



Giving Parents a Choice Giving Children a Chance

Celebrating 20 years of Children's Scholarship Fund

Keynote Speaker: Fr. John Jenkins, President, University of Notre Dame

Six hundred friends, supporters and advocates gathered at the Embassy Suites La Vista Conference Center on June 10 to celebrate the 20 year anniversary of Children's Scholarship Fund of Omaha.

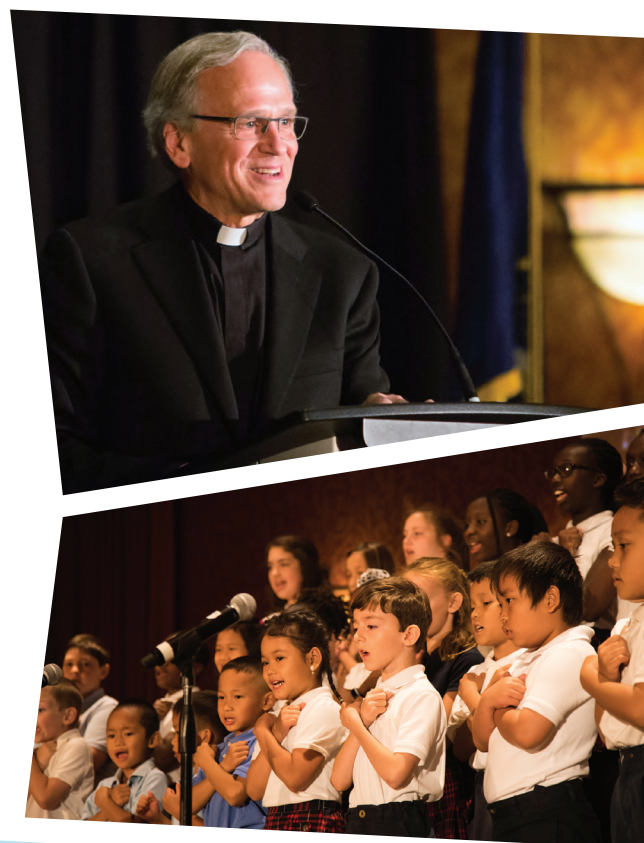
Our featured speaker was Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C. Fr. Jenkins was raised in Omaha and began his education at St. Pius X/St. Leo School. After graduating from Creighton Prep, he went on to earn undergraduate and advanced degrees from Notre Dame, a Doctorate of Philosophy from Oxford University, and a Master of Divinity and Licentiate in Sacred Theology from the Jesuit School of Theology. He was elected in 2005 as the University of Notre Dame's 17th President.

Fr. Jenkins spoke about his personal connection with CSF. "A close collaborator with Tal Anderson in the founding of CSF was Bill Kizer. I grew up next door to Bill and his family, and had tremendous admiration for him. Bill was always committed to a cause that would make people better and would make their lives better."

At the event Fr. Jenkins asked the audience to think about the sacrifices we must make for a good education. "Giving an education to those in need demands sacrifices from the parents of the children and from the teachers and administrators who work so hard with limited resources and pay. It demands sacrifices from each of you who support Children's Scholarship Fund. What gift could we give that would be more gratifying?"

If you would like to make a gift to Children's Scholarship Fund, please use the enclosed envelope or call us at 402-819-4990.

2019 CHILDREN'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND OF OMAHA **CHANCE** Luncheon



Much to Fr. Jenkins' delight, a choir from St. Pius X/St. Leo featuring CSF scholarship recipients entertained the luncheon guests.

A Note from Executive Director, Joel Long



Thank you to all 600 attendees and the numerous supporters of our 20th Anniversary Celebration! The CHANCE luncheon was especially amazing this year thanks to you. Over \$375,000 was raised – a new record! – to support partial-tuition scholarships for children from low-income families. We give special thanks to our Presenting Sponsor, Mutual of Omaha Bank, keynote speaker Fr. John Jenkins and honorary chairs the Tal and Mary Joy Anderson Family. A video celebrating the Andersons and our 20 year history was premiered at the event. Be sure to view it at csfomaha.org.

While we have much to celebrate, we still have challenges to face now and in the next 20 years. By the time you read this, we will have sent letters to over 1,600 children informing them they have been awarded scholarships for the fall school year but nearly 300 children will receive the news there just wasn't enough funding to help them this year. We need your help to say yes to more students. Please consider making a gift, telling a friend about CSF, or remembering CSF in your estate plan. Here's to 20 more years of giving parents a choice and children a chance!

The Beginning of Children's Scholarship Fund

Memories from Judy Tamisiea and Archbishop Emeritus Elden Curtiss

Children's Scholarship Fund of New York, our national partner, was founded in 1998 by the late Ted Forstmann and the late John Walton. Their goal was to enable parents to choose the type of education that best fit their children's needs, regardless of income. They began reaching out to select cities across America, offering a \$1 million challenge grant to establish a CSF chapter in their area.



Archbishop Emeritus Elden Curtiss

"The Archdiocese was asked to find matching funds to begin a project to help needy families be able to attend private school. I couldn't say no to such a marvelous proposal."

"We had no idea in the beginning what kind of tremendous impact Children's Scholarship Fund would have on so many children."



Judy Tamisiea, first Executive Director of Children's Scholarship Fund

"Tal Anderson believed our inner-city private schools were anchors in their neighborhood, and very important to our community. He also believed we had great public schools, but that families were entitled to a choice."

"Bill Kizer had a passion for CSF, and he was Tal's partner in raising \$1 million from our 13 founders. It only took about six weeks! No one could really say no to Tal or to Bill."

"I want to say thank you for your continued support of Children's Scholarship Fund of Omaha."

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The “First Family” of Children’s Scholarship Fund

The Tal and Mary Joy Anderson Family Honored at Luncheon

When an organization finds a champion, they consider themselves fortunate. When that champion is also a founder of the organization, a long-time board member, a major donor AND has passed along his passion to his entire family, who also give their time, talent and treasure? That is extraordinary.

For our 20th Anniversary celebration, our board of directors looked for an appropriate way to honor “the first family” of Children’s Scholarship Fund. Each year, we honor outstanding students at our luncheon. The awards we present represent initiative, perseverance and leadership. We realized those are qualities any of us would use to describe the Anderson family. **In honor of the Andersons, Children’s Scholarship Fund is pleased to announce the re-naming of our awards as the Tal and Mary Joy Anderson Family Rising Star and Inspiring Alumnus awards.**

Mary Joy was asked why she has supported CSF for over 20 years. “I’d like to change the world for the better. How do I do that? We can do it by getting to our youth early on, teach them good morals and give them a good education.”

Mary Joy had a final request when she spoke at the CHANCE luncheon: “Please be good ambassadors and tell other people about Children’s Scholarship Fund, because it’s so important.”



Executive Director Joel Long presents Mary Joy Anderson with a numbered print created especially for CSF by artist Bill Hoover.



**L to R 1st row: Isaiah Anderson, Eden Anderson, Esther Anderson.
L to R 2nd row: Peter Quinn, Tal Quinn, Asher Anderson, Krista and Mickey Anderson, Noah Anderson, Lisa Anderson, Mary Joy Anderson, Sean and Angie Quinn.**



Children’s Scholarship Fund of Omaha provides partial tuition assistance scholarships so children from low-income families can access the private or parochial K-8 education of their choice.

The Tal and Mary Joy Anderson Family Rising Star Award Winners

Awards were presented to students who showed character, perseverance, outstanding leadership, overcame personal or academic obstacles and helped make their school a better place to learn.



TA BLAE BLUT

Ta Blae Blut is a fourth-grade student at St. Pius X/St. Leo School. She is a refugee from Thailand who has been in the United States for less than four years. When she joined St. Pius X/St. Leo in the first grade, she knew very little English. Today, not only does she speak fluently, she has helped teach English to her parents and fellow students from Thailand. Recently, she even made a speech in front of almost 200 people at an event honoring her teacher. Ta Blae is a joyful student who brings positivity to all aspects of her life.

Lily Ewing is a fourth-grade student at Cornerstone Christian School. She is the oldest of six children and is a sweet caretaker of her younger siblings. Lily's mother and both grandmothers were teachers so it's no surprise Lily is self-motivated, eager to learn and has all A's in her classes. She is also a talented musician—she plays piano, sings solos, and enjoys recruiting her fellow students in order to organize music shows, complete with choreography. Lily has a kind and caring nature. At the beginning of the school year, Lily went out of her way to make a new student feel welcome by sitting with her at lunch and playing with her at recess.



LILY EWING

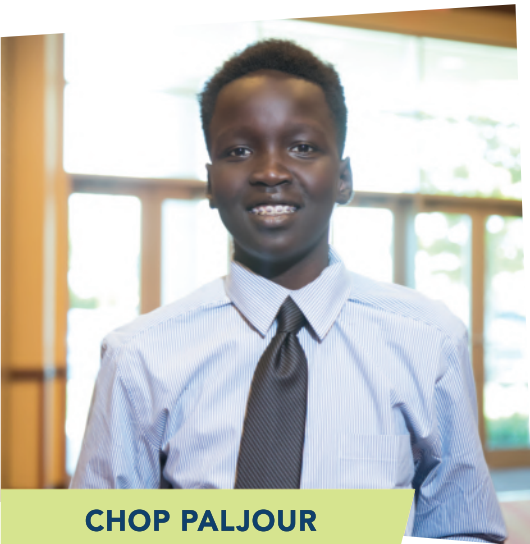


VALENTINA GARZA

Valentina Garza is a third-grade student at St. Michael's School in South Sioux City, Nebraska. Valentina is a great example of perseverance. She began kindergarten at St. Michael's not knowing English but has thrived in her learning. In fact, she was the first in her third grade class to complete a fifth grade reading and language program—and she did it in English! She shares her knowledge by helping other children in her class who are struggling and she always has a smile on her face. Her teacher says Valentina stands out because she is humble, caring and kind as well as being a great student.

Please use the enclosed envelope to make a donation.

Remember CSF in your estate planning. For more information, please contact the CSF office: 402.819.4990.



CHOP PALJOUR

Chop Paljour is an eighth-grade student at All Saints Catholic School. Chop is the youngest of seven children and for most of his life has been raised by his father after his mother passed away when Chop was only four years old. Chop has always been positive, kind and upbeat. He took on the leading role in Aladdin last year as the genie, he has been a member of the basketball team for many years, he sings in the school choir and participates in the TeamMates mentoring program. His nominator says, "I firmly believe he will make the world a better place when given his chance."



ANDRE ROBINSON

Andre Robinson is a sixth-grade student at Jesuit Academy. He comes from a household of four siblings and a single mother. He has flourished over the past few years at Jesuit Academy, both socially and academically. He was on the honor roll this year and is a wonderful reader and writer. He pushes past every limitation in front of him and maintains a sense of humor throughout any hardship. His teachers describe him as a student who has grown significantly and continues to prove that he is willing to work hard to succeed.

Brienne Fanta



The Tal and Mary Joy Anderson Family Inspiring Alumnus

Brienne Fanta is from Creighton—a small town in northeast Nebraska with a population of 1,300. She attended St. Ludger Catholic School on a CSF scholarship and has always been tenacious in her academic excellence. She served as Vice President of the Student Council, Senior Class President and National Honor Society President, alongside many extracurricular activities. Brienne has received a full ride scholarship to Wayne State and plans to study sonography. She gave a wonderful speech at the CHANCE luncheon, and spoke of her goals and her gratitude to donors.

"My parents thought it was a worthwhile sacrifice to pay for my education there, with help from the Children's Scholarship Fund. When I was in sixth grade I told my parents that I was going to graduate as the valedictorian of 2019—and with the great start I had at St. Ludger, I was able to accomplish my goal! I would like to thank everyone who has graciously made donations to Children's Scholarship Fund. Your support has helped my family tremendously. This is such a meaningful investment, and you are truly making a difference in many people's lives."

If you would like to invest in the education of students like Ta Blae, Lily, Valentina, Chop, Andre and Brienne, please use the enclosed envelope or call us at 402-819-4990.

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Scholarships for the 2018–2019 School Year

TOTAL PAID:
1,649 students
\$2,638,316.56 million in scholarships

SCHOOLS SUPPORTED:
78 Schools – 45 in the Omaha metro
and 33 in rural Northeast Nebraska

Scholarships from 1999 to the 2018–19 School Year

High School Graduation Survey (Class of 2018)

100% of survey respondents graduated high school
84% went on to post-secondary education
(60% percent went on to a four-year university
and 24% went on to a vocational/community college)
6% joined the workforce and
10% responded as other/uncertain

Total Scholarships: 36,000
Total Amount: \$35,039,059.71
Metro: \$29,216,061.27



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