WE BEGIN THIS CAMPAIGN FROM A POSITION OF strength.

THROUGHOUT ITS 230-year HISTORY, Friends School has remained relevant and vital by staying true to its foundational Quaker tenets. A commitment to excellence and to the process of dynamic renewal has guided the School’s programs and decision-making for generations, enabling us to grow, diversify and adapt to meet the educational needs of today’s students and tomorrow’s leaders.

Now it is time again for the School to transform. We proudly announce the launch of a $23 million campaign:

Setting the Stage: A Campaign for Our Third Century

This historic initiative sets the stage for an exciting future. Friends has already secured $19 million for three goals, each of which is critical to the health and vibrancy of our fiscal operations, our community and our programs:

1. Dramatically grow the School’s endowment — $10 million
2. Create a performing and visual arts center in the Forbush Building — $8 million
3. Sustain the excellence of our programs through annual giving — $5 million

We begin this campaign from a position of strength. Our early leadership donors have responded at record levels — so strong, in fact, that we were able to begin construction on the Forbush Building in June 2014, a full year ahead of our original timeline. We advance with confidence to the next stage; and that involves you.

When you give to Friends this year, you will be a part of something bigger — a legacy of stewardship carried forward from families and alumni whose lives have been enriched by their Friends experiences and who recognize the unique and essential work in which our School is engaged.

Years of careful thought and planning have led us to this place.

The momentum is strong. The work is underway.

We invite you to join us.
To affect positive change in our city, our nation and our world, students must live and learn among a collection of people whose backgrounds and experiences vary widely. By significantly increasing the School’s financial aid endowment, Friends will create and sustain a community that includes the full range of the economic spectrum, ensuring that our students graduate with an appreciation and respect for the diversity of race, religion, economics, gender and, most of all, ideas that shape our lives.

As an alumnus and the father of two Friends graduates, I know the need for scholarships continues to grow and that gifts to the Friends School endowment have a long-lasting impact on the community. My campaign commitment reflects my love for Friends and my belief in the transformative educational opportunities that a strong endowment creates.

FRANK BOND ’69, P ’98, ’05

As of June 30, 2014, Friends School’s endowment stands at approximately $28 million. The increase of $9 million in our financial aid endowment and $1 million for the Friends School Mission Fund will produce $500,000 each year for financial assistance, ensuring that 30 talented students will join the Friends School community and that many more can fully participate in school life through the support of the Friends School Mission Fund, which furnishes academic and social enrichments for students who receive financial assistance and for those who do not.

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Frank Bond ’69, P ’98, ’05

$500,000
FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
MAKING IT POSSIBLE FOR
30 students
TO ATTEND FRIENDS

Setting the Stage FOR A STRONG Endowment,
DEEPENING THE EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE FOR ALL STUDENTS
$10 million
Setting the Stage TO TRANSFORM THE FORBUSH BUILDING INTO A Performing and Visual Arts Center

$8 million

The Bliss Forbush Auditorium is the heart of student life at Friends. It is a space where children of all ages gather in the daily and annual rituals that mark our milestones and knit together the fabric of our School. From Middle and Upper School Collections to the 5th Grade Promotion Ceremony, across the generations, the Auditorium has served as a hub of community and student life. Performances and presentations in this space offer vivid testimony to the extraordinary talents of our students and the remarkable dedication and vision of our teachers.

BLISS FORBUSH AUDITORIUM
Without question, Friends School has developed one of the premier performing and visual arts programs in the Baltimore area. Our vision for the future calls for creating spaces that reflect the extraordinary quality of these programs, opening up new possibilities for our students and faculty.

VISUAL ARTS SPACE
The Upper School Art Department has outgrown its present spaces on the top floor of the Upper School. The Forbush renovation will create dedicated teaching and learning spaces for digital and darkroom photography, drawing, painting and computer imaging and will provide gallery space for student and visiting artist exhibitions.

Lynn and Tony Deering, P ’89, ’93, ’99

All three of our children had extraordinary experiences at Friends; we couldn’t be more thankful. Even though our youngest graduated 15 years ago, Friends remains a philanthropic priority for our family. The Forbush Building transformation is a vital campus enhancement that will raise the School’s already excellent performing and visual arts programs to new heights.

The Forbush Building renovation
WILL ELEVATE THE UPPER SCHOOL FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAM AND FORTIFY COMMUNITY LIFE AT THE HEART OF CAMPUS.
1. A striking glass atrium to serve as a welcoming space for all members of the Friends community.

2. A spacious lobby to host receptions and community events.

3. Raked seating to provide the audience with uninterrupted views of all speakers and performers.

4. Increased onstage, backstage and side-stage space to accommodate our popular theater, music and dance ensembles, as well as sets, instruments and running crews.

5. A scene shop adjacent to the stage to facilitate set design and construction.

6. Contemporary theater essentials, including a wire tension grid and state-of-the-art acoustics.

7. Audiovisual and sound and light control booths to provide students with opportunities to master the technical aspects of theater production.

8. Handicapped accessible seating in both upper and lower areas of the Auditorium.

9. Visual arts classrooms specifically designed to house photography, printmaking, drawing and painting classes.

10. Outdoor art spaces to display the works of Friends students and that of visiting artists.
As with all independent schools, tuition alone does not cover the full cost of a Friends School education; in fact, it covers only 85% of that cost. Annual giving, even with the larger endowment we envision, remains vital to support our current needs and to ensure the excellence of our programs. Robust, healthy annual giving benefits every student, every day.

“... As an organization dedicated to supporting Friends School and building community, we see daily examples of how annual giving touches the lives of our children and ensures the long-term health of our School. The Parents Association is committed to helping Friends reach its campaign goal and to making our community even stronger.”

BETH SCHELLE, FSPA PAST CHAIR P ’15, ’19
PEGGY ANGELO, FSPA CHAIR P ’13, ’19
LAURIE HAAS, FSPA VICE CHAIR P ’16, ’19

Setting the Stage for Annual Giving
TO SUSTAIN THE HEALTH OF THE SCHOOL
$5 million

TUITION COVERS 85% OF A FRIENDS EDUCATION
THE REMAINING 15% MUST COME FROM ANNUAL GIVING AND ENDOWMENT
When talking to supporters, we are inspired by their deep and enduring commitment to Friends School. Their generosity and stewardship strengthen our School and will truly change the lives of generations of our students. Each gift is a testament to our belief that ‘the world needs what our children can do.’

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This list was compiled on September 15, 2014. Additional volunteers will be joining the Campaign Leadership team.

We are gratified to be a part of the leadership team for Setting the Stage. The careful thought and planning that went into this campaign, the many hours invested in stewardship and conversation with donors and the enthusiastic support we have received speak to the strength of our community and its belief in Friends’ mission.

SHINY EVANS ’54, HONORARY CHAIR, P ’77, GP ’15, ’17, ’19
TIM HEARN ’78, CHAIR
Setting the Stage for you to join us.

You believe Friends School is unique and essential. You want to see it continue to grow and flourish. Generations of students have benefited from this extraordinary institution. This year, your gift to Friends ensures that future generations will follow in their footsteps.
A legacy of stewardship

Friends alumni, like those featured in the portraits on the previous page, play a vital role in the School’s growth through their support.

Pictured, from left:
Marilyn Harris-Davis ’71
Howard O. Buffington, Jr. ’27 *
Anne Clifton Homer Martin ’37 *
Carl David Julian Harvey ’83 *
Mabel Teruko Miyasaki ’56
Anthony George Rytina, Jr. ’31 *
Joseph Klein, Jr. ’49 *

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