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New Awards Offer New Hope

CSF is teaming up with the Inner-City Scholarship Fund, The Endowment for Inner-City Education and the Patrons Program to provide up to 2,000 new scholarships for low-income families in New York through the Cardinal's Scholar-

million project that provides children with scholarships for up to eight years. Our partners will raise up to \$2 million each year, and CSF will provide matching funds of up to \$1 million a year. A grant from the William E. Simon Foundation will be directed to the Cardinal's Scholarship Program, as well. And we are also offering brand new scholarships in Brooklyn and Queens Catholic schools. These new awards will be in addition to more than 1,600 children already using CSF awards in New York City. As a result, the number of families CSF is serving in New York will more than double.



Jeremiah Reyes, Sulay Cruz and Latrice Barrow attend Holy Spirit School in the Bronx with CSF scholarships. Holy Spirit is one of the inner-city schools adding more scholarship students this year under the Cardinal's Scholarship Program.

In Los Angeles, matching grants from the Broad Foundation and the Walton Family Foundation, combined with your donations, will allow us to award more than 600 new scholarships starting this fall. These new awards will increase the size of the LA program by 50%. Along with the new scholarships, we will also be conducting a new academic study of our LA program. Several other cities are offering new scholarships, as well (see below).

ship Program. These scholarships are for families who want to send their children to inner-city Catholic schools in Manhattan, the Bronx, and Staten Island.

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of so many children. With your help, more families will be able to send their children to a school that provides a solid educational foundation. ●

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Straight from the Schoolyard:

Along the historic Grand Concourse in the Bronx, one of the city's largest boulevards, a stone church stands, dedicated to St. Philip Neri. This church and the adjacent school are a vital part of this largely immigrant community in the Bronx. For the past one



CSF students at St. Philip Neri include: (top row) Destiny-Marie Smith, Cherokee Cabrera, (middle row) Kaela Rodriguez, Adrian Figueroa, Dennis Torres, (bottom row) triplets Brianna, Marco, and Brittany Perez.

hundred years, they have steadfastly served the spiritual and educational needs of a neighborhood whose population is continually changing.

St. Philip Neri has increased enrollment three years in a row.

private high schools in New York City, and are "evaluating" several local colleges.

St. Philip defies the declining enrollment trends that plague many New York City Catholic schools. With an active recruitment program, reasonable tuition, and high demand from local families (both Catholic and non-Catholic), the school increased the size of its student body from 539 in the 2003 – 2004 school year to 558 this year, the third increase in as many years. In addition to the current nine recipients, CSF will bring another 25 students into the school through the Cardinal's Scholarship Program, all of whom will be attending a private school for the first time. ■

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SCHOLARSHIP FUND AIMS TO
MAXIMIZE EDUCATIONAL
OPPORTUNITY AT ALL
INCOME LEVELS BY OFFERING
TUITION ASSISTANCE IN GRADES
K-8 FOR NEEDY FAMILIES.**

Among the nine children CSF supports with a total of more than \$10,000 in scholarships are four of Joanna Aldea's children. Kaela, who is in fifth grade, watches over her first-grade siblings Brianna, Brittany, and Marco – the only set of triplets in CSF's New York City program. Among the more precocious of CSF's recipients, Kaela and her classmate (and fellow CSF scholarship recipient) Cherokee Cabrera are already looking forward to attending



St. Philip Neri School will enroll 25 new CSF scholarship recipients this September.

CSF Around the Nation



Philadelphia, PA

John DiIulio, Jr., Professor of Politics, Religion, and Civil Society at the University of Pennsylvania, has joined the board of CSF Philadelphia.

Dr. DiIulio's research focuses on public management, U.S. politics, faith-based social programs, criminal justice, and government reform. He served as Assistant to President Bush and as the first Director of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives in 2000-2001. He is also the author, co-author, or editor of 12 books, including Body Count: Moral Poverty...and How to Win America's War Against Crime and Drugs (Simon & Schuster, 1996) and Improving Government Performance: An Owner's Manual (Brookings Institution, 1993), and many articles.

As a writer and a thinker, Dr. DiIulio has many original ideas on combating poverty and crime in novel and enterprising ways, and we look forward to his involvement with CSF Philadelphia.

Omaha, NE



CSF of Omaha recently held an annual luncheon honoring CSF co-founder John Walton. During his trip to Omaha, Walton visited Assumption/Guadalupe School, where he met with students, teachers, and parents who expressed their gratitude for CSF scholarships.

"I know all of you here are making sacrifices to make this work. You are the folks that deserve the credit and respect for doing this for your kids," Walton told parents at the school.

Minneapolis, MN



Mother Andrea Moberg with her daughter, Danielle, and CSF President Darla Romfo at a recent dinner for Kids First, the CSF partner program in Minneapolis. Kids First provides scholarships for more than 600 children.



"The Children's Scholarship Fund is doing such important work for our nation's children and your efforts are noticed by many. Thank you again for all you are doing for children."

*-Former
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