



Village School was the first all-girls middle school in the country and today continues to be a model for girls' schools nationwide. Our mission is to help girls find their own voices, and grow into confident, self-reliant, and intellectually curious learners. Our four-year curriculum is challenging and prepares girls to safely take risks and make responsible personal and academic choices.

The Sunflower Project began in 2014 with the purchase and renovation of 409 Third Street NE in Charlottesville, Virginia. Village School bought 409 Third Street to add much needed classroom and outdoor space to the school's modest downtown campus. A courtyard now joins the school's two buildings, on the corner of East High Street and Third Street NE, in downtown Charlottesville. Our city "campus" allows us an opportunity to take advantage of the many resources available downtown and to experience the importance of giving back to the community. Perhaps now more than ever, Village School is critical to the Charlottesville community.

At the time of purchase, Village School raised \$750,000 (50% of the purchase and renovation project budget). This first round of support came from a small group of current families, local foundations and community members.

At this time, Village School is embarking on the Sunflower Campaign, a capital campaign, to pay off the remaining \$750,000 for the project. In doing so, the school will be able to reallocate over \$60,000 per year in funds currently used to debt payments, to our highest current priorities: scholarships, student enrichment and faculty development.

Village School operates on a tuition based model where the tuition covers the entirety of the school's annual expenses. This capital campaign is a one-time call to the community to raise money above and

beyond tuition and the annual fund. Campaign funds will allow the school to continue to provide the highest quality education and experience for its girls and teachers.

Please consider a gift to the Sunflower Campaign. Your gift will ensure the very best middle school girls' experience for future classes of Charlottesville girls.

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