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**GARDEN
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ACORNS TO OAKS
GARDEN HILLS ELEMENTARY FOUNDATION

BUILDING DREAMS

*A Capital Campaign Benefiting Garden Hills Elementary School
By The Acorns to Oaks Foundation*



**“...PHYSICAL ACTIVITY
IN SCHOOL PRIMES
THE BRAIN FOR
LEARNING...”**

~John Ratey, MD, Harvard Medical School

Who Are We?

Garden Hills Elementary School, founded in 1938, is situated in the heart of Buckhead in Atlanta. Despite the wealth surrounding the school – located just off Peachtree Road, and a short walk from the main Buckhead landmarks – it serves a predominantly underprivileged student population. Two-thirds of its students are low income; 55% speak a language other than English at home. The school benefits from a devoted parent community that manages to raise over \$100,000 each year through an annual giving campaign, annual auction event, and corporate sponsorships from local businesses. However, given the constraints of possible financial gifts from the families it serves, there is no way that our school can undertake the fundraising for Building Dreams without support from throughout the community.



What Is Building Dreams?

The Acorns to Oaks Foundation, a 501c3 non-profit organization, seeks to support Garden Hills Elementary School by raising the money for a significant renovation of its outdoor activity areas. The playground equipment is aging, showing signs of hard play through the years, and insufficient to meet the needs of 500+ active children every day.

Given the school's location in the heart of Buckhead, and the fact that its students come from a very tight geographic area surrounding the school, many of them do not have adequate access to space to run and play. Most of them do not enjoy the benefit of large yards or swing sets at home. It has become vital for the school to provide the space and equipment for its students to be active.

We would like to equip Garden Hills Elementary School with facilities on par with those of its neighboring schools.



What If I Already Support Garden Hills and the Acorns to Oaks Foundation?

First off, thank you!

The fundraising that the foundation leads on an annual basis provides significant support for the school, some of which will be marked for Building Dreams. However, those funds are also vital for many programs at the school, including International Baccalaureate programming, the Spanish Dual Language Immersion program, Orton Gillingham training for teachers, field trips and performances, and more.

For this reason, we are launching a separate capital campaign to raise the funds for Building Dreams.

The annual needs of the school are just that – annual, constant, and vital. Especially if you already support the school on an annual basis, we need for you to consider making a one-time gift above and beyond what you already do. And if you haven't contributed to the annual fundraising efforts in the past, this is a perfect (one-time!) opportunity to support our community.



Building Dreams Plan

PHASE I

Track and Field with Entrance and Lights
Amphitheater at Stairway
Hillside Playground Renovation

ESTIMATED TOTAL COST:

Phase I – \$350,000

(includes major items listed above, as well as construction documents and permitting)

PHASE II

Restroom and Concession Stand
Outdoor Classroom
Court Game Area
Creekside Playground
Water Fountains and Benches

ESTIMATED TOTAL COST:

Phase II – \$400,000

Sponsorship Information

Track and Field: \$150,000

Concession Stand and Restroom: \$120,000

Amphitheater: \$100,000

Outdoor Classroom: \$25,000

Court Game Area: \$25,000



How Can I Help?

Gifts of any size are appreciated and may be tax-deductible. For more information, please contact Wyatt Engwall(capitalcampaign@acornstooaks.org)

Pay online at www.fixthefield.com

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