



2006

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Inner-City
Scholarship
Fund



PROFILE OF OUR INNER-CITY SCHOOLS

Number of inner-city schools:	60
Total number of students:	16,124
Average minority enrollment:	47%
% of non-Catholic students:	14%
% of students whose families are at or below the federal poverty level:	75%

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ICSF ASSISTANCE

Average tuition:	\$2,525
Average ICSF award:	\$980

HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

% of students who graduate:	98%
% of students who go on to post-secondary education:	90%

GROWTH IN ICSF SCHOLARSHIPS

YEAR	AWARD	STUDENTS ASSISTED
1991	\$ 700,000	1,746
1995	\$ 1,800,000	2,200
2000	\$ 3,800,000	4,668
2006	\$ 7,000,000	7,000 (projected)



"At times, inner-city neighborhoods can be filled with violence, gangs and drug abuse. During those times, individuals can become discouraged.

This is where our parochial schools come in – providing a safe environment where children learn to respect each other and where parents know they'll obtain high-quality, value-based education. We help provide hope for the future where there may be none.

Our generous donors make it possible for the Inner-City Scholarship Fund to provide partial scholarships to needy students and give them an opportunity for success that was previously unavailable to them."

Peter S. Lynch
Chairman, Inner-City Scholarship Fund



BRIGHTER FUTURES

Contributions to the Inner-City Scholarship Fund (ICSF) are investments in the future of our children. Donations provide partial scholarships for needy students attending inner-city parochial schools in the Archdiocese of Boston. Without financial assistance, these children would not be able to attend one of our 60 inner-city schools. Scholarship assistance is awarded to students based on financial need and regardless of their race, gender or religion.

Our inner-city parochial schools serve more than 16,000 students and have an outstanding record of achievement:

- 98% of our students graduate from high school.
- 90% of our graduates pursue college or post-secondary educational opportunities.
- These schools save taxpayers \$160 million annually and graduate productive citizens.
- They afford opportunities to children of a multitude of ethnic & religious backgrounds: 47% of the students currently enrolled are minorities; 14% are non-Catholic.
- Our schools provide a central focus for the community and help stabilize inner-city neighborhoods.



SIGNIFICANT NEED

The Inner-City Scholarship Fund provides financial assistance to students and families in most need of help:

- Students live in our most distressed communities including: Boston, Brockton, Chelsea, Dorchester, Everett, Lawrence, Lowell, Lynn and Roxbury.



- 75% of the students live in families with incomes below the federal poverty level.
- Many of the families supported by the ICSF are single-parent households where the parent is working two or even three jobs.
- The average gross income of families applying for financial assistance was just \$28,221 last year.



HOW YOU CAN HELP

Our goal is to make parochial schools available to families living in inner-cities in and around Boston. We are committed to serving disadvantaged students, particularly in communities with high poverty levels. Last school year, the ICSF raised \$6.5 million



and distributed 6,500 partial scholarships to students, each averaging \$980.

For every dollar contributed to the ICSF, only 7 cents is used for operating costs. This compares very favorably with the national average of close to 30% used for operating expenses.

“Young people are a valued treasure and the future leaders of our society. Your financial support allows parents to choose Catholic schools for their children.”

Sister Kathleen Carr, CSJ
Superintendent of Schools





With every new campaign, it is critical to maintain the level of support awarded from the previous year. Imagine how tough it would be for a family to receive a partial scholarship one year and then to have that support taken away the next year due to a lack of funding.

Our goal for the 2006 ICSF campaign is to distribute at least \$7 million in partial scholarships to help meet the growing demand for financial assistance. Your support is an opportunity to ensure a brighter future for needy children, their families and our community.



OUR INNER-CITY SCHOOLS



The Inner-City Scholarship Fund grants scholarship assistance annually to disadvantaged inner-city students who attend primary or secondary Catholic schools. Scholarship assistance is awarded to students without regard to race, gender or creed.

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