Our Children Are Worth It!

FOUNDATIONS IN EDUCATION
TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH EDUCATION

2018-2019 Annual Report
SINCE 2015
FOUNDATIONS IN EDUCATION HAS AWARDED

$9.5 MILLION
IN TUITION ASSISTANCE TO STUDENTS
&

$230,000
IN GRANT FUNDING TO EDUCATORS

FROM OUR BISHOP AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

We are pleased to share Foundations in Education Inc’s 2018-2019 Annual Report.

Your generous support helps to strengthen and transform the mission of Catholic education in the Diocese of Bridgeport. Thank you for making this extraordinary progress possible.

Your contribution to Foundations in Education Inc is an investment in the nearly 8,000 students enrolled in Diocese of Bridgeport Catholic schools. More than 1,400 students from 20 elementary schools were awarded $2.5 million in tuition assistance so they may benefit from a transformational Catholic education. Twenty-six Innovation and Leadership Grants were awarded to teachers to promote innovation and leadership development across schools.

Thanks to the generosity of Paula and Tom McInerney, Foundations in Education works in partnership with the Office of School Superintendent to “Transform the Paradigm of Catholic Education.” This multi-year initiative began in earnest this year, introducing personalized learning in six schools. Teachers were trained, hardware and tools installed and children engaged in a new style of learning. Improvement in student performance was realized across the board.

The Annual Gala was a singular success thanks to the tireless efforts of the committee and the inspiration of the honorees, Barbara and Brad Evans, Fairfield University and the Faculty at St. Joseph Catholic Academy. The Gala set a record for funds raised at $1,300,000.

Your investment in Foundations in Education makes a tremendous impact on the lives of students and teachers alike. Your gift allows students access to Catholic education and our teachers the resources they need to be innovative and creative leaders in their classrooms.

Thank you for all you make possible.

With sincere appreciation,

Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano
Fifth Bishop of Bridgeport

Holly Doherty-Lemoine, CFRE
Executive Director
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

BY THE NUMBERS

BISHOP’S SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Foundations in Education is proud to administer the Bishop’s Scholarship Fund (BSF) whose mission is to help families afford a Catholic education in Fairfield County.

In 2018-2019, BSF awarded 1,380 students tuition assistance totaling $2,540,250.

We are proud to administer the Mary Alice and Thomas O’Malley Scholarship to benefit children of current police officers, firefighters and nurses attending Trinity Catholic High School in Stamford. Mr. and Mrs. O’Malley committed $500,000 to Foundations in Education for scholarships covering 80% of tuition.

In 2018-2019, the O’Malley Scholarship awarded 7 students tuition assistance totaling $79,642.

Leaders of Tomorrow is a select program of the Bishop’s Scholarship Fund representing students who qualify for tuition assistance and have been identified by their principals as having strong academics, good character and leadership potential.

In 2018-2019, BSF awarded 44 students Leaders of Tomorrow awards totaling $201,250.

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- Jack Lynch, St. James School Principal

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- Joshua Dixon, St. Thomas student who attended five different schools in the two years after his mother’s passing

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- Megan DeLallo, Trinity Catholic High School student

“As a single mom of four, I would not be able to afford sending my children to Catholic school. The Bishop’s Scholarship Fund made it possible and I am thankful every day.”

- Sofia Byrnes, Catholic Academy of Stamford parent

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INNOVATION AND LEADERSHIP GRANTS

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The Innovation and Leadership Grants Program promotes excellence within our Catholic schools by providing educators grant opportunities funding innovation in classroom teaching and providing support for professional development and leadership formation.

In 2018-2019, 26 grants were awarded to educators at 16 schools totaling $125,000.

$230,000 grant funding in its first two years

2017-2018 $105,000

2018-2019 $125,000

$354,015 applications received

$125,000 funding awarded

TRANSFORMATIVE INITIATIVES

PROJECTS UPDATE

Foundations in Education promotes transformative impact on students through donor-driven initiatives.

TRANSFORMING THE PARADIGM OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Through the generosity of Paula and Tom Mchirney, five Diocesan-wide initiatives are being implemented throughout our schools designed to transform how Catholic education is delivered and how our children learn and prepare for the future.

- Personalized Learning
- Multi-age Classroom Pilot Model
- Leadership Academy
- Fellowship Residency
- High School Pathways Program Expansion

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GLOBAL EDUCATION AT UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD (UK)

GRANT HIGHLIGHT

A Foundations in Education grant afforded seven highly-motivated Distinguished Scholars at Notre Dame High School the opportunity to immerse themselves in a two-week summer program at University of Oxford. They were enriched with college-level courses aimed at enhancing skills of high school students. Academics were balanced by nightly activities in and around Oxford. The schedule was punctuated with three day-long excursions to London, Bath and, most memorably, Stonehenge.

“My experience at Oxford revealed a new part of me that I didn’t even know existed. It showed me a new country, different cultures, and most of all, a new way of life in which I was on my own to make daily decisions. I am very grateful for this opportunity.”

-Brian Essing, Notre Dame High School student

Barbara and Peter Ripp’s generous gift established an early childhood education program, piloted at St. Peter School in Danbury, which promotes parents of 3–4 year olds as primary educators of their children. It provides them with tools to help nurture social, physical, emotional and academic growth, in a faith-filled, family-centered learning community.

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SPRING GALA
PREMIERE FUNDRAISING EVENT

On April 11, 2019, nearly 300 friends attended the 4th Annual Spring Gala at Woodway Country Club in Darien. Gala honorees included Fairfield University, Barbara and Brad Evans, and the St. Joseph Catholic Academy Faculty. Eighth grade student speaker Joshua Dixon set the tone for the evening with his inspiring testimony on how Catholic education transformed his life. Auctioneer Pat Tully electrified the room with his energy and wit which helped raise $300,000 from one-of-a-kind auction items and Leaders of Tomorrow paddle raise. This year was our most successful event to date!

A record $1.3 million was raised overall to help our mission to transform lives through education.

SAVE THE DATE
APRIL 23, 2020

“If you believe, you see miracles! My message tonight is that we should look upon the miracle of Catholic education, a work of love unfolding in the lives of the students entrusted to us. Tuition assistance brings students to our schools and innovation keeps them here. I’m deeply grateful for all of you who joined us to transform one school, one program and one child at time.”
- Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano, Bishop of Bridgeport
GRATEFUL GIVING
DONORS’ PERSPECTIVES

When we talk with donors about “why” they give, we find the motivation is as individual as the donor. What all donors have in common is a genuine desire to make a difference in the life of a child. Thanks to the collective love and generosity of our donors and board members, they have transformed thousands of individual students’ lives.

“Parents used to be our first educators and school second. Now that responsibility has shifted more to schools, so it is ever more important for children to have the structure, discipline and values of a good Catholic education so as to enhance their learning, fill in gaps and ready children for success in life.”
- Dian Jennings Mayo

“We give to Foundations in Education because we believe Catholic education develops and strengthens people’s faith. What better thing would there be to invest in but this gift of Catholic education.”
- Allison Reiling, Lautenbach Family Foundation

“We believe that an excellent academic and ethical education is the cornerstone for long-term success in today’s society. By supporting children and families who desire access to a high quality Catholic education, we are helping to ensure a pathway to individual and community achievement. To change the trajectory of a life, while simultaneously supporting our communities and producing future leaders with an inherent moral foundation, is an incredible outcome. What better return on investment could we imagine as a society!”
- Jennifer and Christopher St. Victor-de Pinho

“Leaders of Tomorrow Award Reception
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JANUARY 2019 - CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

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Every effort has been made to assure the accuracy of this listing. In the event you feel there is an error, please contact Holly at holly@foundationsineducation.org.
Foundations in Education helps Catholic schools in Fairfield County remain at the cutting edge of academics, excel in leadership development, provide tuition assistance to needy families, and create a best-in-class school system within the Diocese of Bridgeport.

All Saints Catholic School, Norwalk
Assumption Catholic School, Fairfield
Catholic Academy of Bridgeport
Catholic Academy of Stamford
Greenwich Catholic School
Holy Trinity Catholic Academy, Shelton
Immaculate High School, Danbury
Kolbe Cathedral High School, Bridgeport
Notre Dame High School, Fairfield
Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School, Wilton
St. Aloysius School, New Canaan
St. Catherine Academy for Special Needs, Fairfield
St. Catherine of Siena School, Trumbull
St. Gregory the Great School, Danbury
St. James School, Stratford
St. Joseph Catholic Academy, Brookfield
St. Joseph High School, Trumbull
St. Joseph School, Danbury
St. Mark School, Stratford
St. Mary School, Bethel
St. Mary School, Ridgefield
St. Peter School, Danbury
St. Rose of Lima School, Newtown
St. Theresa School, Trumbull
St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School, Fairfield
Trinity Catholic High School, Stamford