



# Impact Report

for the 2023-2024

PA Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Program



**West Chester  
Friends School**

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# An Essential Foundation for *Lifelong Learning*

*“This school has been life changing for our family. This is where their future begins. And it is not just one teacher, it’s everybody. It’s the teachers. It’s the administrators. It’s the Board. All working together to create a vision that works.”*

*–Ginger H. Quinn,  
Alumni Parent*



**At West Chester Friends School,  
we believe fiercely in the power of relationships.**

Established in 1836, West Chester Friends School provides early childhood and elementary-aged students with the essential foundation they require to become lifelong learners, contributing members of their communities and citizens of the world.

Students learn best when they have strong relationships with caring teachers who are fully invested in them. Our teachers help children to uncover their strengths and to build on them by taking risks and learning from those experiences.

We welcome families of all backgrounds. When children become students at West Chester Friends School, they and their families become a valued part of our community. We work with each family closely in all areas. This includes ensuring that tuition is affordable.

Thank you to the generous businesses and individuals who partner with us through the Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program to provide need-based scholarships to students. The generous support of EITC helps us make a Quaker education more accessible and affordable for families.

In friendship,  
Brian Fahey  
Head of School



75% of WCFS students participate in our Flexible Tuition Program which provides over \$1,000,000 yearly in financial aid discounts.



With increased EITC support, we would be able to allocate additional funds for student programs, our faculty, and our historic campus.

**No one should have to make a difficult choice between paying for living expenses and a quality education that is best suited for their child.**

Dedicated to our mission, our community welcomes people of all backgrounds. Some families struggle to make ends meet. For example, a single parent in one of our classrooms drives her child 40 miles to bring her child to our school. She, like many other families, believes strongly in the foundation that teachers are providing to her child.

Worried that she might disappoint us or be asked to leave, she shared that she missed a rent payment to make a tuition payment. To help alleviate her anxiety, we made sure she knew that she should always pay rent first because we will work to help keep tuition affordable for her family.



36  
EITC  
Participants

\$318,823  
EITC Total Funds



\$275,000

EITC Funds Through  
The Friends  
Collaborative

+

\$43,823

EITC Funds From  
Other Corporate  
Partners

## Thank You

To the generous businesses and individuals who partnered with us this year through the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program to provide need-based scholarships to students.

Anonymous (1)  
John & Linda Braceland  
Brandywine Valley Heating and Air  
Conditioning, Inc.  
Brooke Burkey '86  
David Bush & Ida Weygandt '94  
Joshua & Stacy Daltry  
Cristian de Ritis & Valentina Rutolo  
Brendon & Kathleen Dolan  
Michael Earyes & Marne Repetto  
Andrea Ellis  
First Resource Bank  
Fran Farrell & Bruce Tassone  
Jonathan B. Fischer '93 & Mary Kate Newell  
Colleen & Basel Frens  
Alison Latta-Haccard & Guillaume Haccard  
Lauren & Eli Hastings  
Karim P. Husain  
Francis & Karen Iacobucci  
J. Christopher & Celia Lang

Michel & Pamela Linares  
Elizabeth & Ronald Madden  
Meridian Bank  
Tom Miraglia  
Jim Paris & Madeleine Sheldon-Dante  
Jessica & Ricardo Perez  
Whitney & Max Pfeffer  
Beth & Garret Plunkett  
Andrew & Jennifer Potts  
Doris & John Rudibaugh  
S&T Bank  
Aimee & Michael Speerschneider  
The National Bank of Malvern &  
Lydia Willits Bartholomew  
UGI Energy Services\*  
Utica National Insurance Group\*  
Elizabeth and J. Robert Witmer  
WSFS Bank\*

*\*Provide support to WCFS through the  
Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC)*



"I sent both of my children to WCFS. I wish every child had the opportunity to experience this amazing school. By participating in EITC, I am doing my part to pay it forward in my own small way. Please join me in helping another child experience this wonderful community."

*- Lauren Hastings, WCFS Trustee and Alumni Parent*

"Participating in EITC is a quick and easy way to increase our donation to WCFS many times over. We support Quaker education to foster a community of lifelong learners who are committed to social justice and personal growth. Not only is WCFS helping to create educational opportunities for children from every background, it is also nurturing the leaders of tomorrow."

*- Cristian de Ritis & Valentina Rutolo, WCFS Parents*

## **Join Us! It Only Takes a Dime to Give a Dollar**

The Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) is a state tax credit. A business or an individual can direct all or some of their PA state income tax liability to WCFS to be used for a need-based scholarship for one of our students.

An individual or business will receive a tax credit equal to 90% of the contribution. In addition, they may be able to claim a federal income tax deduction. Together, these benefits make a large gift very inexpensive to make.

Example: If an individual or business owes \$9,000 in PA taxes, they would make a \$10,000 contribution and receive \$9,000 back in the form of a refund. They can potentially take the difference - \$1,000 - as a charitable gift on their federal taxes. For the \$1,000 participation, WCFS receives the full \$10,000 to provide a scholarship for a student.

We are a proud member of The Friends Collaborative (TFC), a group of 22 Quaker schools in PA that have all joined together to be able to receive tax credits from the state and assign them to qualified participants who become members of a Special Purpose Entity LLC. More information is available at [thefriendscollaborative.org](http://thefriendscollaborative.org).

To learn more, please contact Kim Walters [kwalters@wcfriends.org](mailto:kwalters@wcfriends.org) or Lee Ann Sullivan at [lasullivan@wcfriends.org](mailto:lasullivan@wcfriends.org). By phone, please call (610) 696-2962.

"WCFS provided a nurturing environment for my children. Contributing to the success of the school positively impacts the next generation. Now, contributing through EITC also allows for a magnification of our contribution and therefore increases its impact."

- Alumni Parent



### *Our Mission*

*To celebrate and foster the unique gifts inherent in every child. WCFS develops lifelong learners, contributing community members, and responsible citizens of the world by providing an academic program in Quaker beliefs of community, peace, equality, integrity, stewardship, and simplicity.*

### *Our Vision*

*To inspire children to embody the spirit of inquiry, service, and love, leaving a legacy of hope and transformation in the world.*

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