that our latest endeavor continues to bless the Metro Christian community with a legacy of His spirit. I look forward to your partnership in completing this important and meaningful effort.

Serving Him,  
Tim Cameron, Headmaster

*“Let my teaching fall like rain and my words descend like dew, like showers  
on new grass, like abundant rain on tender plants.”*

*DEUTERONOMY 32:2 NIV*



## OUR MISSION

Providing, in partnership with involved parents, an accredited college preparatory education that is founded on biblical principles, cultivates Christian character and equips students to excel academically, spiritually, physically and socially.

# Our History

Over twenty-five years ago, a group of parents and educators took a leap of faith and established a non-denominational school where educators partnered with involved parents to provide a Christian education based on biblical principles. They established Metro Christian Academy.

- 1983 Metro Christian Academy opens its doors as a non-denominational school focused on Christian values. Enrollment was 490 students from Kindergarten through 12th grades. Dr. Rod Goodsell is the first Headmaster. There are 46 members of the first faculty and staff.
- 1984 Metro receives State Accreditation. First class graduates 43 seniors.
- 1985 The Diagnostic Instruction Center is added.
- 1987 The football stadium is built.
- 1988 Metro adds the K-4 Early Childhood program. Enrollment increases to 820.
- 1989 The Early Childhood program expands to include Pre-K3.
- 1996 The Onward Metro Christian campaign allows Metro to purchase the building from Tulsa Public Schools. Sixty-two seniors graduated.
- 1998 Tim Cameron appointed as headmaster.
- 2001 The basement is partially renovated to house the Middle School.
- 2002 The Early Childhood wing is remodeled.
- 2004 Phase II of the basement renovation is completed.
- 2007 The auditorium is renovated.
- 2008 A new roof is put on the entire building.
- 2009 New fencing, entrances, guard shack and cameras added to the campus.
- 2010 The new track and field complex is completed.

Metro Christian Academy has had significant academic and athletic accomplishments over the past twenty-five years, but the school remains most proud of an unwavering dedication to its mission.

*“We are proud to be part of the Metro family and appreciate how much our kids continue to be blessed. As Metro turns twenty-five, it gives all of us an opportunity to invest in making Metro better in the years ahead.”*

*HANS AND LEA HELMERICH, HONORARY CHAIRS*

# We're Reaching Our Goals

From the beginning of our strategic planning discussion in 2004, it was clear that facility enhancements were critical to the future of Metro Christian Academy. Feedback from focus groups and the recent feasibility study told us that we needed additional facilities to ease the overcrowding in key areas of the school and to provide the space needed to enhance our program offerings.

## Celebration Goal: \$4.1 million

Reaching our Celebration Goal allows us to complete the projects identified as the highest priority on the feasibility study. It also means that we raised \$1.6 million more than we have raised in the past. We certainly want to celebrate that!



### Replace the roof and repair damaged areas | ~~\$1,000,000~~ <sup>\$849,225</sup>

We will replace the roof to prevent further damage to the building. This project also includes replacing damaged ceilings and floorings in several parts of the building caused by last year's roof leaks. We are exploring options that could decrease the cost of this project. If we can replace the roof and do the other repairs for under \$1 million, we would also like to make the following capital improvements:

- Complete the security fencing, including the area around the baseball fields on the east side of the campus (\$75,000).
- Complete the Trenton Avenue entrance by constructing a new brick guard building and installing a sliding metal gate (\$75,000).
- Make other capital improvements as possible.

### New Track and Field Complex | ~~\$750,000~~ <sup>\$929,208</sup>

Build a new track complex around the football field to support our track and field teams and other conditioning programs.

### Fall Campaign | \$200,000

We will forego the Fall Campaign in the 2007-2008 school year while the capital campaign is ongoing. We will resume the Fall Campaign in the 2008-2009 school year. Money raised from the Fall Campaign is used for operating expenses and helps the school balance its operating budget.

### Campaign Fees and Expenses | ~~\$275,000~~ <sup>\$300,487</sup>

Printing, postage, video production, supplies and professional fees and expenses.

### Multipurpose Building | ~~\$1,155,000~~ <sup>\$2,033,000 - (includes \$383,000 operating endowment)</sup>

Build a new multipurpose room for use by all students. This facility will provide lunchroom space and additional gym space, which will ease the demand on the overburdened common areas within the school.

### Basement Renovation | ~~\$470,000~~ <sup>TBD</sup>

Complete the final phase of the basement renovation by moving the weight room to the Lillibridge-Lanoue Athletic Center and constructing two classrooms and offices, a work area, and a restroom for the middle school staff.



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## Challenge Goal: \$6.75 million

Reaching our Challenge Goal of \$6.75 million will allow us to complete the following additional projects.

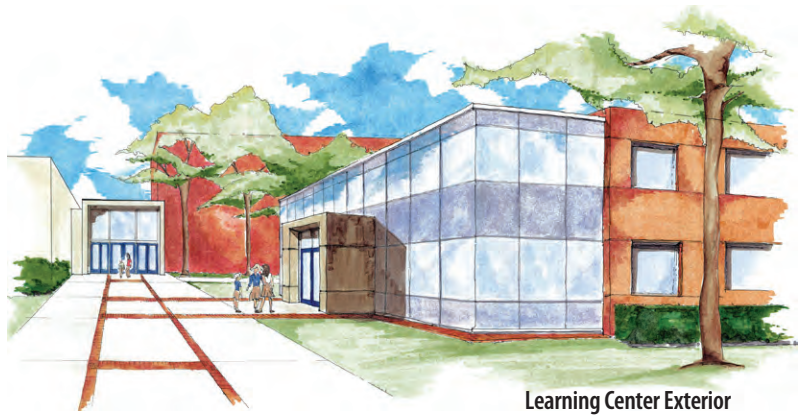
### Learning Center | \$2,150,000

**ON HOLD**

We will build a new 11,000 sq. ft. learning center on the east side of the school in the grassy area. This building will contain 8-10 classrooms, which will allow us to move classes currently being held in very small spaces into larger, more appropriate-sized rooms. This building could be converted to a new library in the future. Completion of this building will also mean that all teachers have a permanent classroom.

### Endowment | \$500,000

\$500,000 will be added to our existing \$1 million endowment – a 50% increase. Increasing our endowment by 50% would provide between \$25,000 to \$50,000 annually to be used for ongoing needs including maintenance and repair of our current facilities, scholarships/tuition assistance, and program/teacher development.



Learning Center Exterior

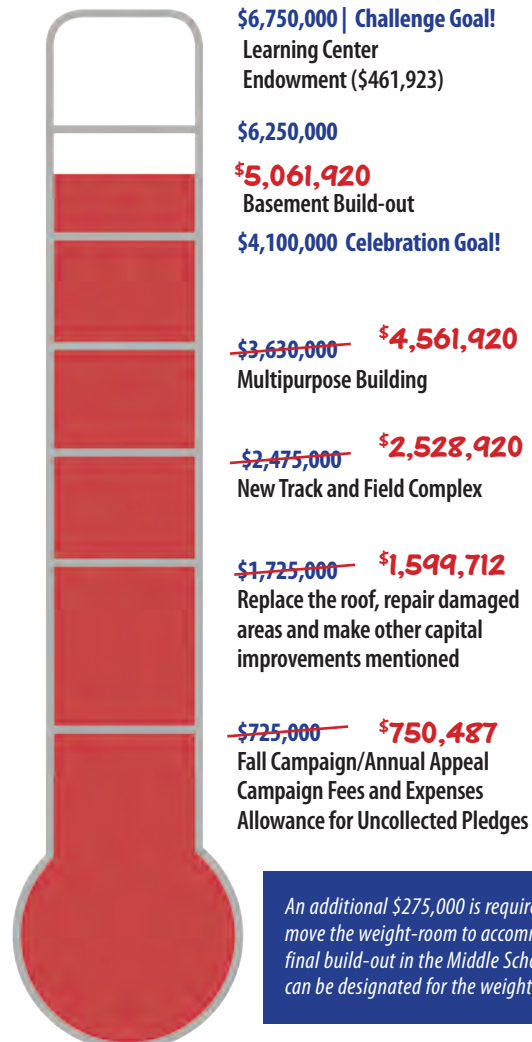
## Priority of Funding

While we cannot say with 100% certainty until the campaign is complete, it is our intent to fund projects as shown in the campaign thermometer. The board of trustees will make the final decision after consultations with the headmaster and campaign steering committee. We will begin construction of a project when we have the money in the bank.



*“It is really an exciting time for us as a school, when we consider the endless possibilities of what we can accomplish with these improvements.”*

**BOB BEARD**  
MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL



An additional \$275,000 is required in order to move the weight-room to accommodate the final build-out in the Middle School. Donations can be designated for the weight room project.

# Naming Opportunities



A Donor Recognition Wall in a prominent location will recognize gifts to the campaign above \$1,000. There will be appropriately named categories for gifts from:

\$1,000 - \$4,999	\$100,000 - \$249,000
\$5,000 - \$14,999	\$250,000 - \$499,999
\$15,000 - \$24,999	\$500,000 - \$999,999
\$25,000 - \$49,999	\$1,000,000 and above
\$50,000 - \$99,999	

## Commemorative Opportunities

Metro Christian Academy has opportunities to create lasting tributes to family and friends. The campaign commemorative opportunities below offer the chance to remember someone important in your life and to make a difference for the students of tomorrow.

Learning Center:	\$1,500,000
Multipurpose Building:	\$1,000,000
Track and Field Complex:	\$500,000
First Floor of Learning Center:	\$250,000
Second Floor of Learning Center:	\$250,000
Classrooms (10):	\$100,000 each
Learning Center Commons Area:	\$100,000
Teachers' Work Area (2):	\$50,000 each
Conference Room:	\$50,000
Principal's Office:	\$50,000
Counselor's Office:	\$50,000
Named Endowment (Financial Aid):	\$50,000 to \$250,000
Named Endowment (DIC):	\$50,000 to \$250,000
Named Endowment (Maintenance Fund):	\$50,000 to \$250,000
Named Endowment (Staff /Program Development):	\$50,000 to \$250,000

*"I have always believed that the greatest legacy we can have as parents, teachers and Christians is the meaningful impact we have on our children. I am proud to serve as an Honorary Chair for Metro Christian Academy's OUR TIME Capital Campaign."*

**DR. WANDA HARTMAN**  
HONORARY CHAIR





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