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HOPE FUTURE

Our mission: Hope for the Future helps to make the proven benefits of a Catholic School Education available to economically disadvantaged children. Through tuition assistance and grants for programs and technology, Hope for the Future supports the 45 Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of San Antonio.

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1,600 More Children will Attend a Catholic School

With the unyielding support of benefactors and volunteers, Hope for the Future has had a successful year and will continue to help families across the Archdiocese of San Antonio give their children a Catholic school education.

Hope for the Future has been blessed to receive \$1.5 million from generous people, foundations, businesses, and parishes in our community. With this funding, 1,600 more children will receive tuition assistance to attend the Catholic school of their choice in this school year.

Jose is a Hope for the Future recipient and he makes the most of this opportunity by excelling in school. He has 100% attendance, straight A's



and takes dual credit classes through St. Phillips College. Jose's dream is to become a physician and he says **"I want to give my first paycheck to Hope for the Future."**

Jose's mother, works very hard to give her children opportunities she did not have as a child. Jose is attending a Catholic school thanks

to Hope for the Future tuition assistance.

Hope for the Future continues funding the education dreams of thousands of local children with the help from our giving community that supports and values the importance of a Catholic school education. Your donation helps a child walk through the doors of a Catholic school.



Herrera's to Co-Chair Khaki & Plaid Party 2012

Perfect Attendance is Expected

Who wears their uniform to a party? Catholic School Alumni! It's time to break out your favorite plaids and khakis and attend one of the most anticipated alumni reunions of the year! Frank and Cecilia Herrera will Chair the **2012 Khaki & Plaid Party**, Saturday, January 28 at The Vista at Valero.

The Herreras will follow in the footsteps of Clarence and Tina Kahlig, who Chaired last year's Khaki & Plaid Party, which brought in \$260,000. Funds from The Khaki & Plaid Party benefit the Hope for the Future Catholic school tuition assistance program, which, each year helps thousands of impoverished children attend the Catholic school of their choice. Frank is a long time

supporter of Catholic education, dedicating much of his time and resources to Central Catholic and his alma mater, St. Mary's University. He shares a law practice with his 2 sons, who are graduates of Mount Sacred Heart and Central Catholic. Frank's wife, Cecilia, a graduate of Incarnate Word, has served in the US Foreign Service for twenty-five years and is presently the consul general at the U.S. Embassy in Caracas, Venezuela.

Hope for the Future received over 2,400 applications for financial assistance - The Herrera's hope you will join them at The Khaki & Plaid 2012 and raise enough funds to give ALL financially deserving children the Catholic School Advantage!

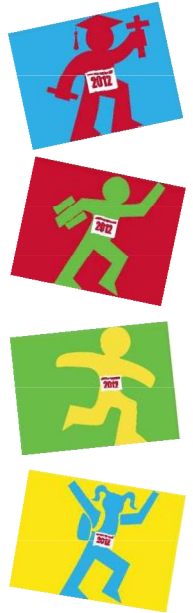
Anyone who sells a "Class of ____" Table receives a \$100 Commission from AAA Auger Plumbing!

Fifth Annual 5K Run/Walk and 1 Mile Fun-Run

I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race. I have kept the faith.

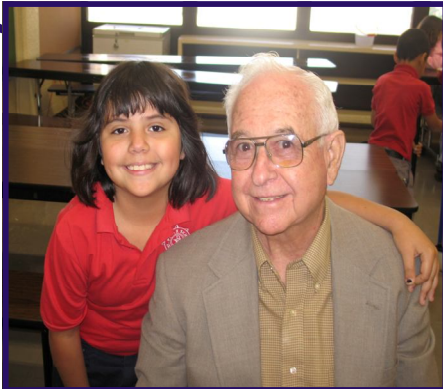
Timothy 4:7

Exercise is good for the body, but exercising for Catholic school education is good for the body *and* the soul! Hope for the Future will be holding the Fifth Annual 5K Run/Walk and 1 Mile Fun-Run on March 17th, 2012 at beautiful Brackenridge Park. The 5k run is an opportunity for families to burn up some energy together while raising up the funds for Catholic school education.



All proceeds from this event go towards the Hope for the Future Tuition Assistance Program to help families in-need send their children to the Catholic school of their choice.

Will you lace up your shoes and help Catholic School Education finish first? Registrations are available online at www.hopeforfuture.org.



Mauricio Gonzalez participates in the Hope for the Future Sponsor a Student Program.

He shares his favorite saying:
“No man stands as tall as when he stoops to help a child.”

Leaving a Legacy - Being a Good Steward

The U.S. Bishops tell us in their 1992 pastoral letter, *Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*, a Christian steward is someone who is grateful, responsible, generous and willing to give back to God with increase.

To that end, Planned Giving and Estate Planning are two excellent ways of being good and responsible stewards of the treasures which God so graciously gives to us. Planned giving is the integration of personal, financial and estate planning goals using lifetime or testamentary charitable giving.

Most people are familiar with the income tax deduction available for outright gifts of cash. Another outright gift

is the gift of **appreciated stock** where you receive a tax deduction for the market value of the stock and avoid the capital gains tax. A **bequest** is the simplest type of a planned gift to make and one of the easiest to implement. You can leave property to a charity, such as Hope for the Future, by including a bequest in your will or trust. It can be in the form of a specific asset bequest, a specific dollar amount or a bequest of a percent of the residue. **Life insurance** can be used to make a charitable gift by designating a charity as the beneficiary. There are two ways to use life insurance in charitable planning: you can purchase a new life insurance policy and name a charity as the irrevocable owner and beneficiary or, you can transfer an existing policy and name a charity as the policy's irrevocable owner and beneficiary.

Estate planning typically attempts to eliminate uncertainties over the administration of a probate and maximize the value of the estate by reducing taxes and other expenses. First and foremost, **everyone should have a will**. Statistics have shown that approximately 50% of Americans die without leaving a will. Having a will, trust, and other estate plans which reflect your current wishes

is vitally important. There are a number of different types of annuities and trusts which provide for estate planning while providing for charitable gifts. **Three common charitable gift instruments** are the gift annuity, the charitable remainder trust and the family lead trust. A **gift annuity** is an agreement through which you make a gift of cash or property and a charity agrees to make fixed payments for one or two individuals. A **charitable remainder trust** receives cash or property from you, makes payments for your lifetime or a specified term of years, then distributes the remainder to a charity.

A **family lead trust** receives cash or property from you and makes payments to a charity for a specified period, then distributes the trust property to a designated beneficiary or beneficiaries, usually family members.

There is no substitute for the advice of an attorney when making a will and other estate plans. An attorney can suggest ways to avoid settlement delays and reduce estate taxes, probate costs, and other expenses.

Contributed by Jeff Jung, President, Catholic Community Foundation

Hope for the Future Alumni Spotlight



Sabrina:

**Hope for the Future Najim Scholar
Providence Class of 2011**



What has been the greatest benefit of your Catholic school education?

“The greatest benefit from my Catholic education was that Providence Catholic School has truly prepared me for college. The skills I learned throughout the four years were the best skills anyone could ever ask for. The teachers work with you one on one; they help you if you don't understand the material. The teachers will also push you if they know you can do better, which is also one of the great things that has built me.”

Do you have a favorite memory from Providence?

“My favorite memory at Providence is when I started dancing, I thought I was going to hate the class. I ended up being in love with the class and took it for two more years after I did Beginner Dance with Mrs. Gonzales. Dance helped me build character, strength, and allowed my soul to take over. My other favorite memory at Providence was playing on the Varsity Volleyball team for four years. Volleyball built me just as dance did, except it gave me strength and determination. I found how far I can push myself through a tough work out and I found that if I could do that on the court, then I could do it in the class room.”

What are your plans now that you have graduated?

“I am attending the University of the Incarnate Word; I plan on becoming a Nurse, specializing in cardiology. I will also have a work-study with the Wellness Center to help out the expense of college for my mother. I plan on joining the Intramural Volleyball Club Team.”

What has been the greatest benefit of your Catholic school education?

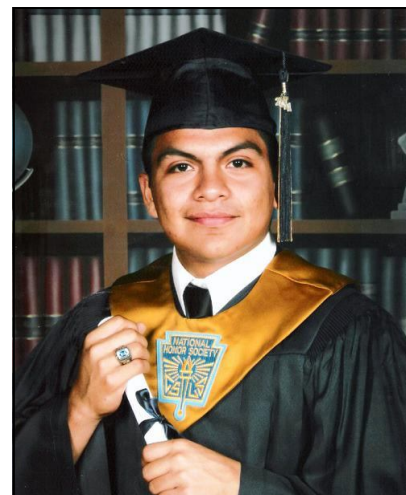
“Through my Catholic school education, I was given the chance to move forward in my faith. I also feel that it adequately prepared me for college and life after college. As opposed to public school, private school prepared me to further my education, but also prepared me with lessons that I will carry with me throughout my life.”

Do you have a favorite memory from Holy Cross?

“My favorite memory from Holy Cross is simply the family atmosphere that epitomizes the school. This feeling of family and togetherness is something that I experienced for 7 years and will never forget. This is something that I feel I would not have experienced had I attended another school. Having this family atmosphere brought about comfort which allowed for a better learning environment.”

What are your plans now that you have graduated?

“Now that I have graduated, I am attending St. Mary's University where I am majoring in accounting. I am going to try out for the basketball team. I look forward to living the college life and making many more memories. It is a big step in my life that I feel I am ready for thanks, to Hope for the Future and my Holy Cross education.”



John:

**Hope for the Future Najim Scholar
Holy Cross Class of 2011**

A Note from Director, Julie Seguin

Dear Friends of Hope for the Future,

With a gracious and happy heart, I bid you thanks for your dedication to

at some of our upcoming and FUN events.

Meanwhile, picture this: San Antonio in 15-20 years when the current crop of Hope for the Future students have graduated from Catholic school and are the family, civic, business and Church leaders of our community—the cycle of poverty in their neighborhood has been turned into a cycle of positive growth and independence. Education will change a life and the life of a city.

Ok, right now it's a dream, but YOU make it more of a reality everyday, thanks to YOUR generosity and

prayers, the hard work of many Catholic school parents, teachers and alumni, and the support of Archbishop Gustavo, Bishop Cantú and our Board of Directors. Hope for the Future students ARE the future of our community and with the blessings many of you have bestowed upon them and our schools, San Antonio has a very bright future!

God bless,

Julie
Julie Seguin



“For I know well the plans I have in mind for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare, not for woe! Plans to give you a future full of hope.”

Jeremiah 29:11

perpetuating the Catholic School Advantage for the thousands of children and families Hope for the Future is helping with tuition assistance for their Catholic schooling. It has been a pleasure meeting many of you this past year and I hope we will see each other

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Upcoming Events:

Special Collection:

Sunday, Oct. 9
All Masses at YOUR Parish

Mamas & Mistletoe:

Christmas Shopping on the Creek
Thursday, Nov. 3, 2011
5:00 pm-8:00 pm
Salado Creek Boutique, Los Patios

Showcase of Catholic Schools:

Saturday, Nov. 12, 2011
Noon to 3:00 pm
Ingram Park, Rolling Oaks &
South Park Malls

Khaki & Plaid Party:

Saturday, Jan. 28, 2012
6:30 pm
The Vista at Valero Center

5th Annual 5K Run

Saturday, March 17, 2012
9:00 am
Brackenridge Park

Mothers of Hope

Hope for the Future - **Mothers of Hope** is dedicated to enhancing Catholic school education through prayer, service projects and tuition assistance. With the help of Mothers who have a heart for Catholic education, we will have an opportunity to improve the environment for learning, provide resources to students who are otherwise financially unobtainable, increase enrollment, and create a 'Partnership' atmosphere among all Catholic schools.



Will you join the Mothers?

Annual Memberships:

Prayer Mama - 25 Rosaries
Mamacita - \$25
Super Mama - \$100
Madrina - \$500
Grand Mother - \$1000
Adoring Mama - 25 Hours Adoration

Monthly Tours:

- + **Sept. 13** - St. Gerard & Holy Name
- + **Sept. 15** - Holy Cross & St. Paul
- + **Oct. 20** - St. John Bosco/St. James the Apostle
- + **Nov. 10** - St. Thomas More/Providence
- + **Dec. 1** - Mothers of Hope General Meeting
- + **Dec. 13** - St. Gregory/St. Mary Magdalen
- + **Feb. 22** - St. Margaret Mary/Sacred Heart-Floresville
- + **Mar. 30** - St. Monica/John Paul II
- + **Apr. 10** - St. Cecilia/St. Philip of Jesus

You can Join Mothers of Hope at www.hopeforfuture.org or 210-734-1963