



Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund
Growing Minds. Creating Futures.



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Ambassador Parent Program Introduced for School Year 2017-2018

The Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund is getting some assistance this year connecting and engaging with its new Ambassador Parent Program. This past fall NOSF asked school principals at four of its partner schools to recommend a family or two to help with the new program. The four schools each had 20 or more NOSF scholarship students attending their school this year.



Konecny family are ambassadors at their school

The NOSF Parent Ambassador serves as a spokesperson for the NOSF program and shares with others what the scholarship has provided for their family. Ambassadors serve as hosts at NOSF school visits, provide families information about the program, and connect families in the community to resources that strengthen and support NOSF. The ambassadors serve a one-year term that can be renewed each year. They are also available for

media interviews and provide quotes where needed.

The response has been great. Parents were happy to help. NOSF has enlisted parent ambassadors for *Christ the King School in Toledo, St. Aloysius Catholic School in Bowling Green, Delphos St. John School and Mansfield Christian School.*

Applications are Being Accepted for 2018-2019 School Year – NOSF’s 20th Year

Starting November 1, 2017, the Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund began accepting waiting list applications for the 2018-2019 school year. This will be NOSF’s 20th school year awarding scholarships. Since 1999, NOSF has awarded 14,700 scholarships worth \$12.6 million. NOSF’s national partner, the Children’s Scholarship Fund (CSF), will also be celebrating its 20th anniversary of the launch with a celebration in May. CSF has awarded 166,000 scholarships worth \$741 million to children across the country. CSF has matched \$4.3 million in donations received by NOSF for scholarships. All gifts made to NOSF are matched by CSF and help fill classrooms in Northwest Ohio. To learn more about NOSF’s partnership with CSF, visit <http://nosf.org/about-us/history>



NOSF is now accepting applications for the 2018-2019 scholarship lottery. If you would like your child to receive a need-based scholarship for a private school or for homeschooling just go to <http://nosf.org/scholarships/application-process> to learn more or <https://tinyurl.com/NOSF18AP> to apply.

A NIGHT ON THE POLAR EXPRESS

Over 350 guests enjoyed *On Track for Education – A Night on The Polar Express* on December 3. This inaugural event sponsored by Frisch's Big Boy and Ralphie's was held in the Grand Lobby of the Downtown Toledo Train Station and netted \$70,000 that was equally divided between the Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund and HOPE Learning Academy Foundation.



As the Visitors entered Martin Luther King Jr. Plaza that evening, they were welcomed by holiday carolers provided by the Toledo Opera. Once in the station, they had the chance to taste foods from 7 Little Cupcakes, Bar 145, Barr's Public House, The Beirut, Element 112, Frisch's Big Boy, Maddie & Bella Coffee Roasters, Mancy's Steakhouse, Ralphie's Sports Eatery, Rosie's Italian Grille, Sundown Cantina, and Tree City Catering.



ON TRACK FOR EDUCATION

Mark your calendar for the 2018 A Night on the Polar Express happening Sunday, December 2. Visit ontrackforeducation.org



When they had enough to eat, guests could play with fire with a demonstration from Imagination Station, learn about and see Arctic animals from the Toledo Zoo and Aquarium and get their pictures taken. A few lucky guests walked away with baskets of wine as well as a diamond pendant in the event raffle. No one left empty handed. Engineer Sponsor *ITI – International Tableware, Inc.* donated a commemorative glass for each guest to take home.

Other Engineer Sponsors that evening were *Scott and Lisa Brown, KeyBank, Knight Insurance, LaValley, LaValley, Todak & Schaefer Co., L.P.A. and SJS Investment Services.* Additional sponsors included *Buckeye Broadband – The Blade – Telesystem, Checker Distributors, ESD, Alan and Karen Fadel, Toledo Northwestern Ohio Food Bank, The Yarder Manufacturing Company, Aly Sterling Philanthropy, John and Jeanie Hayward, Huntington Bank, Nancy and Tom Kabat - Welles Bowen Realtors, Main Street Ventures Inc., PNC, ProMedica Flower Hospital Auxiliary, Rudolph Libbe Group, Signature Bank, N.A., John and Yolanda Szuch, The Trust Company, and Waterford Bank, N.A.*



Grant from O-I Charities Foundation Provides Choices for Children



This past October, the Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund was excited to receive a grant in the amount of \$35,000 from the **O-I Charities Foundation**. This grant is being used for scholarships awarded for the 2017-2018 school year. The Foundation has been a long-time supporter of NOSF.

Jennifer Vancil, Government and Community Affairs, said this of the grant, "Owens-Illinois is proud to support and contribute to quality education initiatives that impact students of all ages. Through the Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund, opportunities are provided for families to become truly engaged in their child's education, which creates positive student outcomes from elementary school to high school and beyond. We congratulate NOSF on its achievements and the impact it has on young lives and look forward to our continued partnership."

NOSF is very grateful for the continued support of the O-I Charities Foundation.

Opportunity for School Choice Challenge Grant Awarded for Richland County

The Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund has been awarded a grant from the Richland County Foundation to assist NOSF in cultivating and acquiring new donors from Richland County as well as fund current scholarships. New donations received after November 1, 2017 until May 1, 2018 from contributors in Richland County will be matched.



The Richland County Foundation is one of the largest private sources of grant making in Richland County and administers over 340 charitable funds established by individuals, families, and businesses. The mission of the Richland County Foundation is to improve and enhance the quality

of life in Richland County through strategic philanthropy and community leadership. This is the first time that NOSF has received support from the foundation. To learn more about the foundation, visit www.richlandcountyfoundation.org.

There are 29 students attending private schools on a NOSF scholarship in Richland County including St. Mary of the Snow, Mansfield Christian, St. Peter School, and St. Mary School Shelby, for the 2017-2018 school year. If you live in Richland County and want to make a gift to NOSF, call 419-720-7048 or visit the NOSF website at <http://nosf.org/donate-now>

Shout Out to Richland County Residents! If you make a gift to the Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund before May 1, 2018, your gift will be matched, which means more NOSF scholarships for kids to attend a private school.



NOSF Welcomes More Champions for Children

- Betco Corporation
- Dr. Gregory Black
- Mr. & Mrs. John Gilwee
- Ms. Kathleen Hart
- Mr. & Mrs. Michael Miller
- Mr. William Rudolph



Making the Jump to High School program was held in January at the King Road Sylvania Branch Library. NOSF parents of 6, 7, and 8th grade students had a chance to talk with representatives of area private high schools and learn about financial aid opportunities.






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NOSF Graduate Dylan Guzman

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 our alumni and what they are doing. If you are an alum and want to share your story or if you are a parent and want to just brag, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/NOSFALUMNI> and complete the online form. If you have a current picture you want to send, please email it to info@nosf.org and indicate the alum's name and parent.

Here is one example of a recent note and picture of a NOSF graduate. Greg Guzman, uncle of Dylan Guzman Class of 2011, wrote to us to let us know that Dylan is now stationed at Fort Campbell in Kentucky and is a member of the U.S. Army 1st Brigade Combat Team which is the oldest permanent brigade in the United States Army. Dylan attended Queen of Apostles until 5th grade and then transferred to St. Joan of Arc. He was raised by his grandparents. Dylan said of his scholarship, *"Many people tell me, 'thank you for your service to our country,' when in reality I am the one who owes a thank you to NOSF. If it weren't for my attendance at Queen and SJA, I may not be where I am today."*