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ANNUAL REPORT 2022



MISSION

THE BRIGHT FUTURES FUND WORKS TO BUILD NEW FOUNDATIONS OF EDUCATION AND FAITH BY HELPING STUDENTS IN NEED RECEIVE A CATHOLIC EDUCATION.

VISION

THAT EVERY CHILD IS ABLE TO ATTEND CATHOLIC SCHOOL WITHOUT FINANCIAL BARRIER.

VALUES

- ALL STUDENTS ARE AFFORDED THE OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST.
- STUDENTS ARE CHALLENGED AND ENCOURAGED TO DISCOVER THEIR POTENTIAL.
- STUDENTS ARE EDUCATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING.
- DEVELOP A FOUNDATION OF SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY WITHIN EVERY STUDENT.
- BUILD A COMMUNITY WHERE FAMILIES CAN FEEL SAFE AND WELCOME, REGARDLESS OF ECONOMIC OR IMMIGRATION STATUS.
- CREATE A SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY THAT STRENGTHENS FAMILY IDENTITY.
- FOSTER A SCHOOL THAT ENGAGES BOTH STUDENTS AND PARENTS IN THEIR EDUCATION

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From Our Board Chair



Dear Friends and Supporters,

What a year! This year's annual report is centered on the theme of "a monumental year," and with all that has happened this past year for the Bright Futures Fund I can't think of a better way to describe it.

Our Shine Brightly campaign is progressing, and we plan to break ground on the new St. Rosalia Centre this spring. We have made sure to do our due diligence with design, cost effectiveness, and planning to ensure that we are using our dollars wisely and efficiently.

In terms of scholarships, this year we were so grateful to be one of six educational assistance organizations that helped launch the new Missouri School Choice initiative, MOScholars. We raised \$2.5 million and distributed 368 scholarships! We have been awarded \$6 million in tax credits for the 2023-2024 school year so please join us in purchasing yours today and helping fund even more scholarship opportunities in our schools.

We still provide scholarships to families most in need so please continue to support that very important work in our two legacy schools – Holy Cross and Our Lady of Hope. Together with our 24 other partner schools, our work has expanded at an unprecedented rate. As a result, school enrollment in the Kansas City St. Joseph Diocese is up an astounding 9% this year.

Last, but certainly not least, Bright Futures Fund is assisting in the opening of a new school this fall! Our Lady's Montessori will be moving to St. Therese Little Flower school building and expanding. You can read about this exciting development in this report.

Thank you again for your steadfast support and interest in our organization. My family and I love Catholic education and it is so exciting to see it grow stronger thanks to the important work of the Bright Futures Fund.

Sincerely,

Frank D. Uryasz
Board Chairperson

Our Legacy Schools.

Holy Cross School

Founded in 1910 in Kansas City, Missouri



Shelley Henn,
Principal of Holy Cross



160

Pre-K-8th Grade
Students Enrolled



83% Catholic Students

12:1

Student/Teacher Ratio



79% Are English Language Learners



24% receive special services



90% Need and Receive Free or Reduced Lunch



98% Tuition Assistance



Ethnicity

4% African American

8% Caucasian

72% Latino

8% Asian

8% Multi-race

Our MOScholars Partner Schools

- Bishop Leblond High School - St. Joseph
- Cathedral School - St. Joseph
- Cristo Rey High School - Kansas City
- Nativity of Mary - Independence
- Notre Dame de Sion - Kansas City
- Our Lady of Presentation - Lee's Summit
- Rockhurst High School - Kansas City
- St. Andrew the Apostle - Gladstone
- St. Charles Borromeo Academy - Kansas City
- St. Elizabeth's - Kansas City
- St. Francis Xavier - St. Joseph



Our Lady of Hope

Founded in 1910 in Kansas City, Missouri; Renamed in 2016



Mary Delac,
Principal of
Our Lady of Hope



143

Pre-K-8th Grade
Students Enrolled

12:1

Student/Teacher Ratio



95% Catholic Students



26% Are English Language Learners



23% receive special services



100% Need and Receive Free or Reduced



100% Tuition Assistance



Ethnicity

- 8% African American
- 10% Caucasian
- 75% Latino
- 2% Asian
- 5% Multi-race

- St. Gabriel the Archangel - Kansas City
- St. James - St. Joseph
- St. James - Liberty
- St. John Lalande - Blue Springs
- St. Michael the Archangel - Lee's Summit
- St. Patrick's - Kansas City
- St. Peter's - Kansas City
- St. Pius High School - Kansas City
- St. Regis Academy - Kansas City
- St. Teresa Academy - Kansas City
- St. Therese North - Kansas City
- St. Thomas More - Kansas City

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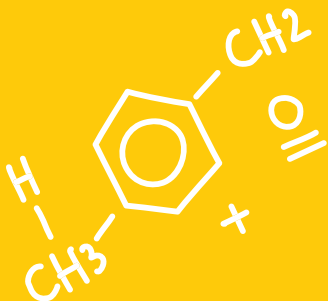
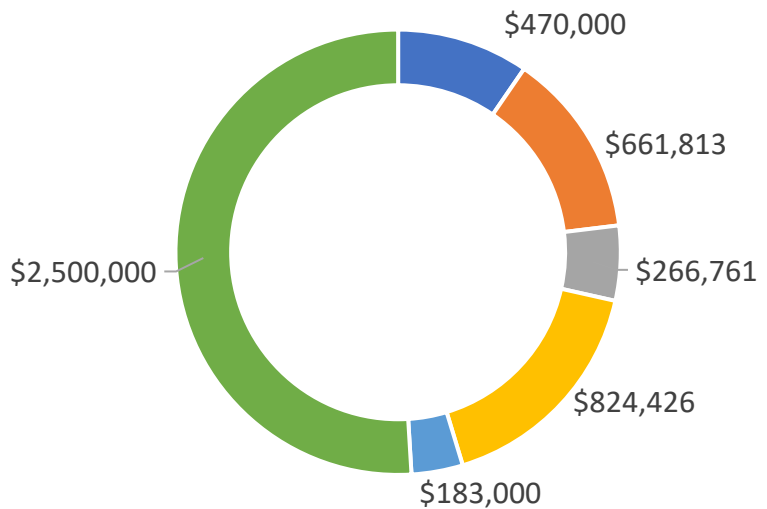
2022 Financials.



Support



DIOCESAN SUPPORT	\$470,000
Annual Catholic Appeal Allocation	
Diocesan Administration Allocation	
SPECIAL EVENTS	\$661,813
Bishop Johnston's Annual Golf Tournament	
School Bell Breakfast	
COMMUNITY SUPPORT	\$266,761
Corporate/Foundation Donations	
Individual Donations	
STRATEGIC INITIATIVES	\$824,426
Campaign Support	
Endowment Funds	
SCHOOL ASSESSMENT	\$183,000
MOSCHOLARS TAX CREDIT DONATIONS	\$2,500,000

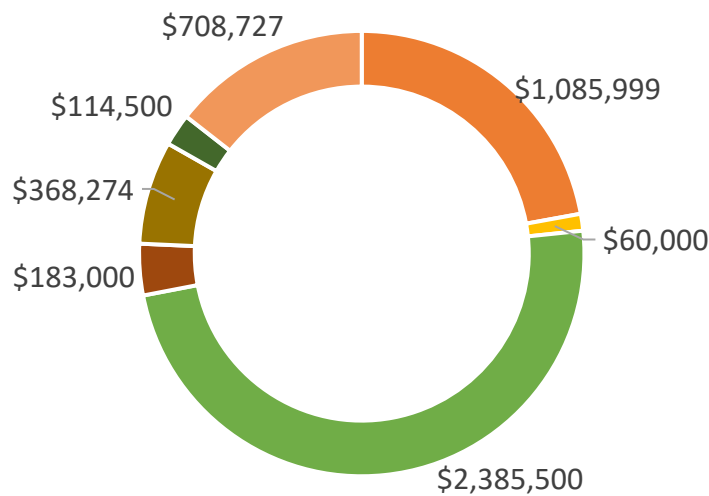


Total Income for Bright Futures Fund **\$4,906,000**

* Golf Tournament and MOScholar totals reflect FY '22 and beginning of FY'23

Expenditures

BRIGHT FUTURES SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS	\$1,085,999
HIGH SCHOOL & PARTNER SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS	\$60,000
MOSCHOLARS SCHOLARSHIPS	\$2,385,500
SCHOOL ASSESMENT ALLOCATION	\$183,000
BRIGHT FUTURES FUND ADMINISTRATION	\$368,274
MOSCHOLARS ADMINISTRATION	\$114,500
RESTRICTED FOR CAPTIAL IMPROVEMENT	\$708,727



Total Expenditures for Bright Futures Fund

\$4,906,000

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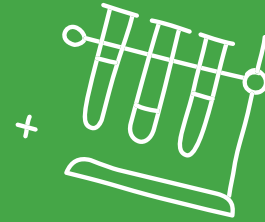
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2022 - by the numbers

370
MoScholars
scholarships



304
BFF Legacy
scholarships

26 schools

68 zip codes served



Over **3.5** Million
in scholarships!





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2021-22
Honor Roll
of Donors

2021-2022

Honor Roll of Donors

This list reflects gifts made between July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 Every effort has been made to ensure accuracy. Please call 816-714-2356 to report any discrepancies.

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Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph welcomes Our Lady's Montessori as first new school in more than 20 years and third Bright Futures Fund School



The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is pleased to welcome Our Lady's Montessori School (OLMS). Beginning with the 2023-2024 school year, OLMS will welcome students to its new location at 58th and Michigan Ave. on the St. Therese Little Flower campus in Kansas City, Mo.

The school is an apostolic work of the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity (SOLT) offering an authentic Catholic Montessori education to preschool and elementary aged children of all faiths and backgrounds. It has outgrown its current location on South 7th Street in Kansas City, Kan., so its board of directors recently voted to relocate to a larger building in Kansas City, Mo.

OLMS Executive Director, Sister Maria Laudem Gloriam, SOLT, said, "Our Lady's Montessori School has been growing considerably over the past few years, and after exploring different ways to accommodate our increasing enrollment, Bishop Johnston graciously and generously offered us an opportunity to relocate to his diocese. We are grateful for the warm welcome we have received from St. Therese Little Flower Parish and at the chance to open in the historic school building on its grounds. We are also grateful to Bright Futures Fund for their abundant help and support as we transition to this new location. We're eager to continue serving our current families as well as welcoming new families to our wonderful community at Our Lady's Montessori School. We are humbled by the way Our Lord has generously provided a new home for our growing school in a way we never expected."

This is the first new elementary school to open in the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph since 1999, punctuated by a nearly 10% increase in enrollment in diocesan Catholic schools over the last year.

Dr. Karen Kroh, superintendent of Catholic schools for the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, said, "Over the past two years our Catholic schools have experienced tremendous growth. The opportunity to expand the blessing of Catholic education in partnership with Our Lady's Montessori School is a gift to our Diocese and the neighborhoods on the east side of the city."

Our Lady's Montessori School joins Holy Cross Catholic School and Our Lady of Hope Catholic School as one of three Bright Futures Fund schools serving communities in vital need of good, dependable education.

Our Lady's Montessori School will locate in an existing school building adjacent to St. Therese Little Flower Church at 5814 Euclid Ave. in Kansas City, Mo.

brightfuturesfund.org/moscholars

MOScholars

Missouri's K-12 Scholarship Program



Interested in Purchasing Tax Credits to fund Catholic School Scholarships?

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Whether you are an individual or corporation you can receive 100% credit for purchased tax credits to be used for 50% of your annual State income tax obligation. Can't spend them all in one year? That's ok, you have up to 4 years after the year of purchase to use them.

Example: If you owe \$5,000 in Missouri State Taxes you can use up to \$2,500 of purchased Missouri tax credits. If you buy \$10,000 worth of tax credits you're set for 50% of your tax obligation for 4 years



Catholic Education has never been more accessible in our Diocese.

And You Alone Can Help Make it Possible



Bright Futures Fund
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