

## EVERY GIRL DESERVES Capital Improvement Campaign

For 16 years, Pace Lee has been a beacon of hope for girls and young women in Lee County. Located in the heart of the community, our L. Gail Markham Building on Evans Avenue has served as a hub for education, counseling, and outreach services. Now, it's time to take our center to the next level.

We believe that every girl deserves a classroom atmosphere that inspires and supports her growth. A place where she can feel safe, secure, and ready to learn and heal. We also believe that counseling and life skills education should prioritize her health and wellness. We are dedicated to providing a nurturing and empowering environment for every girl who walks through our doors. That's why we are embarking on a journey to upgrade our center and make vital modifications that will not only sustain but enhance the level of services we offer.

To achieve these goals, we have identified several key projects that will strengthen and improve our classrooms and counseling spaces. Our focus will be on safety, security, and creating an environment that promotes health and wellness. Additionally, these projects will expand the capacity of our Reach therapy program, allowing us to reach even more girls in Lee County.

With your support, we can transform our center into a haven of growth, healing, and opportunity. Together, we can ensure that every girl in our community has the chance to thrive. Join us on this journey and help us make a lasting impact on the lives of these incredible young women.

### DAY PROGRAM

93%



Improved academically

\*Measured by Florida STAR testing

100%



Had no justice system involvement

95%



Were in school, higher education or employed

### REACH PROGRAM

80%



Improved healthy social relationships  
with peers and family members

100%



Are engaged in their community,  
measured by an increase  
in healthy behaviors



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Learn how we are creating a Safe Place for Girls  
at Pace Lee and how you can help.



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## OUR NEEDS

Campaign Goal: \$1 million

Our capital improvement campaign will cover the costs of:

### PRIORITY 1: SAFETY & SECURITY

- 1** Creating a secure visitor entrance and front office that provides an added layer of security for staff and students.
- 2** Install intercom system that allows staff to effectively communicate and share urgent messages throughout the building.
- 3** Repair exterior stucco to prevent water intrusion in classrooms and offices due to Hurricane Ian.
- 4** Total roof replacement to mitigate leaks and extensive damage from Hurricane Ian.
- 5** Install exterior and interior cameras for extra security for staff and students.
- 6** Upgrade interior doors to restrict entry to staff with badge access.

### PRIORITY 2: HEALTH & WELLNESS

- 1** Expand Reach therapy suite to provide more offices and space to host student therapy sessions.
- 2** Replace HVAC clean-air units to ensure clean, filtered air is circulated throughout the building.
- 3** Remove trees to prevent root intrusion in recreational space.
- 4** Repair and upgrade parking lot asphalt to add outdoor recreational space including basketball court and seating for counseling sessions.
- 5** Install rear gate for emergency exit in recreational space.
- 6** Replace carpeting to eliminate areas impacted by water intrusion during Hurricane Ian and prolonged wear and tear.

### CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE:

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## GIVING LEVELS

Your gift may be doubled thanks to a \$100,000 matching gift from Pace supporter B. Pat O'Rourke in honor of Grande Dame Helen O'Rourke McClary.

Honor the Wisdom of Time - \$100,000

Act with Integrity & Positive Intent - \$50,000

Embrace Growth & Change - \$25,000

Seek Excellence - \$10,000

Create Partnerships - \$7,500  
(3-year pledge of \$2,500)

Honor the Female Spirit - \$5,000

Invest in the Future - \$3,000  
(3-year pledge of \$1,000)

Focus on Strengths - \$1,000

Exhibit Courage - \$500

## RECOGNIZING YOUR GIFT



Pace's new front entryway will feature an "Every Girl Deserves" recognition wall with the names of all those who support our campaign.



Gifts of \$500 or more will be listed in our annual impact report distributed statewide and online.



Gifts of \$5,000 or more will receive a social media spotlight on our Facebook and Instagram pages.



All campaign gifts will be recognized in our email marketing three times per year for the duration of the campaign.

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