

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

School Distributions

This year Bright Promise Fund distributed \$176,000 to our network schools, a 47% increase in funding over last year. This reflects distributions to our six member schools as well as first-time gifts to our four affiliate schools. We thank our supporters—individuals, businesses and corporations, churches and foundations—for enabling us to make urban Christian education affordable to more families and to grow enrollments in our ten network schools.

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
 - o 2014-15: \$25,000 to our each of our six partner schools and \$6,500 to each affiliate school – a 47% increase
- In addition to our original six partner schools we were able to fund our four affiliated schools. The four affiliated schools in our network each received a distribution of \$6,500 in order to provide support and foster encouragement within our community of urban Christian educators.
- This year saw the growth of the CCUE, 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. This summer, the CCUE hosted a successful national conference at Trinity with assistance from Christian Schools International. It was extremely well-received and plans are being laid for another conference next year.
- 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!
- In addition to our Board of Directors a Board of Reference is in place to further our reach and reputation.
- 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

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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:

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
Dear Dave,

We are simply overwhelmed by the amazing gift of \$25,000 from Bright Promise to Daystar School. What an extraordinary blessing it is to our students and families!

As you know, when Daystar began in 1997, there were 12 students coming through its doors. Then, as now, the founders, leaders, parents and partners have been praying that Daystar would continue to grow: that it would be an answer for parents seeking a Christian education in the heart of the city, and that people, churches and organizations would rise up to support and partner with us. As the 2015-2016 school year approaches, I am thrilled to report that God continues to answer those prayers and that Daystar's student body has reached over 300 students!

God has also blessed us with partners like Bright Promise who have made this growth possible. Without the hard work and dedication of you, the board and staff of the Bright Promise Fund, countless families would not be receiving a faith-based education in the heart of Chicago. Your work has transformed a lives, hearts and minds of children and their families, and is providing a foundation for the work that God has planned for Chicago and the world beyond. The importance of your work cannot be measured, but we see the impact of it everyday in our precious students.

Again, thank you for all you are doing for the children and families of Daystar. May God continue to bless your work.

Sincerely,

Tami Doig, Principal

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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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