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**INNER-CITY SCHOLARSHIP FUND RAISES \$2.5 MILLION AT  
50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AT WAVE HILL IN THE BRONX**

***Proceeds to Benefit New York City's Catholic School Students***

**New York (September 24, 2021)** – Supporters of Inner-City Scholarship Fund raised \$2.5 million at **Inner-City Scholarship Fund's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** on Thursday, September 23. Over 200 guests attended the event at Wave Hill in the Bronx. Funds from the evening will help support Inner-City in its mission to provide tuition assistance for underprivileged students attending Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of New York.

The event was emceed by **Mo Rocca, CBS Sunday Morning correspondent** and featured special guests including **His Eminence, Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan**, Archbishop of New York; **Peter T. Grauer, Chairman at Bloomberg; Stephen Schwarzman; Chairman and CEO of Blackstone and Christine Schwarzman, a Trustee of Inner-City Scholarship Fund.**

Three scholarship students were honored for their poetry submissions to the Inner-City Scholarship Fund 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Poetry Contest about their Catholic school experience. The first place student winner, Elena Villa, a sophomore at Notre Dame High School, delivered her winning poem, *Windows* during the event and was awarded \$2500.00 for college tuition.

Guests enjoyed a special student performance from St. Francis of Assisi School in the Bronx. The young musicians performed a re-imagination of three songs from Broadway's Hamilton musical. The students dressed up as the founding members of Inner-City and performed adapted lyrics to reflect the story of the creation of the non-profit.

"I am so grateful to the countless donors and volunteers from the past 50 years who have selflessly given their time and treasure to the cause of expanding access to quality education for more than 800,000 students," said **Peter T. Grauer, Chairman at Bloomberg and President of Inner-City Scholarship Fund.** "The dreams that came true for thousands of kids would not have been possible without your amazing commitment to Inner-City and the Catholic school system."

Throughout 2021, Inner-City Scholarship Fund has recognized its proud history of helping children in-need receive a high-quality, values-based Catholic-school education, and five decades of support from cherished friends and donors.

**About Inner-City Scholarship Fund**

Inner-City Scholarship Fund was founded in 1971 by the late Terence Cardinal Cooke and a group of prominent executives of many religious beliefs. Inner-City provides tuition assistance to over 11,000 students (89% minority and 40% non-Catholic). An astonishing 99% percent of seniors attending inner-city Catholic high schools graduate, and 98% are accepted to colleges and universities across the nation.