



Case Statement

OUR MISSION

“Joyfully sharing Christ’s saving love with all people, Now!” can be recited enthusiastically by Trinity’s members with only the slightest prompt. Defining how we live this statement involves helping our Trinity community to “go and make disciples” (Matthew 28:16-20) by Connecting with God (UP), Connecting with Followers of Jesus (IN), and Connecting with Others (OUT) in practical and real ways.

BRIEF HISTORY

Trinity’s heart for sharing Christ’s love began more than 130 years ago, in a location not far from the current site. The neighborhoods surrounding the church have changed, but the commitment to both the heart of Houston and world mission work has not wavered. Central to Trinity’s mission from the beginning has been the day school. As the school grew to include grades K-8, and then the early childhood program was later added, whole families were drawn to the congregation and so many lives have been changed in ways both large and small. The education ministry’s growth led to waiting lists and a clear vision that so much more could be done.

NEW FACILITIES

In 2007 Trinity’s members approved the construction of a new Education Center to house an expanded early childhood center, and ultimately grades K-4 of the day school, at a cost of approximately \$6.8 million. God’s bounty in providing us with this kingdom-building tool allows:

- An increase in the capacity of the Early Childhood ministry from 80 to 140 children.
- A new facility that is attractive to

parents and specifically designed for the care and education of children.

- The opportunity to expand the day school enrollment from 200 to 360.
- A multi-purpose room with seating for more than 200, connected to a commercial kitchen, for serving student lunches, hosting special events, and providing another sports and recreation venue.
- A new Bus Barn to house the school bus, provide additional storage, and serve as the base of operations for the Car Care ministry.
- 80+ additional parking spaces.

FUNDING

Trinity congregation stepped out in faith and approved a loan to cover the cost of construction. A capital campaign entitled “Help Us Grow” (HUG) was undertaken to repay the loan. Pledges for this initial three-year campaign totaled approximately \$1.8 million and, by the grace of God, have been met!

Today we are excitedly anticipating the completion and dedication of the Education Center on March 6. Regular congregation offerings and tuition

will cover the operating expenses of the new facility. However, the repayment of the loan balance is not part of Trinity’s regular spending plan. Reliance on the spending plan for loan payments would severely hamper our ministries, and lingering long-term debt limits our ability to expand our ministries. This is at a time when recent ministry expansions have proven so fruitful, and the challenges and opportunities to share Christ’s saving love have never been greater. However, we strongly believe that God will continue to guide His people at Trinity to respond to this challenge with special gifts to help repay the loan.

OUR PLAN

This brings us to our current plan to begin the anticipated follow-on capital campaign, which will be known as HUG2. We have engaged Capital Funding Services to lead us in this stewardship effort with the goal of paying off as much of our estimated \$6 million loan as possible. Our challenge for the future is to once again bind ourselves together, praying for God’s blessing as He guides our response, and gaining strength and focus from God’s word, **“So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow.” (1 Corinthians 3:7)**

