

THE TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION BUILDING & PROGRAM EXPANSION PROJECT

Our Vision

At London Christian High, we believe each student is created on purpose and for a purpose. Our learning program is grounded in the principle that each student is uniquely made by God, with gifts to be celebrated and nurtured so that they can serve Christ and others.

For more than six decades, London Christian High has provided a transformative learning environment that helps students discover and grow their God-given gifts, both inside and outside the classroom. This commitment ensures our graduates step into the world prepared to face challenges and make a meaningful impact.

As part of our mission to deliver a relevant and impactful education, we are expanding our Career & Technical Education program. This initiative provides students with essential classroom instruction and hands-on experiences, preparing them for careers in the trades and in sectors as diverse as business, health care and social services. All within the framework of the comprehensive Christian worldview that informs LCH's entire learning environment.

The Innovation And Technology Campaign

To fully support this program, we are undertaking the construction of a dedicated 10,000-square-foot learning facility. This space will allow students to develop the critical, hands-on skills that are central to their education and future success.

The new facility, located behind the existing Construction Technologies shop, will include:

- A Design Studio
- Electrical and Plumbing Pods, housed in the existing Construction Technologies Shop
- Transportation Technologies shop
- Machining & Manufacturing shop, featuring welding instruction facilities
- Flexible classroom space for Career & Technical Education programming
- An expanded Greenhouse

This ambitious project is estimated to cost **\$5,500,000**. As of March 2025, we have been blessed with **\$2,600,000** in gifts and pledges. The Board has set a milestone: **75% of the gifts funding—\$4,100,000—needs to be in place before we put shovels in the ground.**

Our goal is to reach this target by **April 2026**, and the space ready for student learning by **January 2027**.

Your Place in this Journey

This is a giving-driven project that will move forward as slowly or as quickly as financial commitments are made. Given the recognized need for this type of programming and the excitement of our support community for the project, we are confident that we will be able to see this vision come to life.

We are deeply grateful for God's unwavering faithfulness, reflected in the generous support of our extended community. Together, we can ensure our students will continue to remain equipped to find and develop their gifts as they serve Christ and others in meaningful ways.

Campaign FAQs:

1. Is there a demand for trades-focused programs?

Yes! For many years, students and their families have expressed a strong desire for more trades-based courses at LCH. Some families have even shared that the limited availability of shop classes has been a deciding factor in not enrolling their children here.

2. What's the history behind this project? How did it get started?

In our 2023 Strategic Plan, we identified technical education as a key area for growth. However, there were no immediate plans or resources allocated to build the necessary facilities.

In June 2024, a handful of supporters encouraged us to prioritize this initiative sooner, citing clear demand. Over the summer & fall of 2024, we conducted research exploring what the project could entail and shared the vision with a broader group of supporters. In January 2025, with more than \$2,500,000 already pledged, the Board approved the launch of the Technology Education Building & Program Expansion Project.

3. How will the Expansion Project be managed?

The Board has appointed a Building Committee which will oversee all aspects of the building project. Their first responsibility is to engage an architect who will manage the design and construction process.

4. How will the Expansion Project be funded?

This project will be funded entirely through the Innovation and Technology Campaign which enables supporters to designate gifts specifically for the Expansion Project.

5. Beyond financial gifts, are there other ways I can support the Project?

Yes! We are seeking **gifts-in-kind** for shop machinery and tools. There may also be opportunities for those in the trades to assist in the construction. As these needs become clearer, we'll communicate them to the community.

6. What will be the impact on the operating budget?

The Project's budget will cover the building, machinery, tools, materials and staffing for the first two years. As such, it will have no impact on the operating budget. We expect that enrolment increases, including those that arise from the expansion, will allow us to roll program expenses into the operating budget, just as we do for other courses.

7. Who can I talk to about the Building Project or the Innovation & Technology Campaign?

We would love to hear from you about this! Please contact:

- Tim Wolfert, Development Director, for information about supporting the Campaign – twolfert@lchonline.ca.

- Gabriella Hoogstra, Principal, for information about London Christian High, the Career and Technical Education program, or the Building Project – ghoogstra@lchonline.ca.