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NOSF Board Welcomes New Board Members

The NOSF Board has approved the following candidate's applications for 2014. NOSF welcomes Rita Martin and Greg Guzman to the NOSF Board. Guzman serves as Executive Director of Central City Ministry and Rita Martin is an owner of Projects Designed and Built, Inc. The Board also said farewell to Jane Charette who is moving to Rochester, New York and will continue to serve on the NOSF Advisory Council.

From the Executive Director –

ACE Parental Choice Symposium

This past month I got to spend an amazing time with a fine group of people. I was a participant in the University of Notre Dame's Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) Parental Choice Symposium hosted over five days, three in New Orleans and two in Tampa. I was invited to attend as a representative of the Children's Scholarship Fund (CSF), NOSF's national partner.

At the symposium I was able to meet and learn from some of the nation's top parental choice leaders as well as get first-hand experience of parent's choice's impact on families, communities, and educational systems.

Friday's program was titled the *History and Reality of Educational Choice* with Howard Fuller the Chair and Co-Founder of the Black Alliance for Educational Options (BAEO). Dr. Fuller is regarded as one of the nation's most influential African-American spokesman for school choice. The second day, I learned about the *Legislative and Legal Dimensions of Parental Choice* with Scott Jensen of the American Federation for Children and John Schoenig from the University of Notre Dame. The last day in New Orleans Dr. Patrick Wolf of the University of Arkansas spoke on *The Researched Case for Parental Choice and the Future of Parental Choice Advocacy*.

While in New Orleans I also saw first-hand some of the unlikely benefits of Hurricane Katrina including the birth of school choice with vouchers and charter schools. Kenneth Campbell, the president of BAEO spoke about his efforts as founding director of charter schools at the Louisiana Department of Education. He helped engineer the rebuilding of New Orleans's education infrastructure through charter schools and implemented innovative strategies to transform failing schools across the state.



From there, I traveled with the 44 participants to Tampa, Florida where we were introduced to the founder and staff of the state's largest tax credit scholarship program, *Step Up for Students*. I was introduced to John Kirtley, the chairman of *Step Up for Students*, and venture capitalist. In 1998 Kirtley started his own foundation to fund private school scholarships for low-income children and in 2001, persuaded the Florida legislature to create a statewide tax-credit scholarship program. *Step Up for Students* now provides 33,000 scholarships to low-income students across the state.

It was a fabulous trip and I enjoyed meeting so many future educators from the ACE program. Many of them are now teaching in urban areas across the country. Getting to know them gave me lots of hope for children and education. – Ann Riddle

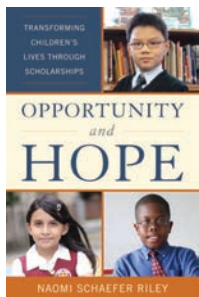
About ACE

The University of Notre Dame's Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) sustains and strengthens under-resourced Catholic schools through leadership formation, research and professional service to ensure that all children, especially those from low-income families, have the opportunity to experience the gift of an excellent Catholic education.



New Book by Naomi Schaefer Riley Shows Transformational Impact of K-8 Scholarships

In June, *Opportunity and Hope: Transforming Lives through Scholarships* hit the shelves. This book written by New York Post Columnist and former *Wall Street Journal* editor Naomi Schaefer Riley tells the stories of ten scholarship alumni from Children's Scholarship Fund partners as well as a Washington DC's Opportunity Scholarship Program and a student who received a Step Up for Student scholarship.



The scholarship alumni profiled in the book are representative of thousands of others, including the 12,200 students who have received scholarships from the Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund since 1999.

"Naomi Schaefer Riley has an ear for stories that make a difference. The accounts of the young people profiled in the book are inspirational and instructive: A little help can go a long way in transforming the prospects for students who are trapped in schools that don't work," said Mike McCurry, Chairman of Children's Scholarship Fund and former White House Press Secretary.

Founded in 1998, the Children's Scholarship Fund (CSF) provides scholarships to low-income families so their children can attend the private K-8 schools that best meet their needs, regardless of their ability to pay or where they live. Since its inception, CSF has awarded scholarships worth \$568 million to 139,000 children. This past school year, CSF, with its 27 partner programs, funded scholarships for 27,650 low-income children across the country.

To learn more about CSF visit www.scholarshipfund.org.



Raise the Cap 2014

On June 12, 2014 Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund hosted the second annual "Raise the Cap for Scholarships" event at Fifth-Third Field. Raise the Cap helped raise over \$34,000 to increase the scholarship award in the 2014-2015 school year and beyond. Families and supporters enjoyed an exciting evening of Toledo Mud Hens baseball, an All-American dinner of grilled chicken, hot dogs and hamburgers, and a tasty donut cake that wowed the crowd!

The event assisted NOSF to raise the cap for scholarships and allowed families, donors, and board members a chance to connect and mingle. Increasing the scholarship award greatly benefits both the students and families. Students are able to receive a top-notch education and families can retain a sense of hope and opportunity for their student's future. Raise the Cap is an essential component for NOSF because the demand for need-based scholarships has grown, as well as the demand for educational choices.

Companies and individuals were able to be a part of this fun night for scholarships by sponsoring at designated levels to help underwrite the event. These sponsorships included the *Grand Slam Sponsor*, the *Home Run Sponsor*, the *Triple Sponsor* and *Double Sponsor*. Individual tickets were also sold and included dinner and a ticket to the game.



The Koral family enjoys the night's activities.

As sponsors, organizations received numerous benefits and an opportunity to connect with the scholarship families. A special thank you to our returning Grand Slam Partners, *Morgan Stanley*, *ESD*, *Comfort Line*, *The Blade* and *The Eugene and Eleanor Harms Foundation*. Also, thank you to our partner school sponsors, Christ the King, Emmanuel Christian School, Lial Catholic School, Monclova Christian School, Notre Dame Academy, Cardinal Stritch Catholic High School, St. Patrick of Heatherdowns, and Trinity Lutheran School. Special thanks to Honorary Chair Scott Brown and Event Chair Elaine LaValley Lewandowski.



NOSF Representative Jay Douglas throws out the first pitch.

NOSF Welcomes Rachele Lopez as its 2014 Summer Intern

Rachele Lopez is a graduate student at the University of Toledo studying Public Administration and Non-profit management. She received her undergraduate degree in Political Science and American government at San Jose State University in San Jose, California. Lopez is a California native but is enjoying the relaxed Midwest lifestyle. Lopez is excited to join the NOSF team and as a K-8 private education alum, she understands the importance of a quality educational foundation.






2013 ANNUAL REPORT


Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund
Growing Minds. Creating Futures.


MISSION: Education offers hope. We believe that all children, regardless of their economic circumstances, deserve access to quality educational opportunities. We believe that parents should have an opportunity to choose the best school for their children. We believe that with choice comes a sense of ownership and involvement. The Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund, Inc. is committed to offering educational choices to low-income families through privately funded scholarships.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2013




 The Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund moved to new office at 5800 Monroe Street in Sylvania, Ohio

 Hosted donor student breakfasts at NOSF partner schools including Bowling Green Christian Academy, Emmanuel Christian Academy and St. Joseph School in Sylvania

 First Raise the Cap event held at Fifth Third Field and raised \$32,000 to help raise the maximum scholarship for students

 Awarded over 650 scholarships for the 2013-2014 school year – NOSF's 15th year

 Recognized and thanked donors at St. Kateri Academy at NOSF's Annual Donor Appreciation Event

 NOSF Alum Kristine Below is the 2013 Valedictorian of her class at Cardinal Stritch High School



FINANCIALS

Revenue

Donated Income	\$530,315
Children's Scholarship Fund Match	\$154,316
Special Events	\$ 39,250
Total	\$723,881

Expenses

Scholarship payments	\$605,185
Management and Operations	\$ 61,117
Marketing and Fundraising	\$ 37,448
Professional Fees and Evaluation	\$ 14,649
Special Events	\$ 7,301
Total	\$725,700

Information is prepared on a modified cash basis and is taken directly from the financial statements audited by Rehmann Robson. The audit report is available to the public upon request.



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NOSF Partners with the Toledo Bar to Present Planned Giving Seminar

The Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund together with the Toledo Bar Association, presented *Estate Planning in 2014 and Beyond and How it Impacts Planned Giving* seminar on May 14 at Emmanuel Christian School, featuring L. Paul Hood from the University of Toledo Foundation. CLE hours were available to those Toledo Bar members who attended.

This breakfast seminar covered such areas of planned giving including: What is Planned Giving, The American Tax Relief Act and the Affordable Care Act, Basics on Charitable Remainder Trusts, and Income Tax Basis Management.

Paul Hood is the Director of Planned Giving at the University of Toledo Foundation. He had been the Director of Gift Planning for The University of Montana Foundation. A self-styled "recovering tax lawyer," Hood has practiced tax and estate planning law for 20 years in Louisiana.

He is the author or co-author of four books and frequent speaker and writer on estate planning and business valuation.

For more information about NOSF's planned giving program, please contact Ann Riddle at ariddle@nosf.org.



In Lieu of Flowers...

This past May the Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund lost a friend. Michael J. Barron passed away on May 25. He was the father of NOSF's Executive Director Ann Riddle.

When it came time to write his obituary, his wife decided to include NOSF as well as a second organization for friends and families to support in lieu of flowers.

Mr. Barron was a firm believer of educational choices for children. He was one of the original sponsors of Cornerstone Schools in Detroit, Michigan.

Friends responded generously with gifts to NOSF totaling \$940. What a wonderful way to continue Mr. Barron's spirit with something that lasts a lifetime – education.