

FOREVER

CHURCHILL
CENTER & SCHOOL

Grateful

A place of hope for
students and families.

A source of knowledge
for professionals.

A point of pride for
the community,
now and forever.



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TO THE CHURCHILL COMMUNITY,

Forty years ago, “The Churchill School” began with the vision and determination of two local mothers, Perry Streett and Bonnie Summers Wolfarth, who dreamed of establishing a school in St. Louis that would provide a specialized program for high-potential children with learning disabilities to flourish and succeed. I feel so fortunate that I was selected to help make this very special dream a reality as the first director. What started as a seven-week program for 21 students in the summer of 1978 is now a well-respected, thriving educational institution, serving close to 300 students annually through Day School, Summer School and Tutoring programs.

A Churchill experience lasts forever. I am excited about Churchill’s future and invested in seeing it continue to grow and develop. The Forever Grateful Endowment Campaign has one simple goal: to make Churchill accessible to more children and families. Through growing our endowment fund, we are building a stronger foundation for Churchill and increasing the dollars we have available for outreach and scholarship. Together, we’ll expand our impact through school partnerships that will bring Wilson’s research-based program and teacher training to underserved school communities who would not typically have access to these resources. In addition, we will increase our scholarship dollars available to families for Day School, Summer School and Tutoring.

Churchill is truly a special place because of everyone in our community: teachers, Board members, parents, children, grandparents and educational partners. Your support of the Campaign means we will have the opportunity to give more students a chance at a brighter future. I thank each of you for your unwavering fidelity and commitment to Churchill.

Sandra K. Gilligan, Founding Director

CHANGING LIVES, ONE STUDENT AT A TIME

“Forever grateful” is a phrase we hear often from alumni, parents and families whose lives have been transformed by the Churchill experience. Since 1978, Churchill has made a profound impact in the St. Louis region by providing proven methods and strategies to help students with learning disabilities embrace the way they learn and reach their highest potential.



“We will forever have a special place in our hearts for Churchill; it changed our child!”

Christine Gidionsen,
Alumni Parent

“Our time at Churchill has truly been life changing for our entire family. They took a child who felt he was ‘less than’ and, within a few weeks, opened his eyes to the fact that he is capable and smart.”

Michelle Lynchard,
Current Parent

OUR HISTORY

Building Confidence & Community for 40 Years

Four decades ago, Churchill was founded as a place of hope for students and families, a source of knowledge for professionals, and a point of pride for the community.



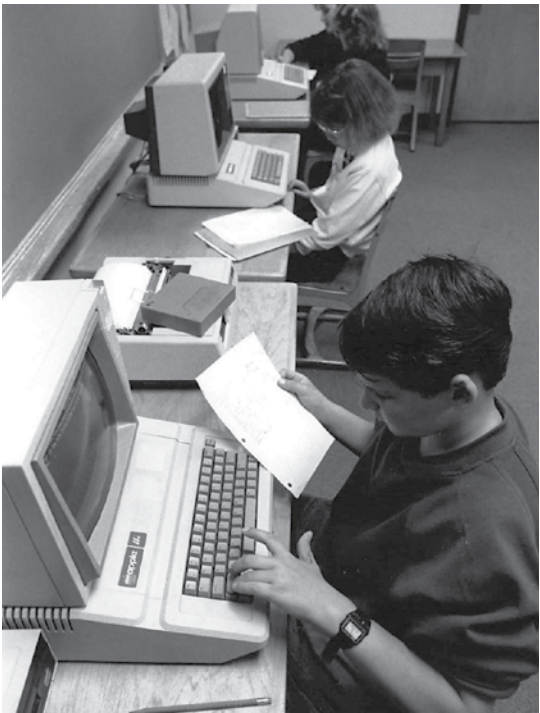
Director Sandra Gilligan with Churchill founders Perry Streett and Bonnie Summers Wolfarth



“Churchill is a home to children who feel like there is no place to fit in, be accepted, feel success and feel appreciation. They flourish and shine to become who they are meant to be.”

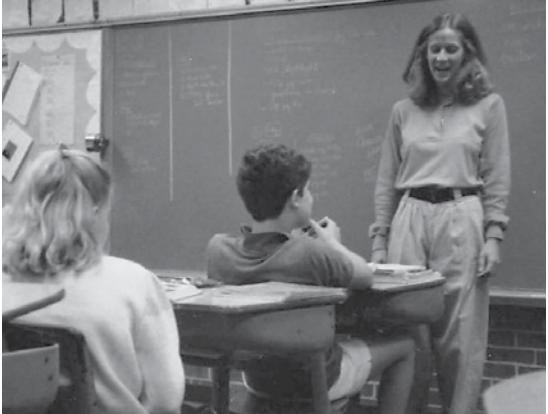
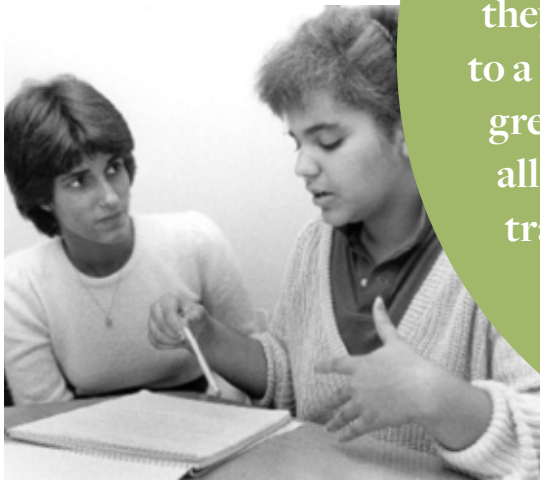
Jim & Jennifer Lord, Alumni Parents

1978	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Perry Streett and Bonnie Summers Wolfarth found The Churchill SchoolSandi Gilligan is hired as first director of The Churchill SchoolFirst Summer School is held with a class of 21 students
Fall 1980	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Churchill becomes a full Day School
1982	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Capital Campaign to purchase the old Price School
1984	<ul style="list-style-type: none">School moves into first stand-alone building on Price Road in Ladue
1989	<ul style="list-style-type: none">U.S. Department of Education names Churchill Blue Ribbon School
1990	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Establishes Community Outreach program
2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none">U.S. Department of Education names Churchill Blue Ribbon School for second time
2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Creates Terri’s Tutors in memory of Churchill teacher Terri Thornton
2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Churchill School becomes Churchill Center & SchoolLaunch Capital Campaign to build new campus
Fall 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Town & Country campus opens
2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Churchill becomes a Wilson® Accredited Partner
2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Serving over 300 Day School, Summer School and Tutoring studentsLaunch Endowment Campaign to expand Outreach and Scholarship programs
2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Founding Director Sandra Gilligan will retire



OUR MISSION

To give high potential children with learning disabilities the finest, individualized remedial education and the support they need to achieve success and return to a traditional classroom... And to foster greater understanding and support for all people with learning disabilities by training other educators, supporting our families and enlightening the community.



Honoring Sandi's Legacy



“As founding director of Churchill Center & School, I have loved every minute of these forty years!”

After 42 years of visionary and dynamic leadership, Founding Director Sandra Gilligan will retire at the end of the 2019-2020 school year. Sandi has led every phase of the school's evolution since it began in 1978 with her compassion, inspiration and unwavering dedication to our core values, shaping all aspects of Churchill's individualized and impactful culture. Our school's growth and success are a testament to Sandi's lifelong dedication to delivering the best instruction possible to children with learning disabilities, helping them reach their full potential.

The Forever Grateful Campaign is a steadfast tribute to Sandi's legacy and commitment of reaching as many children with learning disabilities as possible to help them succeed and become advocates for their future.

THE FOREVER GRATEFUL ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN

A Brighter Future for More Students

Churchill has helped thousands of students gain the skills and confidence to thrive in the classroom and beyond. While we are proud of this success, we know there are children and families in underserved communities needing the resources and curriculum our proven program provides, specifically in the areas of developing foundational skills in phonics, spelling and handwriting.



“Throughout Churchill's history, Sandi has remained strongly committed to our mission of helping children with learning disabilities. As an alumna and current parent, I am forever grateful to Sandi.”

Laura Pollnow Bryan, Alumna,
Current Parent & Former Churchill
Board of Trustees President



\$1.5 million

SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

- Day School
- Summer School
- Tutoring

\$3.5 million

SANDRA K. GILLIGAN SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS & COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM

- Educational Speaker Series
- Professional learning and outreach for teachers, including certifications in the Wilson Reading System® and Foundations® programs

By growing Churchill's endowment, we will expand our available resources to make a difference in underserved communities and help a greater number of children and families.

THE FOREVER GRATEFUL ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN

Sandra K. Gilligan School Partnerships & Community Outreach Program

The Forever Grateful Campaign includes \$3.5 million to expand our Community Outreach Program, which will be renamed in Sandi's honor.

31,000+

Since the Outreach Program began, our efforts have reached thousands of educators, parents, students and community members.

BUILDING A LEGACY OF OUTREACH

Early in her tenure, Sandi realized there was a rising need in the community for better understanding of learning disabilities. She felt Churchill had an obligation to share its knowledge and experience with educators and the community beyond the walls of our school building.

In 1990, with the support of an anonymous donor, she created the Community Outreach Program with the mission of fostering greater understanding and support for all people with learning disabilities by training other educators, supporting families, and enlightening the community through workshops led by nationally-recognized experts in the field.

Through the Forever Grateful Campaign, we will be able to reach a greater number of children in underserved communities by giving their teachers access to training and resources they will be able to implement in their own schools.

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“Working with Churchill to facilitate Wilson® training with our special education teachers has been transformational. The teachers have learned so much through the feedback and observation cycle, and are now confident when teaching fundamental reading skills to our students.”

Kari Kraichely, KIPP St. Louis
School Partner

Your Support

THE \$3.5 MILLION IN ENDOWMENT RAISED WILL GENERATE \$175,000 IN YEARLY OPERATING COSTS NEEDED TO FUND OUTREACH IN THREE KEY AREAS:



EDUCATIONAL
SPEAKER SERIES

\$60,000 / year

Each year, Churchill invites parents, professionals and the community to learn from speakers in the field of learning disabilities, free of charge. Funding will allow us to expand this program from two to four speakers per year.

- Four speakers
- Free to teachers, parents & community
- Total audience 1,200
- Impacts approximately 5,000 students



WILSON READING SYSTEM®
TEACHER TRAINING

\$55,000 / year

Funding will enable Churchill to send Wilson Reading System® (WRS)-certified trainers to traditional schools to work directly with teachers and students, sharing our knowledge and expertise with hundreds and eventually thousands of children.

- 30 teachers to become WRS Level 1 certified
- 15 students impacted per teacher
- 30 teachers = 450 students per year



WILSON FOUNDATIONS®
TEACHER TRAINING

\$60,000 / year

Fundations® is a prevention and early intervention program for pre-K to second grade students providing critical, research-based strategies for reading, spelling and handwriting. Campaign funding will enable two Churchill Wilson® trainers to provide Foundations facilitator training at two area schools.

- Two Churchill Wilson trainers will receive Foundations facilitator training at two area schools
- Four teachers trained impacting 80 students per year
- Each Churchill trainer will work with one first grade and one second grade teacher at each school for 1 hour per day for an entire school year

Scholarship Assistance Program



Your Support

GROWING OUR SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT BY \$1.5 MILLION WILL YIELD AN ADDITIONAL \$75,000 IN YEARLY AID AVAILABLE FOR FAMILIES IN DAY SCHOOL, SUMMER SCHOOL AND TUTORING.

SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WILL:

Over the years, scholarship funding has been essential in strengthening our mission to foster greater support for all people with learning disabilities.

- Support families with the greatest need for Day School, Summer School and/or Tutoring costs
- Increase the amount of aid Churchill currently gives per year by 35%
- Broaden our reach and flexibility for assisting families with financial struggles

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“One frustrated son, two years and two schools later, we decided to apply to Churchill, even though we didn’t think we could afford it. It was one of the best decisions we have ever made! Financial aid has been available for us, and he is thriving.”

Thurman & Evanthia Williams,
Current Parents



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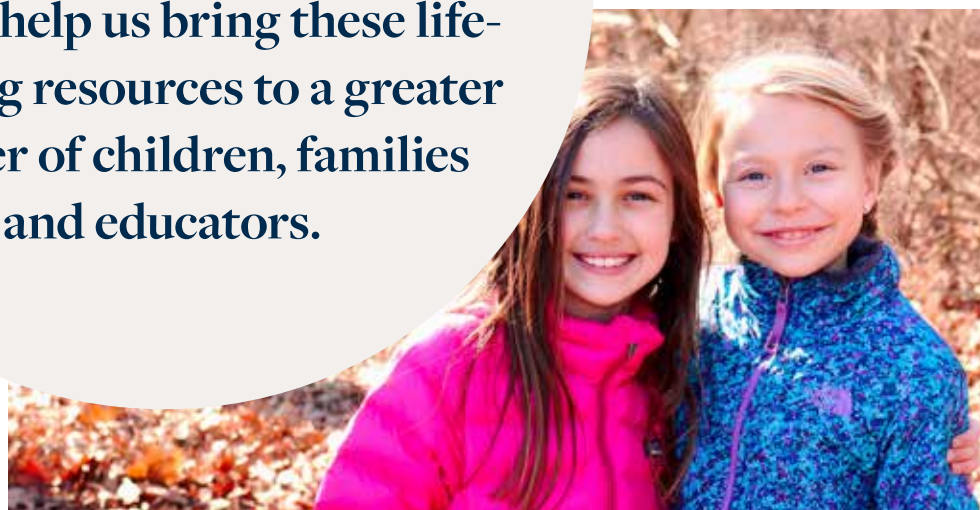
elementary feeder schools throughout the region are represented in our student body.

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zip codes represented in our Day School. In the past five years, scholarships have helped us expand our geographic reach.

51%

of our Day School students come from public schools. Scholarships make a Churchill education more accessible to students across our community.



Grateful Voices

“During my time at Churchill I not only learned the skills necessary to deal with dyslexia and be a better reader, but I also learned how to be an advocate for myself and improved my self-confidence.”

Megan Galloway, Alumna

“The Wilson® practicum has taught me a systematic way of teaching and monitoring my students’ progress in reading accuracy and fluency. The practicum holds me accountable for teaching things correctly so my students continue to grow and succeed.”

Daley Soderberg, KIPP St. Louis School Partner

“The difference Churchill has made in Elaina’s confidence, friendships and general happiness came alongside her newfound understanding of reading. Reading changes lives, and Churchill has mastered the ability to bring that gift to the children who enter their doors.”

Julie & Pete Villhard, Current Parents

“Churchill welcomed Jason with open arms, not only normalizing his learning challenges, but honoring all the strengths that accompany them. We’ve seen him blossom into the young boy he was meant to be.”

Amy Rush, Current Parent

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