

The Endowment for Inner-City Education

Supporting the students and schools of Inner-City Scholarship Fund

Endowment News

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From the Chairman
Russell L. Carson

Dear Friends,
It's been almost seven years since Nick Forstmann, Les Quick and I came up with the idea of starting an Endowment to support the Inner-City Schools and their students. Born of the belief that you cannot provide a high-quality, life-altering educational opportunity to a child unless you ensure that opportunity will be available for the duration of that child's education, the Endowment established a permanent source of funding to ensure that scholarships for needy students and aid for schools will be available always. Yes, there is a need now — and the Endowment meets that need by granting more than \$2 million in aid to the schools and students each year. But it also ensures that the future will be equally bright. I know Nick and Les would be proud.

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What's New at the Endowment

New Name, Same Mission

As you can see from the title of this newsletter, the Inner-City Scholarship Endowment Fund recently changed its name to The Endowment for Inner-City Education. We believe this new name will eliminate any confusion with the separate Inner-City Scholarship Fund organization and better reflect the mission of the Endowment, which is to support the Inner-City Schools of the Archdiocese of New York through both tuition scholarships for needy students and capital repair grants to schools.

Providing Access to an Excellent Education for New York City's Children

The Endowment for Inner-City Education provides a stable and perpetual source of financial support for the 116 Inner-City Elementary and High Schools of the Archdiocese of New York and their students. Thanks to our generous donors, over 600 children across grades K-12 receive tuition scholarships from the Endowment each year, and 37 elementary schools have received grants averaging over \$75,000 each for necessary capital repairs.

The Inner-City Schools are located in some of the most economically underserved neighborhoods in the country, with nearly 65% of the students who attend the schools living at or below the federal poverty line. These schools provide over 45,000 students each year with a high quality, values-centered education where they can learn the skills necessary

to become productive, capable and socially responsible young adults, and the results speak for themselves: 99% of seniors graduate from high school in four years and 95% of them pursue post-secondary education opportunities. The Endowment for Inner-City Education ensures that access to the education that makes those results possible will be available to New York City's children forever.

Fundraising Efforts Reignited

To date the Endowment has secured nearly \$70 million in committed capital and more than \$50 million in collections. We are now in our final phase of fundraising, hoping to close the gap and reach our \$100 million goal by the end of 2005. With an Endowment of that size, we can provide \$5 million of support to the Inner-City Schools and their students every year.

New Executive Director

Last year we hired Caren Howley as the first full-time Executive Director for The Endowment for Inner-City Education. Caren spent seven years on Wall Street as an investment banker with Credit Suisse First Boston and DLJ, and she holds a B.A. from Amherst College, an M.B.A. from Stanford University's Graduate School of Business and an M.A. in Administration and Policy Analysis from Stanford University's School of Education. Caren is providing the Endowment with greater accountability and transparency with respect to our programs and grantees, and we are thrilled to have her overseeing the Endowment's operations.

Something New: Community Connections



YMPJ Staff Member Jermaine Coleman assists Tylor Maldonado with his homework.



Sadie Hiers says his favorite part of attending St. Anthony School is learning math problems.

The Endowment for Inner-City Education's Community Connections program was created to provide tuition assistance and comprehensive support enabling children of need to attend an Inner-City School in the Archdiocese of New York.

The Community Connections program brings together the financial resources of the Endowment, the educational resources of an Inner-City School, and the supportive resources of a community-based organization to create the best possible opportunity for inner-city children to succeed. The Endowment provides each child in the Community Connections program with a full tuition scholarship to an Inner-City School. By partnering with a community organization, we are able to reach the most needy families and give them access to a superior education for their children, while increasing enrollment in the school.

The first Community Connections program was launched at St. Anthony School in the

Bronx last fall. Through our community partner, Youth Ministries for Peace and Justice (YMPJ), ten children were identified for scholarships to attend St. Anthony School. St. Anthony provides a structured, values-centered education in a supportive learning environment. After school, the children spend an additional three hours at YMPJ, where they receive tutoring, mentoring and explore the arts through a variety of activities.

The Community Connections program has been extremely successful, and we have expanded to a second location, St. Athanasius School in the Hunts Point section of the Bronx, for the current school year. The Point Community Development Corporation is our community partner, and The Point identified nine children who are now receiving Endowment tuition scholarships to attend St. Athanasius School.

To contribute to the Community Connections program, please contact Caren Howley at (212) 371-1011, x3327.



Nicholas C. Forstmann
1947 — 2001

First Nicholas C. Forstmann Memorial Scholarships Awarded

Nicholas C. Forstmann, a founding partner of Forstmann Little & Company, was an avid philanthropist who supported many educational and charitable causes. Nick was one of the co-founders of the Endowment, and served as a Co-Chairman for the first two years of the Endowment's existence. When Nick passed away in 2001, the Endowment lost a close friend and dedicated visionary.

In order to honor Nick's memory, several of the Endowment's Trustees have created a Memorial Fund in his name. This fund will provide two eighth graders each year with a four-year, \$4000 per year tuition scholarship to attend an Inner-City High School. To be considered for the scholarship, a student must compose an original essay reflecting upon the words and values that Nick lived by. The first two recipients of the scholarship are Brandon Roldan and Joseph Rodriguez. Brandon is a graduate of St. Brigid School in Manhattan, and is currently attending St. Agnes Boys High School. Joseph is a graduate of Our Lady of Sorrows School in Manhattan, and is currently attending La Salle Academy.

To contribute to the Nicholas C. Forstmann Memorial Scholarship Fund, please contact Caren Howley at (212) 371-1011, x3327 or ICEndowment@aol.com.

Facts about the Inner-City Catholic Schools of NYC

- 95 Inner-City Elementary and 21 Inner-City High Schools serve over 45,000 students each year
- Schools located in the Bronx, Manhattan and Staten Island
- 36% non-Catholic
- 93% students of color
- 64% qualify for free or reduced lunch
- More than half live in single-parent households
- Seniors graduating from high school: 99%
- Graduates who pursue post-secondary education: 95%
- Average tuition per student: \$2,677 elementary \$5,184 high school
- Average cost to educate: \$3,545 elementary \$6,834 high school
- NYC public school cost to educate: * \$10,020 elementary \$10,500 high school

* Source: New York City Department of Education website.

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Endowment Disbursements Have Meaningful Impact for All

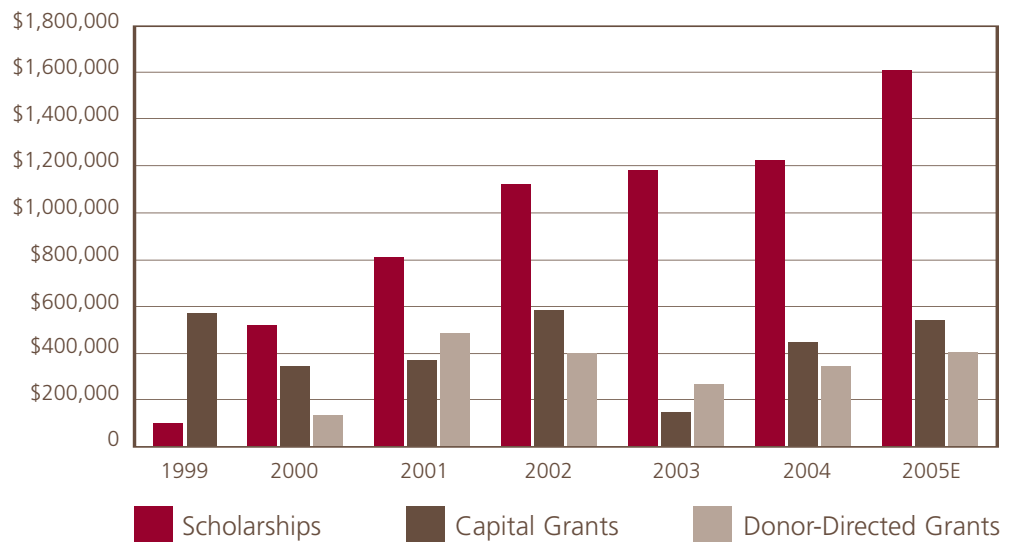
For the last seven years, the Endowment has been making a substantial impact on the lives of New York's inner-city children. Over that time, the Endowment has disbursed or granted \$11.4 million in tuition scholarships, technology and capital repair grants, and donor-directed grants to the Inner-City Schools and their students.

Last year alone, Endowment tuition scholarship awards totaling over \$1.2 million made it possible for 623 students to attend Inner-City Schools. The average household income of an Endowment scholarship recipient is less than \$22,000, and most could not realize an Inner-City School education without an Endowment scholarship. The education these children receive is literally transforming their lives — the majority of these students will be the first in their families to graduate high school and attend college.

The Endowment also awarded grants to eight Inner-City Schools for emergency capital repairs, including new bathrooms, water fountains, masonry restoration, and a new playground. Six of these projects were completed in Fiscal 2004, for a total disbursement of \$465,000. These capital grants ensure that the schools are providing a safe and welcoming environment for the children they educate.

For the current fiscal year, the Endowment expects to make grant payments of approximately \$1.6 million for scholarships, \$523,000 for capital repairs, and \$393,000 in restricted payments directed by donors to specific schools. In addition to expanding its Community Connections program to a second school site, the Endowment has created a tuition scholarship program to make it possible for public school students with significant financial need to enroll in their local Inner-City School. As a result, 80 new students with an average household income of \$18,000 are attending Inner-City Schools this fall.

Through its scholarship programs and capital repair grants, the Endowment is doing its part to break the cycle of poverty in New York City and ensuring that the city's children receive the necessary education to prepare them for the future.



Michael Deegan
St. Jude School, Manhattan



Former Principal Michael Deegan

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"We have a wonderful job to do... to brighten the future of our children, to open up a new world for them and make them lifelong learners."

Inside the Principal's Office: Highlighting Outstanding Leadership in the Inner-City Schools

Inwood, at the northernmost tip of Manhattan, is not the kind of place that comes to mind when you think about the ideal location to educate a young mind. The neighborhood is plagued with crime and drugs and riddled with poverty. So why do several hundred children make their way there every morning from all over Manhattan and the Bronx? Because of Michael Deegan and the exceptional education offered by St. Jude School.

Mike Deegan is exactly the kind of person you want in charge of your child's education. A volunteer lieutenant with the Valhalla Fire Department, Mr. Deegan exudes a quiet confidence and professionalism that asserts he can handle any challenge thrown his way. His enthusiasm for his school and his mission as an educator is evident from the moment you enter the halls of St. Jude. Every new child who registers at St. Jude is asked by Mr. Deegan what role he feels the principal plays at the school, and every child responds the same: to punish children for bad behavior. Mr. Deegan delights in responding, "No — my job is to make sure all the children are happy."

Such enthusiasm might lead one to believe that Mr. Deegan is fresh out of graduate school. In fact, he has been an educator in the Catholic School system for over 30 years. He was principal of St. Jude School from 1988 to 1991, and after a brief tenure at another school he returned to the helm of St. Jude in 1994. His system of clearly articulated expectations and rewards, coupled with his positive and professional demeanor, makes it easy to see why the children are excited to come to St. Jude's. That, coupled with the outstanding education provided by the school, have kept St. Jude's enrollment at capacity over the last five years, even while most other schools, public and private, have seen enrollments decline.

Mr. Deegan is quick to share much of the success of St. Jude School with his staff, who have an average tenure of fifteen years. He proudly asserts that although many of his teachers have significant experience in the classroom, they are constantly seeking out new experiences and new methods of teaching. He notes the recent addition of 20 laptop computers from the Board of Education has inspired all of his teachers to figure out new ways to integrate technology into their classrooms, keeping the learning experience fresh and current.

Breaking News

Mike Deegan has recently been appointed Director for Inner-City Schools for the Office of Education. In his new role, Mike will oversee the direction and vision for the 116 Inner-City Schools.

Congratulations Mike, and best wishes in this new role.

Mr. Deegan's hope is that when the children leave his school, they will leave having had a wonderful experience as a learner in an environment that was safe, nurturing and full of faith and respect for others. He notes, "I think what distinguishes the Inner-City Catholic Schools from many other schools is not the money, it's the opportunities. These children just don't have the same opportunities that other children do. So anything I can do to provide the children with those opportunities is really going to make a difference." What a difference indeed.

Endowment Capital Grants Help Schools Build for a Brighter Future



Students at Mt. Carmel/Holy Rosary School in Manhattan proudly show off their new bathrooms, funded by a \$38,500 grant from the Endowment last year.



Students at Immaculate Conception School in the Bronx enjoy their new playground, made possible in part through a \$130,000 grant from the Endowment last year.

Endowment capital grants are transforming our schools into safer learning environments. Over the last seven years, the Endowment has awarded over \$2.8 million in capital grants to Inner-City Schools for much-needed capital repairs. These repairs include renovations of roofs, classrooms and bathrooms, upgrades to lighting and heating systems, and the creation of modern science labs and safe play spaces.

Jane O'Connell, Chair of the Endowment's Disbursement Committee, noted, "The Endowment is one of the few foundations that will provide sizeable grants for capital improvements. The schools depend on us to fund these critical repairs."

For the current year, the Endowment has awarded grants to seven Inner-City Schools totaling \$345,000. Four schools in the Bronx were awarded grants: Our Lady of Mount Carmel School (\$20,000 to replace ceiling tiles in the school's

gymnasium), Our Lady of Solace School (\$75,000 to create a multimedia library center), Santa Maria School (\$60,000 to install new lighting) and St. Angela Merici School (\$55,000 to install new lighting). Two schools in Manhattan received grants: Our Lady of Pompeii School (\$30,000 for new bathrooms) and St. Jude School (\$65,000 to renovate the school's cafeteria). One school in Staten Island received a grant as well: Our Lady of Mount Carmel / St. Benedicta School (\$40,000 to repair the roof over the school's gymnasium).

Schools are required to submit applications to the Endowment for capital repair grants in February of each year, and awards are announced in early April. Donors may restrict their Endowment gifts to capital repairs, and may direct their donation to a specific school or type of project. To make a donation for capital repairs, please contact Caren Howley, Executive Director, at (212) 371-1011, x3327.

Spotlight on a Child

Endowment Scholarships: Creating Dreams, Changing Lives

Jonathan is the perfect example of a child whose life was transformed by an Endowment scholarship. Jonathan is challenged by slow motor skills and a slight speech delay, and had been placed into a special education class at the public school he attended. Jonathan's mother is a courageous woman who has opened her home to many foster children over the years, despite her limited income. She was frustrated by the public school system — Jonathan wasn't learning anything new, and he was frequently the target of harassment by his peers. Jonathan's mother decided to take action and had just approached the public school board to plead the case for her son when she was offered the gift of a Catholic School education through the Endowment's Community Connections program.

In the fall of 2003, Jonathan began the second grade at St. Anthony School in the Bronx. A small school with 220 students, St. Anthony offers an intimate and individualized learning environment for its students. The school offers extra literacy support to its students through the READ (Reading Excellence and Discovery) program, as well as an ever-expanding educational summer program. The school is led by Ms. Frances Acosta, a strong and passionate leader who fosters a culture of respect. In this nurturing environment Jonathan was able to blossom into his full potential, and at the end of the school year he was promoted to the third grade with the blessings of his teachers and the principal. Jonathan's mother is confident that the scholarship from the Endowment saved her son, and she prays that she will be able to see her son graduate high school with honors.

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Please keep in mind that planned giving instruments such as wills, charitable remainder trusts, gift annuities, charitable pooled income funds and the like may be attractive vehicles for contributing to the Endowment — offering a significant tax benefit, a possible income stream, and the opportunity to benefit an organization providing New York City's children with a brighter future.

For more information or to make a contribution to the Endowment, please contact **Caren Howley, Executive Director**, at (212) 371-1011, x3327, or by email at ICEndowment@aol.com.



Thank you Endowment Donors!

The Endowment for Inner-City Education is a nonprofit organization that was created in 1997 to provide a perpetual and stable source of income for the 116 Inner-City Schools of the Archdiocese of New York.

The Endowment currently supports the Inner-City Schools through two main areas of financial support: tuition scholarships for needy students and capital repair grants to schools.

The Endowment is managed by a Board of Trustees comprised of accomplished professionals and leaders in the business and nonprofit sectors. The majority of the Trustees are themselves substantial donors to the Endowment, both underscoring their commitment to quality educational opportunities for inner-city children and ensuring that the fund is managed responsibly.

The Endowment for Inner-City Education is a publicly supported, tax-exempt charitable organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is operated independently from the Archdiocese of New York.

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