



2009 community impact report

St. Margaret's Episcopal School

Dear Neighbors and Friends of St. Margaret's:

At St. Margaret's Episcopal School, we are grateful for our long and productive relationship with the City of San Juan Capistrano.

September 2009 marked the 30th anniversary of the founding of the school. Since 1979, St. Margaret's has provided an exceptional education rooted in our Episcopal identity and values to more than 2,000 students. Throughout our history, we have sought meaningful ways to be involved in local activities, provide service to community needs, and be a desirable employer and conscientious citizen and neighbor within the San Juan community.

As part of our celebration of the 30-year history of the school, we are pleased to present this Community Impact Report that outlines our:

- 1 Significant positive economic impact to San Juan Capistrano.
- 2 Ongoing commitment to serving the community.
- 3 Long-term plans for improved facilities to better support the current size of student body enrollment.

We are honored to be a part of San Juan Capistrano's vibrant and dedicated community and we look forward to our continued work together for the good of its residents and businesses.

Sincerely,

Marcus D. Hurlbut
Headmaster

1 St. Margaret's Contributes Significantly to the San Juan Capistrano Economy

St. Margaret's contributes more than \$29 million to the local economy each year.

- St. Margaret's made expenditures of more than \$24 million in the local economy last school year. Additional expenditures made by more than 2,000 St. Margaret's employees, students, parents, alumni and visitors to the campus increases the school's impact in the local economy, resulting in an overall economic impact of over **\$29 million a year.**

St. Margaret's Annual Recurring Economic Stimulus*

Category	City Capture
Direct economic stimulus (<i>FY 2008-2009 Budget Expenditures</i>)	\$24,065,193
Consequential stimulus across all industries	\$2,996,637
Related stimulus across all industries	\$2,139,519
<i>Employee Expenditures</i>	\$721,244
<i>Student Expenditures</i>	\$143,420
<i>Parent Expenditures</i>	\$1,064,780
<i>Visitor Expenditures</i>	\$210,075
Annual Total	\$29,201,349

*Figures and statistics cited are from a 2008 economic and fiscal impact study of St. Margaret's Episcopal School conducted by independent research firm David Taussig & Associates, Inc.

St. Margaret's construction projects contribute to the health of the local economy.

- **\$15 million** in construction expenditures over the past five years and **\$30 million** in future improvement plans over the next 10 years.

St. Margaret's is the fourth largest employer in San Juan Capistrano, providing 210 employees more than \$17 million in salaries, wages and benefits annually.

San Juan Capistrano is home to approximately 300 St. Margaret's employees and students.

- Many families move to San Juan Capistrano specifically to join the St. Margaret's community. Nearly 60 percent of students reside within Capistrano Unified School District.
- More than **70 percent** of students travel to school by St. Margaret's school buses, in multi-occupant private vehicles or by public transit.

2 St. Margaret's is an Active and Responsible Member of San Juan Capistrano

Of the \$2.2 million in financial aid awarded last year, St. Margaret's gave \$642,000 to San Juan Capistrano students.

St. Margaret's sponsors annually:

- Fiesta de las Golondrinas and the Swallows' Day Parade
- The Vintage at the Mission
- San Juan Summer Nites Concert Series
- San Juan Capistrano Chamber of Commerce

St. Margaret's allows the use of its campus and facilities for many community organizations, including:

- Sun Hollow Homeowners Association
- San Juan Capistrano West Homeowners Association
- Casa de Oro Homeowners Association
- San Juan Hills Homeowners Association
- Rancho Madrina Homeowners Association
- Mesa Verde Homeowners Association
- Mesa Vista North Homeowners Association
- Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts
- National Junior Basketball
- Victory Lacrosse
- PROKids Baseball Academy
- Tstreet Volleyball
- CHOC Tinkerbell Guild
- Habitat for Humanity
- National Charity League
- South Orange County Outreach Coalition

St. Margaret's offers a Summer School program that is open to the community. More than 25 percent of Summer School students attend local schools other than St. Margaret's.

St. Margaret's is a designated Temporary Mass Care Site to serve community victims in natural disasters.

2 St. Margaret's Students Serve the Community

Students provided **40,000 hours of community service** in San Juan Capistrano, surrounding communities and throughout the world in the past three years.

Breakthrough San Juan Capistrano – academic enrichment program for low-income, high-potential San Juan Capistrano middle school students. Annual cost of **\$250,000** is underwritten by the St. Margaret's community.

Special Camp for Special Kids – recreational summer camp for local youth with disabilities. Annual cost of **\$100,000** is underwritten by the St. Margaret's community and supported by participant tuition.

St. Margaret's students partner with **Orange County Head Start** each year to give Christmas presents to more than 200 San Juan Capistrano children.

Senior citizens of San Juan Capistrano and other local centers receive more than 350 handmade Valentine's Day floral arrangements from St. Margaret's students each year.

San Juan Capistrano's Father Serra's Pantry – annual school-wide food drives to support the Pantry including the largest food drive in the Pantry's history in 2009.

St. Margaret's students also have ongoing, active service involvement with the following local organizations:

- Boys and Girls Club of Capistrano Valley
- J.F. Shea Therapeutic Riding Center
- Emeritus San Juan Capistrano
- Habitat for Humanity
- The Ocean Institute
- South Coast Safe Rides
- Special Olympics
- Camino Real Playhouse
- The Capistrano Dispatch
- Children of the Nations
- The Ecology Center

3 St. Margaret's Plans for the Future

St. Margaret's has a campus development master plan, outlined below, to serve the school in the coming years. These plans include replacing or improving existing facilities on campus to support our current student population.

Facilities and Construction: It is anticipated that during the next 10 years, St. Margaret's will construct a new Middle School classroom building and a performing arts education building to provide teaching and performance space for orchestra, band, choral, dance and drama. This construction will free existing campus space to be renovated and upgraded including Lower School classrooms, visual arts studios and dining facilities. Included in the various master plan projects are plans to improve traffic flow and parking on campus to reduce the school's impact on the surrounding community.

Land Acquisition and Use: To accommodate this development, the school has acquired three adjacent properties: three commercial buildings at the eastern end of the Ortega Village Center that are immediately adjacent to the campus on Ortega Highway, a five-acre plot of land on Calle Arroyo that is currently leased to the Ortega Equestrian Center and a small plot of land at the corner of La Novia Avenue and Calle Arroyo, containing a disused water well and former Ganado Drive. The plan calls for one building in the Ortega Village Center to remain for school administrative offices while the other two are to be replaced by the new Middle School building. Following relocation of the equestrian facilities, the five-acre plot will be converted to practice athletic fields that will be available for shared use with the City. The corner plot will be converted to an employee parking lot and will also serve as a community resource for parking for Cook Park and the adjacent City bicycle trail.

City Approval Status: The master plan as proposed above is currently under review by the City of San Juan Capistrano for approval. St. Margaret's is working closely with City officials to be responsive to the process and to prevent negative impact on the community.

St. Margaret's Episcopal School at a Glance

Founded in 1979 – 2009 marks our 30th Anniversary.

Mission – to educate the hearts and minds of young people for lives of learning, leadership and service.

1,200 students in preschool through grade 12.

St. Margaret's accreditations and memberships:

- Western Association of Schools and Colleges
- California Association of Independent Schools
- National Association for the Education of Young Children
- National Association of Independent Schools
- National Association of Episcopal Schools
- Council for Spiritual and Ethical Education
- Cum Laude Society

College placement - Nearly 100 percent of St. Margaret's graduates attend four-year colleges or universities, including Columbia University, Emerson College, Georgetown University, Harvard University, Northwestern University, Pitzer College, Princeton University, Rhode Island School of Design, University of California, Los Angeles, University of Notre Dame, University of Southern California and Yale University.

Alumni – More than 1,350, many of whom live in San Juan Capistrano and surrounding communities.



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