



# Ignited by Faith

Sonshine Christian School's Campaign to  
**Be a Light for God's Children**



# Learning and Growing in Christ

Sonshine Christian School is an early learning center, elementary school, and middle school housed in the Living Hope Church in Vancouver, WA.

The early learning center began serving families as a daycare 30 years ago. To extend its impact and serve children into school age, Sonshine established the elementary school by adding a grade at a time, beginning in 2012. The middle school was added in 2022.

"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth." **3 John 1:4**

**Our mission** is to work together with families, providing a high-quality, individualized, Christian education that prepares children physically, spiritually, emotionally, and intellectually, to impact their world for Christ.

"Sonshine Christian School has been an answer to prayer for us. We feel Sonshine is essential because of the light it shines in this community. Nearly 100 students get disciplined into followers of Jesus. Many of these students do not attend church but they still grow up and go into the word making a lasting impact. The school opens the door to the gospel for kids who may never have heard of Christ's love."

**-Parents of Sonshine elementary student**

"From the time we walked in the building, we knew this was the place we would entrust with our child. Our daughter is challenged in reading and has social anxiety. Programs that she would not be able to attend or be part of in public schools have been put in place at this school so that she may thrive and grow."

**-Mother of 4th grade student**

**Sonshine Christian School aims to serve all children regardless of their abilities.**

We serve all families regardless of their financial status. We accept state pay and provide financial assistance to qualified families.

**79% of families receive financial assistance**



# A Light for God's Children

At Sonshine Christian School and Early Learning Center, our goal is that children and families grow in knowing God, in the pursuit of excellence in education.

"...let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."  
**Matthew 5:16**

## When children are successful at Sonshine they:

- Feel safe
- Feel seen
- Feel heard
- Feel loved
- Feel confident
- Are socially and emotionally prepared to enter kindergarten
- Are engaged in well rounded experiential learning opportunities
- Are Introduced to God and grow in Christ

## Families that entrust Sonshine with their children:

- Feel supported
- Feel comforted
- Feel connected
- Feel informed
- Feel empowered
- Grow in a relationship with God

"Before coming to Sonshine, I attempted to enroll at four or five different religious based private schools in the area only to be told they would 'check with the teacher' to see if they would accept us due to my son's Autism diagnosis. I was later told they were suddenly full or I received no reply at all....I broadened my search and found Sonshine and they were more than happy to work with us. I feel 100% safe that my son can play on the playground and not be picked on or bullied. The school has brought me and my son closer to God."

**-Mother of Sonshine first grader**



## Fading Access to Child Care

Child care options in Clark County have dwindled since the pandemic. According to ChildCare Aware of Washington, the county **lost 150 providers and about 1,500 available slots.**

### In Clark County:

**28,509 children under age 5**<sup>1</sup>

Of those, **17,105** come from a household where all parents work.<sup>2</sup>

**Current capacity for childcare for ALL ages 8,137.**<sup>3</sup>

### ANNUAL COST OF CHILD CARE IN 2021

<sup>4</sup>

- Infants - \$19,394
- Toddlers - \$16,428
- Preschool - \$13,596
- School Age - \$7,020

Providing an affordable early childhood learning center in Vancouver, WA is critical for working parents and families.

Washington State Office of Financial Management, 2020<sup>1</sup>, U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey, 2019<sup>2</sup>, ChildCare Aware Washington<sup>3</sup>, ChildCare Aware Washington<sup>4</sup>

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## Our Campaign



To serve 68 children in our Early Learning Center we need to remodel 20,000 square feet of Living Hope Church from an auto shop to a welcoming, safe educational environment.

### This renovation will provide:

- 4 classrooms for hands-on, experiential, age appropriate learning
- Gymnasium for physical movement
- Commercial kitchen to provide nutritious meals and snacks
- Indoor/outdoor play space for movement and imaginative play
- 3 outdoor play areas with age appropriate equipment

But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven."

**Matthew 19:14**



**Creating a space at Living Hope Church for the Early Learning Center** will allow it to once again be housed alongside Sonshine Christian School and provide a seamless continuum of Christian education through middle school.



**To provide high-quality educational experiences in a scripture-based environment,** Sonshine Early Learning Center invests in teachers and support staff that exhibit and model Christian values.

## Building Remodel Budget

Initiative	Total
<b>Construction</b>	
Building Prep/Soft Costs/Demo	\$790,000
Four Classrooms	\$565,000
Gymnasium/Multipurpose Room	\$425,000
Kitchen	\$185,000
Bathrooms	\$29,000
Outdoor Play Area	\$26,000
Landscaping and Irrigation	\$16,000
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$2,036,000</b>
<b>Equipment</b>	
Kitchen	\$231,000
Outdoor Play Area	\$115,000
Fencing	\$67,000
Signage	\$8,000
Security	\$35,000
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$456,000</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,492,000</b>

## Gift Plan

No. of Donors	Gift Amount	Gift Total
2	\$250,000	\$500,000
3	\$25,000	\$75,000
4	\$10,000	\$40,000
8	\$5,000	\$40,000
16	\$2,500	\$40,000
VARIOUS		\$55,000
<b>Total Campaign Goal</b>		<b>\$750,000</b>

## Campaign Update

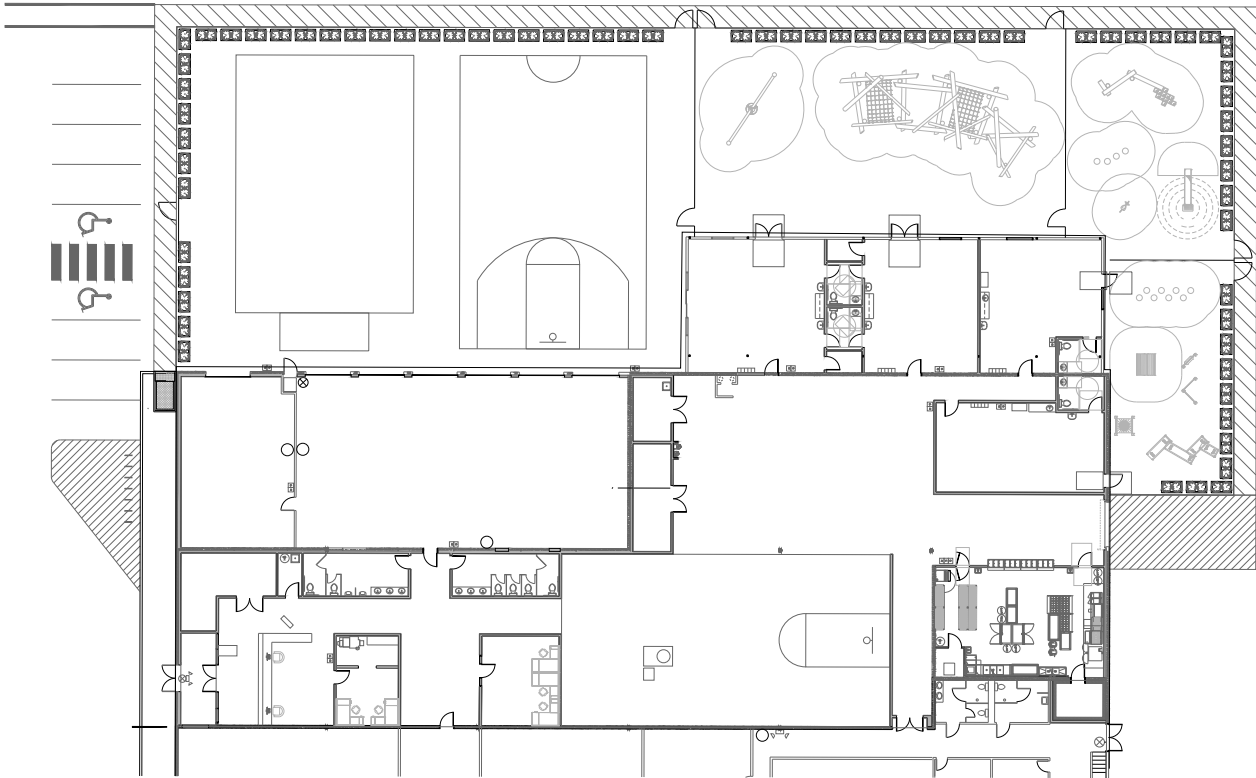
Goal \$2,492,000  
Committed - \$1,742,000

**Remaining \$750,000**

## Expanding Child Care Services

The remodel will also allow Sonshine to extend child care services to 30 elementary-aged children before and after school, during out of school days, and during the summer break.

# Site Plan



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