

HOME OF THE BLUE JAYS



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Dear Friends:

Founded in 1941 by the Salesian Sisters of St. John Bosco, Mary Help of Christians Academy is proud to have recently celebrated 75 years of educating and empowering young women. Considering our modest beginnings as a boarding school with just 7 students, we are proud to have matured into the healthy, mid-sized school we are today: one in which sports have always been an integral part of the program. At present, the Academy is a member of the NJSIAA and NJIC, and our Athletic Department has grown to offer ten competitive sports programs. Of those programs, all ten are offered at the varsity level, and three are offered at both the varsity and junior varsity levels.

Mary Help of Christians Academy stands apart from other schools not only in the quality of its program, but also for its accessibility. Despite our world's ever changing social and economic climate, we have remained committed to providing the best possible experience to all students, regardless of background and socioeconomic status. Year after year, we have consistently awarded assistance to each and every student whose family has demonstrated financial need, with grants ranging from partial subsidies to full academic sponsorships. However, because we aim to accept as many qualified applicants as we possibly can each year, we are regrettably unable to extend financial aid for student participation in co-curricular programs including sports.

Through my experience as an educator, coach, and director of athletic programs, I have witnessed firsthand the impact sports participation has on the development of students. Competitive sports offer valuable character and skill building experiences to athletes of all levels, and these experiences should remain open to all interested students despite their ability to afford them. Today, I am asking you for your support to help make that possible through a partnership between us both. I've attached a Sponsorship Form outlining the opportunities available to you, as well as what benefits are offered at each level.

Our Athletic Sponsors are very important to us, and we hope that you will consider joining this circle of supporters. Your tax-deductible gift to our program comes with the reward of knowing that you have helped make sports programs accessible to students who need it the most. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly by email to dgotha@maryhelp.org or by phone at 973.790.6200, extension 137. On behalf of the athletes at Mary Help, I thank you for your time and support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Davida Ostrander'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Davida Ostrander
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