

FAQs for Marian Magic - a Virtual Event

1. Can I donate before I register?

Absolutely! We welcome all donations and are actively putting them to use to support our girls during this difficult time. If you would like to make a gift now, please visit our Donate page at <https://marianmiddleschool.org/donate/> or select Donate Now on [Marian Magic | Powered By GiveSmart](#). To participate on the GiveSmart platform, please register via the GiveSmart link at [Marian Magic | Powered By GiveSmart](#) and add your credit card information for a quick and seamless experience. You can also support Marian Middle School with a donation from your Donor-Advised Fund. Our Charity Tax ID is 43-1873629.

2. Do I have to register through the Give Smart app?

To participate in the auctions, please register via the GiveSmart app at [Marian Magic | Powered By GiveSmart](#). If you wish to give a gift through the traditional means, please visit <https://marianmiddleschool.org/donate/> and select Marian Magic in the designation box.

3. Can I use GiveSmart on my phone or computer?

Yes, you can use GiveSmart on both your smartphone or computer.

4. What can I purchase or “bid” on virtually?

The Teacher Wish List features all the supplies that Marian Students need - both in a traditional school year and even now in a virtual environment. The beauty of the Wish List is that you can fund and purchase several Wish List items for Marian, and others can as well, until all of those items are fulfilled.

To find the most impactful ways to transform the life of a Marian Girl, click “View Items” and select “Make a Donation” for a list of our Fund-A-Mission items. You can also choose from one of the pre-populated options on the homepage, or any amount you wish to give. For the Live Auction, people can bid on this competitively. The Live Auction will run from Friday through Saturday.

5. What is the Teacher Wish List and how is it used?

The Teacher Wish List features all the supplies that Marian Students need - both in a traditional school year and even now in a virtual environment. They are categorized by need (arts, essentials, classroom needs, etc.) in case you have a particular interest. It is used to allow you to “purchase” individual items to meet the needs of the school. The

teachers provided input based on their needs -- literally their "wish list." You can click on items you want to purchase directly for the school - in any quantity.

6. How will I "bid" or purchase certain items on the Teacher Wish List? And can more than one person purchase each item -- or donate for each item?

You simply select the item desired, determine the number you want to purchase and all of these items will go into your cart. Once all of the units have been purchased of that item, this item will no longer be able to be purchased.

7. Will there be a Fund-a-Need auction?

Yes, there are several ways that you can Fund-a-Need. To find the most impactful ways to transform the life of a Marian Girl, visit the page [Marian Magic | Powered By GiveSmart](#). Click "View Items" and select "Make a Donation" for a list of our Fund-A-Mission items. If you'd like, you can also donate via our traditional website at <https://marianmiddleschool.org/donate/>. You can also support Marian Middle School with a donation from your Donor-Advised Fund. Our Charity Tax ID is 43-1873629.

8. How will the Fund-a-Need auction work virtually now? Does it all happen at once or can you donate throughout the week?

Beginning Monday, April 20, the Fund-a-Need auction (and Teacher Wish List auction) will open on the [Marian Magic | Powered By GiveSmart](#) page. To participate on the GiveSmart platform, please register at [Marian Magic | Powered By GiveSmart](#) and add your credit card information for a quick and seamless experience. You can make donations as many times as you'd like, and all will be added to your cart. All of the GiveSmart online auctions will close at the end of the night, April 25, and all purchases (including those from the Teacher Wish List) will be processed after the auctions close.

9. How will we know the total and what's been raised for Fund-a-Need -- if we are hoping to get to a certain level?

We will be posting our progress for the auctions on the GiveSmart website: [Marian Magic | Powered By GiveSmart](#). We're proud to announce that we're already HALFWAY to our fundraising goal of \$455,000. And, you can double your impact now thanks to a generous matching gift donor! Plus, \$300 of your donation is now 100% deductible on your 2020 taxes as part of the recently passed CARES Act! for taxpayers who itemize.

10. Will there be a Live Auction and how will it work?

Yes, there will be one premiere live auction item, two honorary observer tickets for the [Ascension Charity Classic](#), Sept. 28 through Oct. 4, at the Norwood Hills Country Club.

The auction for this item will be made live on the GiveSmart site, [Marian Magic | Powered By GiveSmart](#), from Noon on Friday, April 24, through 8 p.m. on Saturday, April 25. To bid on the item, all participants must register on the app with their credit card information.

11. How will I know when other people bid -- or does it matter/affect my bid?

For the premier Live Auction item that will be open on Friday, part of the fun is the competition of the bidding, just like at our traditional gala. The app will send you a notification if another donor has outbid your offer, so that you can get back into the competition!

12. How will checkout work?

You can pay for everything at once or pay for anything that is final, like anything within the Teacher Wish List, Donate Now, or Fund-a-Need options. To checkout, click “pay” at the top of the page. At the end of the event, we will also send a notification to you with payment instructions.

13. Will I get a receipt?

Yes, everyone will receive a confirmation of their gift after the auction is closed and the Marian Development Office closes all transactions the week of April 27. In addition, all donors will receive the traditional letter thanking all of our generous donors two weeks after the event.

14. Are the tickets already purchased a full tax write off?

Yes, any tickets or tables purchased are 100% tax deductible donations to support Marian Girls.

15. Will my ticket or table purchase be included in my receipt?

All donors who purchased tickets before the event transitioned to a virtual event, and those who purchase virtual tables or sponsorships, will receive our traditional letters separately. All of the GiveSmart receipts will be provided separately.

16. Can I share the auction/bidding registration with other people who may not have “purchased” virtual tickets? In other words, can anyone participate?

Yes, we’d love for you to share with your friends, family and colleagues, and even on social media if you’d like! Anyone can participate as long as they register through GiveSmart! It’s a great way to introduce Marian to others! Thank you!

17. Will we hear from Mary Elizabeth Grimes or anyone from the school directly “during” the auction?

Yes, we will be sharing videos throughout the week via email and on social media. Please be on the lookout to join the conversation and pass along to others!