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AN INTERVIEW WITH THIS YEAR'S GALA HONOREE, RICK HENKEN

We had the privilege of interviewing Rick Henken during his visit to EBCCS. Rick spoke about his philanthropic journey with CSF, his favorite thing about the Building Minds Scholarship Fund Gala and some of his fondest memories during his time with the organization.

How did you become involved with CSF and its mission?

At least 20 years ago, a gentleman who worked for me introduced me to Daniel diBartolomeo, a member of CSF's Advisory board. My company operates a 502-unit apartment complex in Cambridge, where we have 1,500 kids. The idea of getting these kids out of inner-city public schools and into a values-based Catholic education really resonated with me. After meeting with Dan and learning more about CSF's mission, I committed to making a donation. I felt so welcomed and passionate about the good work we were able to do for the kids. Shortly after, I got involved in some of the committees.

Why do you think people should consider getting involved with CSF?

CSF changes lives more directly than any organization that I know. The great equalizer in society is a good education. Without it, you fall behind. However, with a good education and hard work, you've got the fundamentals and the foundation to do anything. I have never seen or found a better way to directly transform the lives of kids and their families.

With the Catholic Schools Foundation, every dollar goes to help kids, and there's no greater gift and nothing more important than a good education.

What is your favorite thing about CSF's Annual Gala?

I love everything about the Gala! I love meeting the kids when I go up the escalator and see the sparkle in their eyes when they tell me about their artwork or their science project, because they're so proud.

The student stories are always very moving and inspirational. The gala is an amazing night that changes the lives of so many scholars and their families.



As a Jewish benefactor, what drew you to supporting Catholic education specifically?

As a Jewish donor what differentiates the Catholic schools beyond exemplary education is the fact that Judeo-Christian values are not only taught every day, but they're lived every day. In every classroom and school I've been to, there is a vibe that you feel. You just feel the love.

We create good citizens in our Catholic schools. We create people of faith. We create people who want to give back. You're being taught to love your neighbor as yourself. The whole notion of asking, 'What would Jesus do?' — it seems to me that whether you take him as Lord and Savior or not, if you follow his guidelines, you will do OK.

You have generously put CSF in your will, why is it important to you and for other donors to do the same thing?

My most important philanthropic effort is the Catholic Schools Foundation. I have been donating consistently to the mission for over 20 years and feel blessed to have been able to increase my gifts over that period.

A good chunk of your life will continue into perpetuity and that is what prompts me to make sure that CSF is in my estate plan. No matter what happens they can count on me, whether I'm dead or alive, to show up every year for the kids.

Scan the QR code to read the full interview.



YOUR PLANNED GIFT CHANGES LIVES!



Planned Giving plays a crucial role in CSF's mission by ensuring all kids receive a lifetime of opportunities and access to high-quality education for years to come and it allows our team to strategically plan for the future.

We believe that a strong education is key to breaking the cycle of poverty and leading a happy, successful life. Your planned gift leaves an indelible mark on the lives of these students, ensuring they have the tools they need to thrive.

One of the most common and simple ways to make a planned gift is through a bequest. A bequest is a gift you make from your will or trust and will leave a lasting legacy.

"You've been giving \$10,000 a year forever, and you want to make sure that no kid is going to be turned away because your \$10,000 isn't showing up this year because you have passed. If you leave \$200,000 to the Catholic Schools Foundation in your estate plan, that is enough money to make sure that the foundation will have \$10,000 a year to spend forever. By doing this, you are creating a real legacy."

- Rick Henken

To learn more about planned giving and how you can leave a lasting legacy that will transform the lives of low-income students in Greater Boston, visit www.csfboston.org/planned-giving.



GALA CHAIRS SPOTLIGHT: RENEE & MIKE MINOGUE

This year, CSF is thrilled to have Renee, CSF Trustee, and Mike Minogue, President & CEO of Minogue Consulting, LLC, and Retired Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer of Abiomed, as event chairs of the 34th Annual Building Minds Scholarship Fund Gala. Renee and Mike are dedicated supporters of CSF and our mission to transform the lives of in-need students across Greater Boston.



1. Why did you decide to get involved with CSF?

Peter Lynch introduced us to Catholic Schools Foundation and we were instantly drawn to the mission and its transformative impact on communities. We deeply appreciate how CSF champions Catholic schools and the children they serve. We recognize the mutual benefits: schools thrive with increased enrollment while students and families gain access to a faith-based education that nurtures their spiritual and academic growth.

2. Why is CSF's mission important to you?

Cardinal Sean O'Malley recently commented, "No institution has been as effective in elevating people from poverty to the middle class as Catholic schools." This reinforces our belief in the transformative power of faith based learning. Our foundation's mission is aligned with CSF's dedication to expanding access to faith based schools for children.

3. Why do you think people should consider getting involved with CSF?

The Catholic Schools Foundation has an incredibly professional and dedicated team who lead with integrity and honor and a steadfast commitment to the students they support. Their dedication to fiscal responsibility is commendable, and it is particularly admirable that nearly every dollar raised goes directly to student scholarships.

4. What is your favorite thing about CSF's Annual Gala?

The Gala is a blast! We love meeting so many wonderful students, hearing from the CSF leadership and reconnecting with friends. We encourage everyone to reserve a table and invite some friends; you will not be disappointed.

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MEET OUR SCHOLARS



This year, a film crew spent time in EBCCS interviewing CSF Scholars about their future aspirations and capturing the school's community. Stay tuned for this year's 34th Annual Building Minds Scholarship Fund Gala video where you will hear directly from Luisantonio and Carlos.

East Boston Central Catholic School (EBCCS)

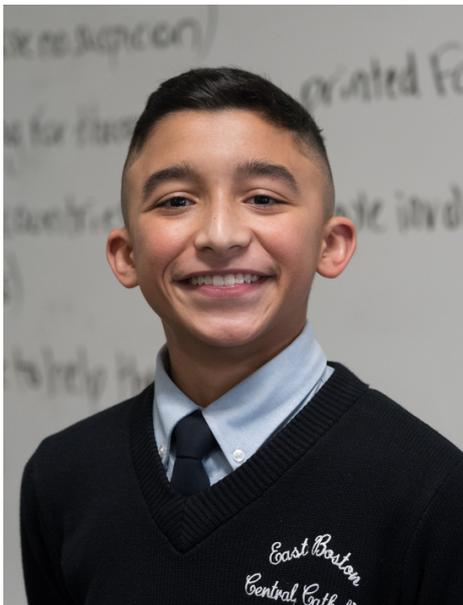


Luisantonio Rivero,
GO Scholar

Meet Luisantonio, a model honor roll student at EBCCS who is known for his hard work and the positive contributions he makes to both school and within his community. He is of good moral character and demonstrates leadership qualities.

Recognizing his tremendous determination and personal growth, Luisantonio has been chosen by his school leaders to receive CSF's Guaranteeing Opportunities (GO) Scholarship as he prepares to enter high school next year.

Through the GO Program, 15 financially in-need students graduating from CSF Sponsored elementary Schools are granted \$8,500 per year for tuition assistance at a Catholic high school within the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston. Donors are matched with students and receive regular updates on their progress.



Carlos Hincapie,
Inspiration Scholar

Meet Carlos, a high achieving Scholar at EBCCS who works hard to be the best student he can be and to consistently exceed expectations. Carlos is a contender for Valedictorian of his 8th grade class due to his determination and academic achievements.

Among only five eighth graders in the Archdiocese, Carlos was awarded CSF's Inspiration Scholarship. This is a need and merit-based award that the scholars will receive throughout their four years at an area Catholic High School. The Inspiration Scholarship fund provides up to 20 scholarships of \$10,000 each or the full cost of tuition.

Carlos looks forward to continuing his Catholic education high school next year!

Thank you for making it possible for CSF to change the lives of these schools, students and in our communities! There are more lives to change. Scan here to make a tax deductible donation.



BILL & JANE MOSAKOWSKI MATCH SUPPORT FOR THE BUILDING MINDS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Catholic Schools Foundation is excited to announce that Bill, CSF Trustee, and Jane Mosakowski will match one-to-one all new and increased support to the Building Minds Scholarship Fund up to \$500K!

Thanks to Bill of Jane's generosity, all new sponsorships, ticket purchases, and donations to the event will have double the impact and provides in-need students with brighter futures and a lifetime of opportunities through a high-quality Catholic education!

To register for the event and double your gift, scan the QR code or visit www.csfboston.org/34annualgala

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