

December 6, 2021

Dear

Exciting news!

Over the past 11 years, the Benton Harbor Girls Academy has taught middle school girls in five different locations. Next year, the Academy will finally have its own space! We will be moving into a new building on the BHGALS property across from St. John Parish. Construction of the Girls Academy began this fall, with a projected move-in date of September 2022. As you can imagine, we are ecstatic. We hope you share in our joy and excitement!

In the past five years, thanks to some wonderful donors, our Board of Directors has raised over one-third of the cost of construction. **We need just \$500,000 to cover the remaining costs of this historic project.** In gratitude for his significant support of the Girls Academy, the building will be named after Monsignor Eugene Sears.

We are so grateful for your generous gifts of money, me, and talent to the Girls Academy over the past twelve years. Now we ask that you support our building project with as much as you can afford to give.

**Please, dig deep and help us raise this \$500,000 in the next few months.**

Every gift of \$1,000 or more will be remembered on a plaque displayed at the entrance of the Girls Academy.

I hope you will consider a investing in the Benton Harbor Girls Academy:

◆ **\$250:**

Purchase one Egress Window (24 needed) to bring sunlight into our school;

◆ **\$350:**

Purchase one foot of Kitchen Cabinets & Countertop (28 foot needed) for our shared kitchen;

◆ **\$600:**

Purchase a Door & Hardware to finish a Classroom (4 needed);

◆ **\$1,700:**

Paint Walls & Ceiling of one Classroom (4 needed) to brighten the space;

◆ **\$2,500:**

Toward Landscaping and Beautifying the Academy Property.

If you wish to invest in the Girls Academy in the long term, please consider the following:

◆ Contact me to discuss a gift of stock

◆ Visit our website and commit to an automatic monthly donation

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**To make your gift, please send your check in the enclosed giving envelope or donate on our website: [bentonharborgirlsacademy.org/donate/](http://bentonharborgirlsacademy.org/donate/).**

BHGALS is dedicated to enriching and enhancing the educational opportunities for middle school girls in the Benton Harbor community. Since opening the Academy, 35 girls have been prepared through our individualized learning environment to graduate from high school and some from college.

**With your participation in this campaign, you invest in the education of young women for years to come. In the words of Oprah Winfrey, “When you educate a girl, you change the world.”**

Please visit our website, [bentonharborgirlsacademy.org](http://bentonharborgirlsacademy.org), for the architectural drawings of the building, and to learn more about this groundbreaking project! If you have any questions, please contact me at 269.925.9922 or [dr.patriciaquarin.bhga@gmail.com](mailto:dr.patriciaquarin.bhga@gmail.com).

With deep gratitude,



Patricia Ann Quattrin PhD