

Annual Report Summer 2014

Our second Annual Report reflects again on what's been accomplished by God's grace and your generous support as we conclude our fourth year of existence.

First the tangibles:

- Our annual fund distribution to our partner schools has increased each year:
 - o 2010: \$8,129.25
 - o 2011: \$9,147.25 and a 12.5% increase o 2012: \$12,799.14 and a 39.9% increase o 2013-14: \$20,000 and a 56.26% increase
- In addition to our original seven partner schools we have added five affiliated (non-funded) schools. When we reach \$30,000 in annual distribution to original partner schools, the five affiliated schools will become funded partner schools as well.
- This year saw the launch of a program with Trinity Christian College (Palos Heights, IL). The Center for Christian Urban Educators is a collaborative effort in strengthening urban Christian schools through professional development of staff and the use of our network schools as lab schools for Trinity's education department. Under Director Harriet Potoka, former Principal of Daystar School, the Center's is serving our network schools very well.
- We have been at the table as the Roseland Christian School Foundation Board guides the resurrection of the school as the Roseland Christian Academy in a new location in the greater Roseland area, and been an active participant in the expansion discussions of one partner school and another emerging Christian school.
- In addition to our Board of Directors a Board of Reference is in place to further our reach and reputation.
- We remain a voice for school choice and educational justice by participating in public policy and legislation discussions. This year we served as a co-sponsor for an event organized by Ed Choice Illinois.

And the intangibles:

• Our network schools testify that Bright Promise Fund serves as a catalyst of encouragement and a forum



for professional development, strengthening the united witness to the power of Christian education in Chicago. It's less lonely out there, and collaboration is a gift from God!

- Bright Promise Fund shines a light on God's good work in our network schools through the publicity we're able to develop on their behalf.
- As our donor base grows and our annual distribution to each school increases, school administrators use funding to offer scholarships and tuition assistance, fulfilling our mission "... that more families may experience and benefit from urban Christian education."

In short, our Annual Report is a record of gratitude. Gratitude to God for blessing Bright Promise Fund from the beginning. Gratitude to our supporters for catching and supporting the vision. And gratitude for the network schools that show each day that Christian academic discipleship is alive and well in the city of Chicago. Praise God! His blessings flow.

Dave Larsen, Director

The financial record of our most recent year may be found on our website (www.brightpromisefund.org). This includes the audited report of our accounting firm and the 990 form submitted to the Attorney General's office. The hard data may be a hard read for some, but for all it stands as a record of support from the Kingdom community and a tribute to the wisdom and guidance of our Board of Directors.

List of Donors 7/1/13-6/30/14

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Thank you - your donations are making a difference

We delight in making an impact on urban schools through your generous donations and support, and are humbled to receive letters of gratitude such as this:



Dave Larsen Bright Promise Fund 1550 South State St. Chicago, IL 60605

Dear Dave,

Words truly cannot express how grateful we are for the gift of \$20,000 from the Bright Promise Fund! This gift will provide tuition assistance for so many of our families who desperately want an urban Christian education for their children. The support that Bright Promise is providing allows these families the freedom to choose the education they truly want for their children and eases their burden as they sacrifice to pay tuition.

I was profoundly moved when I realized that the Bright Promise Fund has provided over \$50,000 in gifts to Daystar since 2011. Such support for our mission is truly overwhelming, and I am deeply inspired by your commitment to Christian education in our city. The work you are doing is so far-reaching and so important, that we can only begin to imagine the positive ways in which the future will be impacted!

Daystar's partnership with Bright Promise Fund is enabling us to help more students than ever before receive a faith-based education in the heart of Chicago. Thank you for your tireless efforts on behalf of the children and families of our city.

Sincerely,

Tami Doig

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Letter from the Principal of Daystar School, Tami Doig. Read more about what's been accomplished by God's grace and other ways we've been able to impact urban schools in our Summer Newsletter.

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