



MILTON HERSHEY SCHOOL

MILTON HERSHEY SCHOOL® (MHS) is the nation's largest, cost-free, private, co-educational home and school for children from families of low income, limited resources and social need. The School has expanded over the decades, but its mission remains the same: to build character and provide children with the skills necessary to be successful in all aspects of life.

For a century, MHS has served as a transforming environment for children in need. Boys and girls who hail from different social and ethnic backgrounds, but are connected by surroundings that threaten their ability to realize their dreams, come together as one family, under one roof, on the rolling green campus in Hershey, PA.

The School offers a positive, structured home life year-round and an excellent pre-kindergarten through 12th grade education. Students live with same-gender peers in family-style homes, each of which is overseen by a married couple (Houseparent) with child-care experience. Houseparents take an active role in nurturing MHS students' development and well-being. They teach important life values and provide structure and guidance in the children's daily activities and are on hand to support and encourage achievement and self-worth. Houseparents work in partnership with the students' parents or guardians. Students' families are fully welcomed into the MHS family and encouraged to closely follow their child's progress through phone calls, e-mail and visits.

At MHS, students receive free housing, clothing, and medical and dental care based on their individual needs. They also have access to a variety of extracurricular activities that help them explore their talents and interests, build leadership and character and truly become a part of their new family. They have the opportunity to participate in varsity athletics, the Boy & Girl Scouts, music programs, intensive internships, as well as volunteer and community service programs. Students also have the ability to earn secondary education scholarship money through an earned-credit system.

For 100 years, MHS has been preparing students to lead fulfilling lives and become productive members of society. Over that time, MHS graduates' contributions have been measurable in dollars, but immeasurable in value:

- Ninety percent of MHS students go on to pursue a higher education
- MHS alumni contribute up to \$9,800,000 per year to charitable causes
- As many as 152,000 people are impacted annually by alumni activities
- MHS alumni volunteer 457,000 hours per year helping their fellow Americans through a wider array of charitable causes

- Up to 146,000 people are employed in businesses owned and operated by MHS alumni

The MHS impact is felt by the individual students, their families and countless lives of people living in the communities they touch.

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