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Dick, Lisa, and Mary Cashin with Timothy Cardinal Dolan

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FRIENDS GALA RAISES \$1.2 MILLION

Over 400 guests of Inner-City attended the 40th Annual FRIENDS Gala at Cipriani 42nd Street on May 10, raising over \$1.2 million. Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan introduced chairs Lisa and Dick Cashin, who spoke about the prodigious outcomes of a Catholic school education. Guests were regaled with a student performance of musical highlights from the last four decades while Inner-City Trustee Mo Rocca served as Master of Ceremonies.

In celebration of the Gala's 40th anniversary, Inner-City recognized Ruth Woolard for her

own 40 year anniversary of participation in the Gala, and featured former scholarship recipient Glorivee Ramirez. Glori spoke at the FRIENDS Gala in 1996, the year she graduated as Valedictorian of Aquinas High School in the Bronx. Today, she lives in Austin where she is the Co-Founder and CEO of technology company SENSCO.

Twenty years later, Glori expressed her lasting gratitude for the many opportunities that her scholarship afforded her. "It was the beginning of the realization that there

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KIDS ARE OUR CAPITAL

Dear Friends,

Congratulations. With graduation in our rearview mirror, we commend the many talented students in the class of 2016. We are also enormously grateful for the people who made this milestone possible—donors like you who believe that education is the best path out of poverty.

Over the summer, we look back at the past year and recognize the students who turned their tassels at Inner-City supported schools. We are proud of the achievements we have realized together:

- **Over 7,000 scholarships were provided to Catholic school students in the Archdiocese of New York**
- **100% of 12th grade students receiving scholarship assistance graduated with a high school diploma**
- **100% of these graduates will be pursuing post-secondary education at colleges and universities across the nation**

With tremendous help from the Inner-City Board of Trustees, we have raised \$116.8 million in endowment gifts towards the Kids Are Our Capital campaign. This extraordinary support has propelled us towards our \$125 million goal, which we aim to reach by the end of this year with the help of a \$2 to \$1 match.

In addition, we are honored to uphold the legacy of our great friend Jimmy Lee through the Jimmy Lee Scholars Fund. Established by a lead gift of \$1.6 million from JPMorgan Chase & Co. in 2015, the endowed fund will be used to help cover tuition for income-eligible, high-performing students attending inner-city Catholic high schools within the Archdiocese of New York. This year, we were delighted to select the first cohort of Jimmy Lee Scholars, which is sure to be the first of many, thanks to the generosity of Jimmy's family, friends and co-workers.

As we continue to work towards our mission, please know that your support has allowed thousands of inner-city students to imagine a world beyond their neighborhoods. Thank you for believing in their bright futures. For the young men and women in the class of 2016, high school commencement is just the beginning.

Sincerely,

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Glorivee Ramirez returns to the FRIENDS Gala

FRIENDS GALA RAISES \$1.2 MILLION

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is a promising world beyond the block you live on," she reflected. "And it was the comfort of knowing that when you have the Sr. Ann Maries of the world on your side, there's very little you can't do."

The FRIENDS of Inner-City Scholarship Fund, founded in 1976, is dedicated to enhancing the education of students attending Inner-City supported schools through enrichment programs and financial support. These activities cover a wide range of disciplines including art, literature, communication arts and music. The FRIENDS continually promote ongoing programs, develop and implement new initiatives and host the annual fundraising Gala.

Proceeds from the Gala are directed to scholarship and enrichment programs at Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of New York.

Next up on our roster of events, Inner-City will host the Lawyers Luncheon on Wednesday, November 9, 2016, and the Annual Award Dinner on Monday, December 12, 2016. Please save the date!

To learn more about our future events, please contact Alyson Vetter at Vetter@innercitynyc.org.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE



Co-Chairs Jeff Mullen and Tim Dempsey with Cardinal Dolan and award recipient Kristin Boyd

Over 240 guests joined His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan on Wednesday, June 1 for the Capital Improvements Committee annual reception at Top of the Rock Observation Deck at Rockefeller Center. Nearly \$300,000 was raised through ticket sales and a silent auction that included a seven-night stay in one of Vermont's

Hermitage Inns and a VIP package to the Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree lighting.

Led by co-chairs Jeff Mullen and Timothy Dempsey, the Capital Improvements Leadership Committee has granted more than \$250,000 in awards to twenty elementary schools

this year. Proceeds from the event will replace security systems, fire alarms, intercoms, and plumbing systems at Catholic schools throughout the Archdiocese of New York.

The inaugural Capital Improvements Committee Award was presented to Kristin Boyd for her dedicated volunteerism. Over the past decade, Kristin has shown tremendous commitment to Catholic schools and their students as Co-Chair of the Inner-City Junior Committee and Chair of the St. Ann School Advisory Board—her current role in which she works tirelessly to make capital improvements possible. Ms. Boyd also sponsors a student through the *Be A Student's Friend* program.

To date, the Capital Improvements Committee has provided over \$5.1 million in funding to transform Catholic schools through nearly 300 projects. This year, the Committee will welcome Andrea Baker and Thomas O'Halloran as new co-chairs.

To learn more about the Capital Improvements Committee, please contact Danielle Forsythe at Forsythe@championsnyc.org.

MEET A STUDENT ON OUR WAIT-LIST

Meet Oscar, a rising 10th grader at Cardinal Spellman High School in the Bronx. Although growing up in a single parent household has been a financial challenge, Oscar says that the sacrifices his mother has made to send him to Cardinal Spellman while working as a housekeeping assistant and part-time as a babysitter have demonstrated her commitment to a Catholic education for him. Playing on the soccer and baseball teams has helped him to realize his self-confidence, and the friendships Oscar has built on the field and in the classroom have shaped him into the young man he is today.

Without tuition assistance, Oscar may have to leave the Catholic school that has become like a second home. He is currently on the wait-list to receive an Inner-City scholarship. Won't you help by becoming his sponsor?

Please contact Kelvin Gentles at Gentles@innercitynyc.org to learn how you can *Be A Student's Friend* by sponsoring a portion of Oscar's tuition.



Oscar, 10th grader at Cardinal Spellman High School

NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE GIVES BACK

Tiffany is a *Be A Student's Friend* scholarship recipient who graduated in the Notre Dame High School class of 2016. During her time at Notre Dame, she contributed a total of 798 hours to volunteer with organizations including Mt. Sinai Roosevelt Hematology and Oncology, Holy Agony Church Soup Kitchen, American Cancer Society, Child Care Corporation workforce program, and Mt. Sinai Beth Israel Oncology. Tiffany was honored with the Prudential Spirit of America Award for her commitment to community service.

In the fall Tiffany will be attending St. Francis College where she received a \$54,000 scholarship. Building upon what she has learned at Notre Dame, she plans to study political science and aspires to become an attorney. Tiffany expresses her gratitude for the support of Thomas and Jean Meloro, her sponsors since 2007. She credits her achievements to the encouraging environment of her Catholic school, and knows that the values instilled in her there will motivate her in college and beyond.



Tiffany on her graduation day at Notre Dame High School

GRADUATION RECEPTION



Scholarship recipients celebrate their high school graduation



Sponsor Susan Rooney and graduating student

On May 16, 49 members from the class of 2016 attended a graduation celebration at Dillon Hall with their *Be A Student's Friend* sponsors. While some of our sponsors have personally known the students they support for many years, others met for the first time that evening. It was a special gathering for old and new friends.

Donor Connie Testa was recognized as the longest-standing sponsor in our program, having supported her student from the 1st grade through high school graduation. Ms. Testa expressed the fulfillment she felt in noting her student's academic and personal accomplishments for over a decade.

One hundred percent of seniors who attended the reception will continue their education at colleges and universities in the fall, including New York University, SUNY Geneseo, Clarkson University, and Fairfield University. These accomplished students will receive a total of \$380,000 in scholarships, grants, and financial aid in a testament to their hard work and dedication.



Sponsors Perry and Donna Golkin and graduating students



Sponsor Grace Harvey and John Bailey with graduating student



- 1) Sponsors Bruce and Judy LaFranchi with graduating students
- 2) Sponsor Thomas Meloro with graduating student
- 3) Sponsors from Chelsea Morrison Foundation with graduating students
- 4) Adam and Alison Jacobs at the Junior Committee Spring Soiree
- 5) Capital Improvements Committee and guests at their spring cocktail party at Top of the Rock

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- 6) Melanie and Joseph Shugart and guests at the 40th Annual FRIENDS Gala
- 7) Ruth Woolard and Cardinal Dolan after he presented her with flowers in honor of her 40 years with the Gala
- 8) Top Row (left-right): Rusty Staub, Dan Gregory, Mo Rocca, Kurt Martens, Helen Lowe, Hon. Milton L. Williams
Bottom row (left-right): Martha MacCallum, Peter Grauer, Christine Schwarzman, and Msgr. Mustaciuolo

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NIGHT AT YANKEE STADIUM

On May 25, 1,500 Catholic school students flocked to Yankee Stadium to watch the Yankees play the Toronto Blue Jays. For most of the students in attendance, the spring night marked their first-ever trip to a major league baseball game. Boys and girls sporting plaid uniforms joined together to cheer on Cardinal Dolan as his first pitch went right down the middle.

Although the Yankees suffered defeat, proceeds from select ticket sales raised \$50,000 to be disbursed among the nine Catholic school regions of the Archdiocese of New York. Funds will be directed towards scholarship support, technology implementation, special education and other special programs.

In 2012, the Archdiocese of New York's Department of Education began the process of Regionalization: a transition from a parish-based school system to a regional model divided among nine geographic areas. Each of the nine regions is a separate, not-for-profit, educational corporation chartered by



Cardinal Dolan waves to the crowd after throwing out the first pitch

the New York State Department of Education. Every parish is responsible for, contributes to, and has a voice in Archdiocesan education, working to ensure an academically excellent, fully-enrolled Catholic school system for years to come.

To learn more about Regionalization, contact Dan Peters at Daniel.Peters@archny.org.

DONOR-ADVISED FUNDS

Inner-City offers you the opportunity to create a charitable fund in your name, your family's name, or that of a loved one.

A donor-advised fund allows you to give to the program of your choice and designate how your gift is invested over time. Your fund will act like a family foundation without associated costs, tax regulations, or paperwork—providing optimum tax benefits while you maximize your philanthropic impact.

To participate in a donor-advised fund, you can deposit cash, securities, or other financial instruments in an account with Inner-City. You will have the option to help direct how exactly these funds are used and at what time, using your own

knowledge of Inner-City's programs and those it serves.

In addition to a tax deduction, if you choose to donate securities or other financial instruments, you can avoid capital gains taxes that would be incurred by selling them to donate cash.

Giving to a donor-advised fund is a personal way to help Inner-City help children break the cycle of poverty with a quality, values-based Catholic school education.

To learn more, please call 212.753.8583 or email info@innercitynyc.org.

QUICK FACTS ABOUT INNER-CITY

- 100% of 12th grade scholarship recipients graduated
- 100% of graduates go on to post-secondary education
- 70% of Inner-City Catholic school students live near or below the federal poverty level
- 93% of students are minorities, on average
- \$12 million+ in scholarships awarded annually

WELCOME MARGARET CROTTY

This spring, Inner-City welcomed Margaret Crotty to our Board of Trustees. Ms. Crotty has served in executive leadership roles in both the not-for-profit and private sectors in the areas of education and public health. She is currently the Executive Director of Partnership with Children, which stabilizes and strengthens high-poverty public schools with expanded mental health services. Under her leadership, the organization has doubled in size in three years to serve over 12,000 students.

In 2008, Ms. Crotty launched and ran a \$2 billion high-profile initiative to reduce child mortality in the developing world. Previously, she was the President and CEO of AFS-USA Intercultural Programs, formerly the American Field Service, which provides intercultural exchanges for high school students.

Inner-City's Board of Trustees provides invaluable guidance towards the organization's mission, in addition to generous financial support. Together,

our board and staff are looking forward to collaborating with Ms. Crotty.

Fellow board members and staff welcome Ms. Crotty's extensive knowledge and unique perspective of the nonprofit sector and look forward to a longstanding and productive collaborative relationship.

To learn more about Inner-City's leadership, please visit www.innercityscholarshipfund.org/about

THE JUNIOR COMMITTEE SPRING SOIREE



Junior Committee Chairs Alyssa Beachum and Meaghan Keane with raffle winner Clara Gonzalez

On April 23 at Hudson Terrace Rooftop, 130 young professionals enjoyed dinner and dancing at the Junior Committee Spring Soiree. Through a raffle and silent auction, \$14,000 was raised to support scholarships and extracurricular programs for the young students at Catholic elementary schools.

This year, the Junior Committee of Inner-City Scholarship Fund worked together to enrich the lives of over 2,000 inner-city Catholic school students. Volunteers coordinated weekend field trips to the

New York Hall of Science, the Bronx Zoo, the Intrepid, and the American Museum of Natural History. They also coached a basketball league for students at four schools in East Harlem, culminating in a competitive tournament at Our Lady Queen of Angels School.

The Junior Committee cumulatively sponsors five students through the *Be A Student's Friend* program. They also supervise weekly tutoring sessions and coordinate holiday parties at schools. In addition, at social events

thrown throughout the year, members take advantage of the opportunity to forge new connections with other professionals.

The Junior Committee is seeking new recruits. Please reach out to those in your network who are looking for volunteer opportunities.

To learn more about the Junior Committee, please contact Michael Goldberg at Goldberg@innercitynyc.org.

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