



2017-2018

**FOSA fundraising
goal is \$95,000**

**Make your gift as large
as you can, but no
amount is too small —
every dollar counts**

Remember, you **can** make
your gift in installments —
just indicate your preferred
increment on the pledge form

Annual Fund Pledge Drive

The Friends of Stone Academy (FOSA) is the fundraising arm of Stone's parent organizations which include the PTA, Local School Council, and Room Parent Organization. In addition to our other fundraisers, FOSA conducts a pledge drive throughout each school year called the Annual Fund. We simply ask you to pledge an amount that you can donate in one payment or installments. FOSA is a registered 501(c)(3) organization and your gift is tax-deductible to the full extent of the law.

Why donate? For the kids, of course!

The arts and enrichment programs at Stone go well beyond the reaches of Illinois State funding. Your generous donation provides the financial support needed to continue our excellent art residencies at each grade level and help cover the costs of many additional programs.

Your contribution makes a real difference to our school and students. These programs promote literacy and cultural awareness. They add to the educational, physical, and emotional development of our children. With your donation, we can continue to keep these incredible programs alive for all students at no cost to them.

FOSA's commitment to Stone grows each year

For 2017 and beyond our goals are:

- Funding exciting art residencies at each grade level
- Supporting after school programs and athletics
- Funding the middle school musical
- Supporting our technology, music and art department
- Curriculum support, school enhancement, and much more

2017-2018 Annual Fund Goal is \$30,000

GREAT SCHOOLS DON'T JUST HAPPEN

They are created and nurtured by active, generous communities

Together, we can make sure Stone stays a competitive and great school

Thank you on behalf of the FOSA board of directors,
Aimee Flaks and Jennifer Bauer
Friends of Stone Academy Co-Presidents

INFORMATION ON THE UNIQUE ARTS AND ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS MADE POSSIBLE BY YOUR GIFT TO FOSA

STONE ACADEMY

GRADE LEVEL ART RESIDENCIES

K- Ballet with Chicago Dance Crash

Kindergartners receive ballet instruction and perform in a school assembly.

1st- Ballet with Chicago Dance Crash

First graders will build upon ballet instruction received in kindergarten and perform in a school assembly.

2nd- Drama with Raven Theatre

Second graders are instructed in theater arts and perform at the school. Some students have the opportunity to participate in a performance at Raven Theatre.

3rd- Cultural Dance with Dancing with Class

Third graders learn about different cultures and their music. They learn intricate dance steps and perform in a school assembly.

4th- Blues Music with Blues in the Schools

Fourth graders learn about blues music and its history. They perform at the world renowned Chicago Blues Fest in Grant Park.

5th- Ballroom Dance with Dancing with Class

Fifth graders learn different types of traditional ballroom dance. They perform in a school assembly and some students have the opportunity to compete in a citywide ballroom competition.

6th- The World Weavers Project with the Minasian Rug Company & Urban Gateways; White Pines Camping Trip

Sixth graders participate in an 8-week textiles curriculum, culminating in the production of one handmade rug designed by a student. Our sixth graders also have the option to participate in a two-night camping trip, allowing them to be independent in an appropriately supervised setting.

7th- African Dance with Urban Gateways

Seventh graders learn about African culture and music. They also learn about traditional dances and perform in a school assembly.

8th - MeMA-Music: Arts-Integrated Social Studies Enrichment Program

Students critically examine the culture, history and landmark achievements of the 1960s through exploring socially conscious music, art, film clips and more. Students link what they learn to real-world issues today. The program culminates in a student-created showcase of social justice projects using digital media, art and more.

SCHOOL-WIDE ENRICHMENT

As FOSA's ability to fundraise has increased, more programs have been supported:

After School Programs

Chicago after school programs lost significant funding in recent years. FOSA funds supplement school funds to continue to provide this valuable resource for students. The after school programs that are offered include arts, athletics and supplemental academic programs.

Our Winning Sports Teams

Funding for CPS athletics has changed several times in the past years. FOSA has always been willing to supplement school funds to help with referees, transportation and uniforms. Stone currently offers volleyball, soccer, basketball, cross country and track for our Stone Eagles.

Library

Each school must fund its own books through their school based funds. FOSA and the PTA provide a budget and books to our library each year to ensure we maintain a collection that is current and interesting to our students.

Music, Art and Drama

FOSA funds supplement school funds for the music and art departments. FOSA funds are also used to support some school assemblies as well as the middle school play and musical.

Technology Support

Computers and other technology in the classroom and around the school is replaced as needed. Technology support is also provided to Stone teachers and staff.

Curriculum Support

Some curriculum, like math, reading and science, need additional books and materials throughout the year.

School Enhancement

FOSA has been able to support small enhancement projects in the building and on school grounds as needed. For example, FOSA funds were used to buy health and fitness equipment for our new fitness room and for outdoor recess. A grant secured by the FOSA Grants Committee was used to help build the outdoor classroom.



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Annual Fund Pledge Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Student(s) _____

LEVEL OF SUPPORT

All contributions of *any amount* make a big difference for our children at Stone

ANNUAL FUND CONTRIBUTION:

ONE TIME DONATION \$ _____ OR

INSTALLMENT PLAN \$ _____ in _____ payments

Please indicate total amount and number of installments (e.g. \$300 in 10 payments)

Yes, I want to be a part of The Eagle Society!

The Eagle Society is the Annual Fund major donors program. Stone families giving **\$300 to \$499** receive an invitation to an appreciation event. Families giving **\$500 or more** will also receive family sponsorship listing on the Jog-A-Thon t-shirt and children will be included in the Jog-A-Thon ice cream party.

Please make my donation anonymous

My employer will match my donation

(Please forward the appropriate form or contact FOSA for more information)

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: FRIENDS OF STONE ACADEMY

You may return your checks to the school office or mail them to: *Stone Scholastic Academy, 6239 N. Leavitt, Chicago IL 60659*. If you are choosing an installment plan please enclose your first month's payment.

Contribute online at stoneacademy.net/fosa

The Mission of Friends of Stone Academy is to raise additional funds to support the mission and vision of Stone Scholastic Academy as set forth in the CIWP (Continuous Improvement Work Plan).

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