



# G.R.A.C.E. to the Finish!

## EVENT DETAILS:

A 62:00:03 hour giving challenge to support The G.R.A.C.E. Center at Our Lady of the Valley (OLV) Regional School.

The elementary school alma mater of Grace Rett, has announced a final fundraising drive aimed at allowing Our Lady of the Valley Regional School (OLV) to finish construction on the Grace Rett Athletic Complex and Education (G.R.A.C.E.) Center. The event, entitled "G.R.A.C.E. to the Finish II," is a marathon fundraising effort that will last 62 hours and three seconds from December 17th at 8AM through December 19th, 10:00:03PM. The timeframe honors the one-year anniversary from the time that Grace set a world record for consecutive indoor rowing in 2019.

Less than one month later, on January 15, 2020, Grace died when her team's van was in a tragic accident while on a training trip with the Holy Cross Women's rowing team - one day after celebrating her 20th birthday. "Grace was a wonderful student and a gifted athlete who relentlessly cared for others," said Grace's family, Mary Jo, Brianne, and Chris. "She often vocalized her dream for OLV to have their own gymnasium. The G.R.A.C.E. Center will fulfill one of Grace's most aspirational goals, and while that means the world to our family, we are also inspired by the life changing impact it will provide generations of OLV students to come."

Given COVID-19, "G.R.A.C.E. to the Finish" is a virtual event that allows for flexible participation. You do not need to sell anything or workout or hold a bake sale - that's up to you if you want to! It can be as simple as getting all over your social media platforms and challenging people in your family, your gym, your book club, your neighborhood, your baseball team, etc., to donate. You can decide how you want to reach out and motivate people to donate!

“With recent community support and an inspiring gift from an anonymous donor, we need just \$600,000 to finish the G.R.A.C.E. Center.” said OLV Principal Ed Reynolds. “As we honor Grace’s amazing world record setting effort, we hope that ‘G.R.A.C.E. to the Finish’ provides an opportunity for people to embrace the holiday spirit and come together to push us over the finish line in support of this most deserving project.”

In order for the G.R.A.C.E. Center Committee to support and widely communicate your fundraising efforts, any groups or individuals organizing a fundraising activity are kindly asked to contact Chris or Mary Jo Rett. All donations can be securely made via UniBank, whose customized link for the G.R.A.C.E. Center can be found here:

[www.gracetothefinish.com](http://www.gracetothefinish.com)

Any donors or groups who raise \$5,000 or more will be prominently recognized in the G.R.A.C.E. Center. The 7,500 square foot G.R.A.C.E. Center will feature a high school sized basketball court; 75 bleacher seats; two indoor classrooms; green space for outdoor classes; a welcoming foyer; bathrooms; storage space; and concession area. It will be used for OLV physical education and classroom learning, chorus and band instruction, extracurricular activities and athletics, science fairs, St. Mary’s Parish events, and more. The project is being designed by Rubicon Builders & Austin Architects.

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