



2024-2025 SOARING EAGLES FUND

This continuous fund has been established to address the pressing needs of Heritage Christian Academy as we pursue excellence for our current and future students.

Current Priorities:

1. Science Department Upgrade*

Goal: \$200,000 minimum

- Science Lecture and Lab Rooms – Restructure the unused area into two science rooms. The lecture room will provide instruction with a demonstration area for science classrooms. The lab room will provide lab stations for college preparatory science lab usage. These rooms will greatly improve the capacity of our science teachers to best prepare our students for college and career in the sciences. The science lab will be available for all teachers to use for their science classes K-12.
- Science Equipment – Enhancement of our lab equipment will be necessary to allow us to use the new rooms to their fullest capacity. Equipment purchases will be made based on level of contributions.

2. Elementary Classroom Physical Restructuring*

Goal: \$100,000

- Rebuilding an area that has extensive wasted hallway space to provide more efficient usage of the space and develop two 700 sq. ft classrooms for elementary grades.
- K5 expansion: Removing a wall between two rooms in our ELC program hallway to allow for a larger room for our K5 students.
- Converting a current elementary classroom into an elementary STEM room for daily usage.

3. General Facility Upgrades*

Goal: \$100,000 (Perpetual)

General upgrades in our classrooms and hallways. Specific areas to be addressed are carpeting, painting, restroom upgrades, activity room flooring repair, general maintenance.

4. Eagle's Nest Financial Aid Fund

Initial Goal: \$50,000 (Perpetual)

The Eagle's Nest Fund will serve as a need-based financial aid source to assist families who desire a Christian education but are not financially able to afford it. This fund will have an annual application process that ensures that aid is given only to families that have an actual need.

5. Greatest Need Fund

\$250,000 (Perpetual)

Gifts to this will be used to advance the mission of HCA in the areas of current greatest need. This allows the leadership to address any pressing need that the school may have incurred during the school year.

***We do ask that donations to 1-3 allow for 10% of those donations to be applied to the Greatest Need Fund to allow us to maintain our current programs.**

Heritage Christian Academy is a 501 (c)(3) and contributions to HCA are tax deductible upon compliance with the Internal Revenue Code.

For more information or to request a meeting please contact
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Heritage Christian Academy reorganized in 2017 after Shades Mountain Church decided to close Shades Mountain Christian School. HCA was able to acquire the facility that housed Grace Life Church. The facility has a 75 year-old front section that housed the original church and a 50 year-old addition. The school has been systematically reconfiguring the structure to meet the needs of a school rather than a church. Long-term goals would be to convert the auditorium into a gym and convert the original sanctuary into an academic center for the school.

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- Science equipment – Enhancement of our lab equipment will be necessary to allow us to use the new rooms to their fullest capacity. Equipment purchases will be made based on level of contributions.

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3. General Facility Upgrades

- We have several HVAC units that need major repairs/replacement. Some are 30+ years old and are extremely inefficient.
- The carpet in several areas of the facility needs replacement
- Exterior painting is critical in certain areas of the facility
- Interior painting of all hallways and stairwells.
- Elementary playground: 1) Expanding the playground; 2) New fencing all around for better security; 3) additional pea gravel for base
- Restroom upgrades – sinks and commode fixtures are out of date and several no longer function properly or efficiently.
- Parking lot repairs
- Auditorium sound system upgrades (primarily microphones)
- Activity room flooring repairs

4. Eagles Nest Need-Based Financial Aid

The goal of this financial aid program is to be able to provide educational opportunities for students in the Bessemer and McCalla area that do not have the financial resources to pay for HCA tuition and fees. The program will be need based and will be available to students who meet regular admissions requirements.

5. Greatest Need Fund

Current needs:

- Technology – Providing new Chromebooks for HS students. Our current devices are several years old and approaching outdated status. (currently \$25K/year)
- Teaching tools and resources. Including manipulatives, textbooks, workbooks, etc. (\$75K)
- Debt reduction to free money's for general use (\$150k)
- Faculty compensation increases (\$45k)
- Transportation – we are in the process of leasing a new bus to provide for use by all students for field trips, athletic away games, and shuttle to area communities to increase enrollment. (\$35K per year for lease, insurance, fuel)



Heritage Christian Academy Soaring Eagles Fund

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Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

E-mail address _____

Affiliation with HCA: Parent _____ Grandparent _____ Alumni _____ Friend of HCA _____

Designation of Soaring Eagles Fund: _____

H.C.A. Soaring Eagles Fund Tax-Deductible Contribution Designation

Total Amount \$ _____ (Please complete back of card to indicate your method of contribution.)

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Thank you for your prayers and support for this vital ministry to our students.

Method of Contribution

____ Total One-Time Gift Enclosed

____ On-Line Giving Link: <https://heritagechristianacademy.factsmgtadmin.com/give/>

____ *Contact me about estate planning gifts, gifts in kind, corporate matching gifts

____ Contribution will be sent: ____ Monthly ____ Quarterly ____ Semi-Annually

***H.C.A. will contact you to arrange the specific details.**

Heritage Christian Academy is a non-profit ministry operating on the principle of faith. Tuition is kept as low as possible to make our Christian education available to those who desire it for their children. Tuition and fees do not cover all operating costs. Additional funds and needs must be met with gifts and personal services of our parents and friends.

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