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# DONORS AND SUPPORTERS FORM STRONG FOUNDATION

ur community foundation has grown in many ways since its formation in 1955. And while donors and supporters represent a variety of backgrounds, their shared passion about The Catholic Foundation helps to make our foundation very strong.

As Matt Kramer, president and CEO of The Catholic Foundation, points out, meeting the needs of our community and beyond through various projects is the work of many people.

"We enjoy telling our story from the perspective of individuals who, together, form a strong foundation, and it's something you'll be hearing more about from us," Matt said.

Last year alone, the work of The Catholic Foundation supporters helped to:

• establish the Cardinal Farrell Student Center at Holy Trinity Seminary

- build and renovate churches
- enhance schools throughout the Dallas Catholic community
- enable 50 area parishes to build a clear, practical vision of what leadership can look like at their parishes by participating in the Amazing Parish Conference
- send students to Catholic schools with the support of tuition assistance

"Individuals of many backgrounds have stepped forward over the years to help us form a strong foundation," said Cheryl Mansour, Foundation Vice President of Development. "Generations of generosity have established a framework on which we have helped make our community a better place as one body of people. That means that, in effect, every individual who has contributed toward our success 'is the Foundation.'

"As a lay-led organization, we'll continue to rely on the great ideas and big hearts of people who share our commitment to be the primary philanthropic leader whose trusted stewardship satisfies our donors intentions while meeting the needs of the Dallas-area Catholic community," she said. "All of the synergies and collaboration we do to strengthen the communities we serve shape us to be able to say, 'Together, we are the Foundation.'"





#### THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

With the season of graduation just behind us, and the anticipation of a new school year less than two months away, I've thought a lot about education lately.

As you know, Catholic school education is very important to The Catholic Foundation.

It's why I'm so pleased that The Catholic Foundation since 2018 has given \$1.7 million in tuition assistance and scholarship grants to 75 different schools ranging from elementary to college, helping hundreds of young people receive a Catholic education.

Over the past six years in my role here, I've seen first-hand how tuition assistance enables young people in elementary, middle and high school to receive a Catholic education that they might not otherwise have been able to experience without financial support.

One of our recent Hal Tehan Scholar Award (formerly the Catholic Foundation Scholar Award) winners recently said that his Catholic education served as his rock and base.

After he graduates from college and enters the professional world, the same young man aspires to help raise funds for others to enjoy a Catholic education.

Another student, and a former recipient of a Jethsuby Scholarship Fund of The Catholic Foundation, said his Catholic education helped him grow in mind, body and soul.

That student, an altar server and youth catechist on Sundays at his parish, encourages others to set high goals and work hard to achieve dreams with faith as the core.

Our community is better because of young students like these two high achievers who have been positively impacted by The Catholic Foundation.

The two scholars speak with passion, and a lot of their enthusiasm should be directed toward tireless educators

Being an educator can be highly satisfying, but far too many teachers, as well as administrators and other

employees at Catholic schools aren't thanked enough.

Through our Work Of Heart program, now in its 15th year, we intentionally seek to honor the great work of selfless role models in our Catholic schools. You'll see stories in this edition about the recipients of Work Of Heart awards this past school season as well as our spring grant and tuition assistance recipients.

To them, all other past recipients, and to every person who enriches Catholic education, I offer my gratitude for your noble work. The influence and impact you have on students will make a lasting impact for

# A Strong FOUNDATION

# Advisory Council Meeting Features Catholic Education Panel

Attendees at our annual Advisory Council meeting in May enjoyed a compelling panel discussion about innovation in Catholic education from three local Catholic school leaders, Rev. Michael Forge, pastor at Mary Immaculate Catholic Church and School; Chris Rebuck, principal at Bishop Lynch High School; and Dr. Thomas Hibbs, incoming president at The University of Dallas.

Each of the guests, in a panel moderated by Vice President of Development Cheryl Mansour, presented new and exceptional examples of innovative practices taking shape at their schools. See our website, www.catholicfoundation.com for more details.



L to R: Matt Kramer, Dr. Thomas Hibbs, Lydia Novakov, Cheryl Mansour, Marianne Staubach, Chris Rebuck, Rev. Michael Force, Marc Lyons



L to R: Dr. Thomas Hibbs, Chris Rebuck, Rev. Michael Forge, Cheryl Mansour

# A Year On The Plaza Artist Competition

Who wouldn't love seeing their artistic talent displayed on a giant public space in downtown Dallas?

If you are a professional artist, or have a friend or family members who is one, we're inviting top talent to participate in our 14th annual A Year On The Plaza artists competition.

The Catholic Foundation hosts this unique competition to identify a piece of original artwork to adorn a 28-foot-long by 9-foot-wide art wall in the Dallas Arts District for one year.

Works must be appropriate for the location of the Art Plaza on the grounds of the Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe,

but do not require a religious theme. There are no entry fees, and the winning artist receives a \$2,500 stipend. Honorable mentions are also recognized with a \$250 award.

The submission deadline is August 22, and entry guidelines are available on our website at www.catholicfoundation.com/Get-Involved/Events-Calendar/A-Year-on-the-Plaza-Art-Competition. A panel of highly respected members of the local arts community will determine the winning piece that will be installed and unveiled this October.



Our 2018 winner Emily Holman Morris painted this masterpiece, "Windows to the City" and remarked: "I entered this contest almost as an impulse, and I'm so glad I listened to that little voice in my head that told me to enter."

#### **Long-time Staff Member Retires**

The Foundation would like to wish Virginia Dominguez a happy retirement after providing 27 years of outstanding service to The Catholic Foundation.

We're grateful for her excellent administrative support that helped every constituent ranging from donors to Trustees and Advisory Council Members to church staffs and vendors.

Her institutional knowledge of our business operations and practices, plus her wry humor will be missed. We wish Virginia many blessings in her next chapter of life.



Virginia Dominguez (center) with Catholic Foundation colleagues Brenda Lenzen and Gail Morris at her going away luncheon.

### **GET SOCIAL WITH US!**

The Catholic Foundation uses social media to tell its story, expand awareness about our mission and engage with multiple audiences including existing and prospective donors, Catholic churches and schools, other community foundations as well as other non-profit organizations.

By shaping and telling stories about the work we do through Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube, we communicate directly with thousands of people instantaneously.

All *Good Word* readers are encouraged to join in the dialogue on the social channels you use.

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in @The Catholic Foundation (Dallas, TX) on LinkedIn

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@CatholicFoundationTX on YouTube

# Giving SPIRIT



# Giving 1

by Cheryl Unis Mansour, Vice President of Development

#### A Simple Planning Tool

I t's easy, you can have more than one, provides an income stream, it lasts throughout your lifetime, immediate tax deduction, it's flexible...Do you know about Charitable Gift Annuities?

The gift annuity has proven to be a very successful planned giving tool for over 200 years. Gift annuities have provided donors with the funds necessary for daily life or to supplement retirement income.

Many Donors are attracted to charitable gift annuities because they are simple – both easy to understand and easy to execute. In some cases, they are an economical

alternative to more complex charitable giving vehicles.

A Charitable Gift Annuity is a contractual arrangement whereby, in exchange for an irrevocable gift of cash, marketable securities (often long-term appreciated stock) or other readily marketable property, The Catholic Foundation will contractually agree to pay one or two designated annuity beneficiaries a fixed amount every year for the rest of the beneficiary's life (or lives).

This charitable giving tool is part charity and part annuity purchase. At The Catholic Foundation, the minimum to purchase a charitable gift annuity is \$10,000.

Our Catholic community ultimately benefits from a gift of this type while simultaneously

the Donor secures a tax deduction and a guaranteed income stream for life.

The Foundation will issue charitable gift annuities using the annuity rate published by the American Council on Gift Annuities. To conform to state law, the Foundation will always offer the maximum annuity rate to each potential donor/annuitant, based on the actual age of the annuitant. Payments may begin within one year of the gift date, or the payment stream may be deferred to begin later, in which case the payments are higher.

For additional information on Charitable Gift Annuities please call Michael George, Mike Murray or me at 972-661-9792. We look forward to visiting with you.

## Power of endowments & Value of Catholic education

Local Catholic students who will benefit from tuition assistance announced at our spring grant ceremony never met Louise Buhrer. But the influence of the 1935 graduate of Ursuline Academy weighs large in their lives.

The reason is that Buhrer, who never married or had children, used her sharp vision to establish a charitable remainder trust at The Catholic Foundation in the 1990s.

After her passing, the fund started paying out in 2001 one-third to Ursuline, one-third to the elderly and one-third to tuition assistance for Catholic elementary schools.

Since 2001, Buhrer's endowment has granted out more than \$2.5 million. Today, it's worth almost \$10 million.

During The Catholic Foundation's spring grant ceremony, 10 local Catholic schools received tuition assistance funded by either the Louis Buhrer Endowment and/or the Dorothy Irving Memorial Fund. Irving placed a \$1 million bequest in her will to support medical research and education.



L: Tuition assistance school recipients.

R: Gail Richardson-Bassett, principal of Good Shepherd Catholic School in Garland. Gail Richardson-Bassett, principal of Good Shepherd Catholic School in Garland, spoke on behalf of the schools that received tuition assistance at the spring grant ceremony, and described the value of a Catholic education.

"A Catholic education is not affordable for many families. When we look at our budgets and the money that we have to spend it is very real. So many students would be turned away if we could not find a way to fund them. Thanks to the awards we are receiving today, we will be able to provide tuition assistance for many students.

"It's always wonderful when we go back to our schools and we can call families and tell them that they will be able to keep their children in our schools. It also helps for our new families who've always wanted the gift of a Catholic education but could not afford it.

"The one thing The Catholic Foundation members probably don't realize is the wonderful thanks that we get for these awards. When we meet with families and they find out they are going to be able to keep their children in our schools or bring them to our schools for the first time, there are always tears of joy, and thankful hugs,

and if we're really lucky, a dozen tamales!

"We get to really appreciate the gift that this is giving them because we see the smiles on their faces. We see the little children come to school all happy and excited to be part of our Catholic communities.

"On behalf of all of our schools, please know how very grateful we are for these awards. And on behalf of the students and the families that will receive these awards, we thank you very much for making a difference."



# WORK OF HEART AWARDS RECOGNIZE EXCEPTIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES

For 15 years, The Catholic Foundation has honored hundreds of Catholic school employees who go above and beyond to display outstanding service, model a Christian example and support students, families and our Dallas-area community.

Known as the Work Of Heart Award, each teacher, administrator or staff member at a Catholic elementary, middle or high school in the community receives public recognition, a certificate and a \$500 cash award.

"Work Of Heart recipients don't just inspire local Catholic school children, but they are champions for our entire community," said Anne Nicol who administers the Work Of Heart program at The Catholic Foundation.

During the 2018-19 school year, 64 Dallas-area Catholic School employees were honored with a Work of Heart Award during presentations at school Masses or student assemblies.

We'll resume accepting nominations for Catholic school employees for a Work of Heart Award on Sept. 2 for the 2019-20 school year.

#### 2018-19 School Year **Recipients**

Stephen Netsch Bishop Dunne Catholic School

**Paul Gardner** Bishop Lynch High School Maria Rodriguez Bishop Lynch High School Bill Leicht

Christ the King Catholic School

Br. Raphael Schaner Cistercian Preparatory School

Pamela Aguilar Good Shepherd Catholic School

**Brigid Callahan** Good Shepherd Catholic

**Janet Maher** Immaculate Conception Catholic School

**Guadalupe Aguilar** James L Collins Catholic School

Laura Whiteside James L Collins Catholic School

**Chris Hill**Jesuit College Preparatory
School of Dallas

**Brian McPheeters** John Paul II High School

Natalie Webb John Paul II High School

Cathy Huffman Mary Immaculate Catholic School

**Debby King** Mary Immaculate Catholic School

Kimberly Murawski Mary Immaculate Catholic School

Veronica Navarro Mary Immaculate Catholic School

**Eve Mearns** Mount St. Michael Catholic School

Rachel Sydney Almquist Notre Dame School of Dallas

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Candice Baker Santa Clara of Assisi Catholic Academy Amy\_Alvizo

St. Bernard of Clairvaux Catholic School Jordan Hale

St. Bernard of Clairvaux Catholic School **Allison Weis** St. Bernard of Clairvaux Catholic School

Meggie Koch St. Cecilia Catholic School

**Rosa Barrientos** St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic School

Jessica Martin St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic School

**Becky Beck** St. Joseph Catholic School-Richardson

Jina Kim

St. Joseph Catholic School-Richardson

Alejandra "Ale" Pizzarello St. Joseph Catholic School-Richardson

Ray Toay St. Joseph Catholic School-St. Joseph Richardson

**Lindsey Cooper** St. Joseph Catholic School-Waxahachie

Jose Arteaga St. Mark Catholic School **Amy Garrison** Mark Catholic School

**Cindy Tronzano** St. Mark Catholic School Collette Corbin

St. Monica Catholic School Madeleine Florkowski St. Monica Catholic School

**Kathleen Foley** St. Monica Catholic School Emma McLaughlin St. Monica Catholic School

**Greg Roberts** St. Monica Catholic School Jacqueline Coker

St. Patrick Catholic School Mike Colbert St. Patrick Catholic School

**Kay Mangelsdorf** St. Patrick Catholic School

Josefina Leon St. Pius X Catholic School Joanne Bartel St. Rita Catholic School

Margaret LeBlanc St. Rita Catholic School

**Ghada Salsa** St. Rita Catholic School Elvira Sample St. Rita Catholic School

Andrea Schweitzer St. Rita Catholic School Michael Wixted

St. Rita Catholic School **Danny Poellot** Ursuline Academy of Dallas

Tammy Yung Ursuline Academy of Dallas

# \$1.16 MILLION AWARDED **DURING SPRING GRANT CEREMONY**

Twenty-five North Texas churches, schools and community organizations received \$1.16 million in grants and tuition assistance from The Catholic Foundation during its annual spring grant ceremony at Holy Trinity Seminary.

These grants are helping to fund projects that will deliver food to the hungry, support various facility renovations, establish digital signage, introduce smart boards into the classroom, build a new chapel, relocate a historic church, offer hearing assistance and bolster safety and security at churches and schools. Grants are made from the unrestricted Philanthropy Fund and restricted funds of The Catholic Foundation.

All Saints Catholic Church - Door/Hardware Replacement

Bishop Dunne Catholic School - Tuition Assistance

Catholic Charities Of Dallas - Purchase of Mobile Food Pantry Trucks
(Partially funded by the R. Cardis & Grace DeLee Stubbs Foundation Fund & The Weinzapfel Endowment Fund)

Catholic Charities Of Dallas - Support of Senior Programs (Funded by the Louise Buhrer Endowment Fund and the Olga Fay Harper Senior Citizens Fund)

Cistercian Preparatory School - Replace AV Projectors in Classrooms

Good Shepherd Catholic School - Tuition Assistance (Funding provided by the Louise Buhrer Endowment Fund)

The Highlands School - Tuition Assistance (Funding provided by the Dorothy Irving Memorial Fund)

 $\textbf{Holy Family Catholic Academy} \cdot \text{Purchase} \ \& \ \text{Installation of SmartBoards}$ 

Holy Family Catholic Academy - Tuition Assistance (Funding provided by the Dorothy Irving Memorial Fund)

Holy Trinity Catholic School - Bathroom Renovations (Partially funded by the William & Mary Jane Jaspersen Fund)

Immaculate Conception Catholic School - Replace Doors & Windows

Immaculate Conception Catholic School - Tuition Assistance (Funded by the Louise Buhrer Endowment & Dorothy Irving Memorial Funds)

Jesuit College Preparatory School - Purchase & Installation of Security Cameras

Montserrat Jesuit Retreat House - Repairs to Assumption Hall & Simon Family Dining Hall (Partially funded by the Osborne Family Endowment Fund)

**Network Of Community Ministries** - Refrigerated Food Truck (Partially funded by the Bernard (Brian) Bradley Endowment Fund)

Our Lady Of Angels Catholic Church - Permanent Covering Over Church Entrance

Sacred Heart Catholic Church - Relocation of Original Church (Partial funding provided by the Thomas John Uhl Fund)

St. Bernard Of Clairvaux Catholic School - Tuition Assistance (Funding provided by the Louise Buhrer Endowment Fund)

St. Cecilia Catholic School - Tuition Assistance (Funding provided by the Louise Buhrer Endowment Fund)

**Santa Clara of Assisi Catholic Academy** - Tuition Assistance (Funding provided by the Louise Buhrer Endowment Fund)

St. Mark The Evangelist Catholic Church - Hearing Assist System in Church

St. Mary Of Carmel Catholic School - Tuition Assistance (Funding provided by the Louise Buhrer Endowment Fund)

St. Michael The Archangel Catholic Church (Garland) - New Chapel (Funding provided by the Joe & Hazel Fechtel Fund)

St. Philip The Apostle Catholic Church - Installation of Display Screens in Gym (Funding provided by the Roper Family Fund)

St. Philip & St. Augustine Catholic Academy - Tuition Assistance (Funding provided by the Louise Buhrer Endowment Fund)

St. Rita Catholic School - Sound & Lighting Upgrades in Sweeney Hall

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church - Replace HVAC Systems on Kenwood Campus

Sisters Of The Holy Family Of Nazareth - Replace Fire Alarm System

# A NIGHT OF CELEBRATION AND JOY 2019 ANNUAL AWARD DINNER HIGHLIGHTS

Nearly 1,200 people gathered earlier this year to honor Dallas businessman, entrepreneur and community builder Raul Estrada at The Catholic Foundation's 37th annual Award Dinner.

The annual dinner, featuring a mariachi and small symphony, recognized the restaurateur, construction business owner and real estate developer as the 2019 Catholic Foundation Award recipient for the significant impact he has made in the Catholic community.

In recognition of Raul, The Catholic Foundation awarded \$5,000 grants to both Catholic Charities of Dallas and Cristo Rey Dallas College Prep, two organizations at which Estrada has served in leadership roles.

At the dinner, the Foundation also presented the Hal Tehan Scholar Award and scholarship to Gerard Cardenas, a senior this coming school year at Cristo Rey Dallas College Prep.





- Dinner chairs Alfredo and Irma Duarte with Catholic Foundation Award recipient Raul Estrada and his wife Carmen.
- 2 L to R: Matt Kramer, Raul Estrada, former Trustee chairs John Landon, Vicky Lattner, Tom Codd, Tom Merkel and Rob Hartmann who all served when Raul was a Trustee, and current chair Marc Lyons.
- 3 Javier Aguilar accompanied by a mariachi and symphonic musicians during the Catholic Foundation Award dinner.
- 4 Arbol de la Vida, the stage backdrop for this year's Catholic Foundation Award Dinner, created by Junior Villanueva of Garden Gate Dallas.
- 5 Hal Tehan Scholar Award winner Gerard Cardenas (seated center) with his family and friends, and 2018 Scholar Award recipient Jonathan Seth De La Cruz (back right).
- 6 L to R: Marc Lyons, Raul Estrada and Matt Kramer
- 7 Dallas Bishop Edward Burns
- 8 Carmen Estrada with son, Raul Jr.
- Seated L to R: Max and Mary Ann Wernick, Brad and Barbara Camp, Joe and Kathy Murphy. Standing L to R: David and Megan Martinez, Tom and Mary Linn Clifford
- 10 Seated L to R: Gretchen Kane, Tom and Sue Merkel, Catherine Maurer. Standing L to R: Kevin and Laura Keyes, Jim and Marti Burke, Carolyn and Rudy Tovar

















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