

## EBI Annual Fund ¡Siempre juntos! FAQ

Escuela Bilingüe Internacional's (EBI) Annual Fund is called ¡Siempre juntos! - or Always Together! As members of the EBI parent community, we ask all families to contribute, each year, to the Annual Fund at a level that is meaningful to you.



- ***What is the Annual Fund ¡Siempre juntos!?*** Like all independent schools, EBI is a nonprofit that does not receive government funding. As a result, EBI relies on philanthropic support from our families to fill the gap between tuition revenue and the full cost of providing the highest quality education to every student. Since its founding in 2006, philanthropic support from EBI families has been a significant factor in making EBI the exceptional academic institution and community it is today.
- ***What does ¡Siempre juntos! support?*** This year, the Annual Fund is especially important due to the unexpected costs associated with COVID-19. Since the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year, EBI has invested more than \$1,500 per child (over and above the usual budget) in new technology, safety equipment, and additional staff needed to meet the challenge of the pandemic. The resulting gap between tuition revenue and schoolwide expenses this year has resulted in EBI investing an additional \$4,000 per child. The Annual Fund will play a crucial role supporting this increase in operating expenses related to keeping our school as safe as possible.
- ***Why is it important that parents contribute to ¡Siempre juntos!?*** All current students benefit from gifts to our Annual Fund and every current family is encouraged to contribute at whatever level they are able. Our goal is to achieve 100% parent participation from both Board members and families. Giving to the annual fund strengthens the school's sense of community, reflects the collective sense of purpose, and inspires others to also give.
- ***How much should I give to ¡Siempre juntos!*** We are a diverse economic community and recognize that only you can determine the right gift amount for you and your family. In a typical year, the gap between the cost of running the school and our actual tuition revenue is approximately \$2,500 per child. This year, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the gap is approximately \$4,000 per student. If you're able, we encourage families to support the annual fund at one of our Leadership Levels, which reflect gifts of \$2,500 or more, but every donation is appreciated and helps us toward our goal. Every gift of any size is important. **The only gift that is too small is no gift at all.** Your gift is fully tax-deductible and goes directly toward supporting your child's daily experience. **It is our hope that your family will make EBI a top philanthropic priority by making a gift that is**

**significant to you.**

- ***When should I make my gift to ¡Siempre juntos!?*** The ¡Siempre juntos! Annual Fund drive begins in the fall each year. Your family will be contacted by EBI the beginning of each school year about making your annual gift. The goal is for every family to participate by December 31, 2020, by either making a donation, or by making a pledge to donate no later than May 31, 2021.