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Raise the Cap Brings in Funds for Scholarships

The 6th annual Raise the Cap event held on June 7 at the Toledo Mud Hens stadium was a huge success with over 250 guests in attendance for a game against the Buffalo Bisons. This year's Grand Slam Sponsors Morgan Stanley, an anonymous donor, LaValley, LaValley, Todak & Schaefer, along with 29 other sponsors, made it possible.



The night began with a dinner buffet at 6:00 that included grilled chicken breast and bratwurst with sauerkraut, mac and cheese and fruit salad. As guests finished their meal, Ann Riddle along with Jan Tidd got everybody's attention with a raffle drawing of gift certificates to Sundown Cantina, Brieschke's Bakery and additional tickets to see the Mud Hens. Following the raffle, guests took their seats to see NOSF scholarship recipient Jenna Ramsey throw out the first pitch to start the game.

The event would not have been a success without the event committee including Honorary Chair Jan Tidd, owner of Arrow Print & Copy, Ann Marie Blank, Brad Crown, Lisa Kohler, Elaine Lewandowski, Rita Martin, Terri Payak, and Kim Sofo. Ms. Tidd said of the event, "Arrow Print and Copy has been a proud supporter for many years of this fundraiser. Education is the key to our children's future and Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund provides a fun-filled evening of dinner and a ball game to help raise funds to further their cause."

Raise the Cap provides a wonderful opportunity for donors and sponsors to spend an evening with the scholarship families that benefit from their support. Plans are already being made for next year's event.

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Children's Scholarship Fund Gala Kicks off 20 Years!

NOSF Executive Director Ann Riddle was in New York City in May to attend the Children's Scholarship Fund 20th Anniversary Gala as well as a partners meeting the following day. At the event, CSF President Darla Romfo paid tribute to its founders Ted Forstmann and John Walton. During the meal, guests watched performances from the Sacred Heart School Choir in Brooklyn, as well as dancing with The Learning Tree Cultural Preparatory School in Bronx, followed by a poetry reading from CSF Los Angeles alumna Nicole Serrato.

CSF also gave two *CSF Champion for Children Awards*, one to Eli Broad and the second to Julian Robertson. Mr. Broad helped launch CSF and its Los Angeles partner program with Mr. Forstmann and Mr. Walton. In 1999 Mr. Robertson joined Forstmann and Walton as a member of the CSF Advisory Board with a \$1.5 million gift to help launch the CSF Charlotte program.



Pictured at the gala are Kathryn Hickok, Children's Scholarship Fund Oregon, Elizabeth Toomey, Children's Scholarship Fund New York and Ann Riddle. Photo by Jenna Bascom



CSF Partners meet following the gala.

Your Change to Make a Change

This spring NOSF held its 3rd annual partner school penny war *Your Change to make a Change*. Students from 16 NOSF partner schools to date have raised \$4,319 for scholarships including Lial Catholic School whose students collected \$644 in pennies and change for scholarships. Proceeds are still coming in.

The week long event has the participating schools "changing" up their routine with math exercises, jeans days, and other fun ways to collect as much change as possible. The participation and support of all involved truly makes a "change" and difference. We are continuing to Grow Minds and Create Futures with this change.



Special Thanks to These Participating Schools Who Collected Pennies

Community Christian Academy
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St. Francis Xavier School
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St. Richard Catholic School
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St. Wendelin Catholic School

Keep the Thanks Coming!

I received the scholarship confirmation letter in the mail and couldn't be more appreciative. I am grateful for the generosity of all the donors, sponsoring organizations, and Boards.

Thank you for helping facilitate NOSF's desire to grow minds and create futures.

Have a safe and happy 4th!

*Sincerely,
Tanya Jensen*

It is always great to hear from grateful parents and guardians. It is even better when they share photos. Just send them to info@nosf.org

NOSF NIGHT AT



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NOSF scholarship families and alumni were invited for a private evening at the Imagination Station in April. The event was made possible by an anonymous donor who bid on the exclusive evening at the On Track for Education: *A Night on the Polar Express* event held in December. Doors opened at 5:30 and

almost 300 guests were in attendance for this one of a kind special night. Guests had a chance to see a live demonstration in the science theater on Method to the Madness where they got to observe water defy gravity, be amazed by metal sparks and be awed by the incredible abilities of a liquid -320 degrees Fahrenheit.



Thank you to our **2018 Champions for Children:**

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This giving level is the equivalent of one NOSF scholarship for a year with a gift of \$1,500 annually.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

NOSF Would Love to Hear From You!

As the program prepares for its 20th year of awarding scholarships, we would love to hear from its alumni and what they are doing. It is always rewarding to hear alumni are doing well in the path they have chosen. To share, email Megan Salameh at msalameh@nosf.org or complete the alumni online form at <https://tinyurl.com/NOSFALUMNI>



NOSF Alumni Spotlight – Kristine Below

St. Jerome alumna and NOSF scholarship recipient Kristine Below was fascinated by the brain and how it worked after her father experienced a brain embolism when she was in 8th grade. His recovery led to her interest in wanting to study neuroscience. She knew that this would be a challenge and that she would have to work hard because she would be funding her own college education.

After graduating from St. Jerome Catholic School in Walbridge in 2009 she then attended Cardinal Stritch High School in Oregon where she excelled. She graduated valedictorian of her class in 2013 and chose The Ohio State University to study neuroscience. While at OSU she volunteered with Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Ms. Below graduated from OSU in the spring of 2017 with a Bachelor of Neuroscience and returned to Toledo in November. She is currently employed as a Neurophysiology Technologist at ProMedica Toledo Hospital. In her spare time she volunteers at Heartland Hospice.

She has fond memories of her time at St. Jerome. She feels that the school taught her how to study as well as provide the motivation for doing well. Her 8th grade teacher was the one who told her that if she could work hard she could be the class valedictorian.





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**A NIGHT ON THE
POLAR EXPRESS**

Plan on Hopping on the Polar Express

Be sure to mark your calendar for the second annual **On Track for Education: A Night on the Polar Express**. The event raises funds for educational causes in the area. This year's event is going to be Sunday, December 2 at the Downtown Toledo Train Station and will benefit the Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund and the HOPE Learning Academy Foundation. The committee has already started securing sponsorships. If you or your organization is interested in being a sponsor, contact Ann Riddle at 419-720-7048 or ariddle@nosf.org

For more information, visit ontrackforeducation.org




NOSF Welcomes Two New Board Members

NOSF is excited to welcome two members to its Board. Jan Ruma, who is the Vice President of the Hospital Council of Northwest Ohio, was approved at the December 13, 2017 Board meeting.

Patrick Sadowski, who is a lawyer with Eastman & Smith Ltd. in Findlay Ohio, was approved at the March 7 Board meeting. Both of them bring leadership, fundraising and strategic planning experience to the organization.