This year Alums & Friends & Families (A&F&F) raised over $136,000 for tuition assistance for students at Community of Saints Regional Catholic School. That brings the cumulative total raised by the group to over $965,000 since 2007–08. That means we just need to raise $55,000 more to reach $1 million. Congratulations everybody — you all made it happen!

The direct result of our success can be seen in the hundreds of students with a Catholic education whose families could not have afforded it without assistance. In other words, the money has been invested in kids.

Fr. Steve Adrian, retired pastor of St. Matthew’s Church and chair of the A&F&F committee, says the fundraising success is consistent with the character of the community. “This has always been a place where people look out for their neighbors,” said Fr. Steve. “Even though they may not have a lot of wealth, folks here are willing to share what resources they have.”

When A&F&F formed a committee in 2007, the initial goal was to support St. Matthew’s School by increasing enrollment and raising funds to cover widespread tuition.
Dear Alums and Friends and Families,

This issue of “The Good News” is being sent to all parish members of St. Michael, St. John Vianney, Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Matthew.

Community of Saints Regional Catholic School is the parish school for all four parishes; all four parishes are sponsors of the school, all four parishes are responsible for the funding of the school and families from all four parishes and their children make up the Community of Saints family.

Alums & Friends & Families has only one purpose. We seek to raise the funds necessary to assist low and middle income families pay tuition at Community of Saints School.

This effort began at Saint Matthew, and now must reach out and incorporate all four of our sponsoring parishes.

I invite persons from each parish to participate in the steering committee that helps fund tuition for our students.

Many of our students need tuition help and our joint efforts to raise those funds will make it possible for the families of our parishes to have a Catholic education for their children.

We are close to having raised $1,000,000 for tuition assistance. This issue lists past year contributors as part of our annual report. The Alums and Friends are generous people. They realize the gift they have received and wish to give back to others.

We need to develop alum lists from each parish. We need to reconnect with alums and allow alums to reconnect with each other. We need to find ways to encourage alums to help children of today receive the high quality Catholic education that they enjoyed.

To meet this challenge I invite alums, friends and families from the four sponsoring parishes to become part of A&F&F.

Thanks a million,
Father Steve Adrian
Chair, Alums & Friends & Families

A&F Is Now A&F&F!

We’ve added “Families” to Alums & Friends to include the growing number of supporters helping us reach our goals. Whether it’s the extended families of our friends, alums or students, we don’t want to leave anyone out. Thanks to all for your ongoing support!

SAVE THE DATE!

An Evening Under the Stars
2015 Community of Saints Benefit

Saturday, February 7, 2015
Join the COS Community to Celebrate and Support Our School!

We’re still working out the details but this is what we know for sure:

Where: St. Matt’s Social Hall at Robie & Hall

What: An evening with food, drink, entertainment and a silent auction

Cost: $30 per ticket

Why: To have fun and support COS

For more information: 651-457-2510 or email news@communityofsaints.org.
Look for updates at Community of Saints.
What Makes COS Great?
Here are a few things!

- **Talented Teachers!** 70% of COS staff have advanced degrees.
- **Bilingual Masses** twice a year.
- **Students are STARS** who demonstrate Safety, Teamwork, Accountability & Respect.
- **Student Led Mass** every week.
- **Diverse Student Body**
- **Champion-ship Teams!**
- **Students Serve Others!** COS students & families at Feed My Starving Children.
- **Preschool Accredited by NAEYC**
- **Great Volunteers!**
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Over $136,000 Raised This Year for COS Tuition Assistance

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Over 90% of COS families rely on some tuition assistance to afford Catholic school for their children. Your donations make that possible. Help us reach the $1 million mark this year! We just need $55,000 to get there. Thanks for your ongoing support!

**PILLAR — $15,000+**
- Roy & Joann Ferber 1959 +

**PACESETTER — $10,000–$14,999**
- Tom & Mary Cullen McKeown +

**LEADER — $5,000–$9,999**
- Boss Foundation +
- Bonita & Bill Frels
- John Riehle 1957 +
- Kent Family Charitable Trust

**EDUCATOR — $2,500–$4,999**
- Susan and Anthony Alleva 1956
- Hugh & Jackie Cosgrove
- Joe Cullen 1978
- John Nasseff

**SUSTAINER — $1,000–$2,499**
- Father Steve Adrian
- John Curran 1950 +
- John Ferber 1956
- Jim Kunz 1955 +
- Joseph Mansur 1961 +
- Anne Cullen Miller 1977
- Tom Rolewicz, Jr 1975
- Jerry & Marilyn Sexton 1944 +

**BUILDER — $500–$999**
- Jim and Denise Ferber Bohrer 1972 & 73
- Mark DeVecchio 1973 +
- Mary Jane Ferber 1962 +
- Elizabeth Richardson French 1961 +
- Daniel and Elizabeth Gangl 1975
- Larry & Andrea McGough
- Steve and Anita McKeown
- Harriet Campa Murphy 1946
- **Joe Nasseff 1960**
- Tom and Mary O’Neill 1958
- Geoffrey (Lloyd) Edwards 1958
- Gary & Shawn Eilefson
- Roxann Bohrer Eiler
- Lawrence & Carol Crisman Engelmann 1952
- **John Frank 1954**
- Christa and Steven Gangl
- Joan Tanzer Gennero 1949
- Kathleen Ferber Gobeli 1966
- James Guldan 1946
- **Mary Vogel Hellermann 1956**
- David E. Herman 1945
- Andrea Hinding 1956
- Robert Hinze 1961 +
- **Allan Isaacs 1955**
- Fr. Brad Jenniges, OSB 1976
- Susan Miller Jensen 1961
- Karen Ketchmark Kachel 1961
- Patricia Werden Karels 1954
- Sharon Ferber Koran 1957
- Mike Kosit 1957
- Mary Ann Kosel 1960 +
- Janet Leibl Lackner 1956
- Bernie Lancaster 1961 +
- **Thomas Landsberger 1952**
- George Lang 1956
- **Mary Leibl 1964**
- Krisy & Doug Lieser
- John Mauerer
- David McDonald 1968
- **Mark McKeown**
- Eleanor McSherry 1932
- Peter Mikkalsen
- Eileen Norton
- **Mary Frank O’Brien 1965**
- Mary K. Orme
- **Anthony Palumbo 1966**
- Marguerite Pedersen +
- Larry Poppler
- Margarita Abel Probst 1964 +
- **Tom Quinlan**
- **Barbara K. Rau**
- Darlene Rauschnot
- Stephen and Angela Richardson
- Daniel Riehle 1968
- Patricia Palon Rolewicz 1954
- Ralph Roubal 1950
- Chris Schletty 1950
- Tom Schmidt 1962
- Mike Schneider 1955
- Richard Schoenberger 1939
- Linda Egner Sill 1964
- **Tony Sitzmann 1957**
- Georgene Schaps Sorenson 1960 +
- Janice Cooper Spear 1967
- Jack St. Martin 1936
- **Thomas Stehr 1958**
- Dwayne E. Strandberg +
- Becky Tarbox +
- Mary Pat Toprithofer 1975
- Dwaine Troje 1955
- Charlene Stefaniak Vitelli 1956
- Jim Vogel 1956 +
- Lynn Volkenant
- Terry Votel 1956 +
- Peter Willems 1943 +
- Fr. Richard Wolter
- Marlene Hudalla Yarusso 1950 +

**bold = first time donor**
**+ = 7 year donor**
**† = Memorial**
**Catholic Community Foundation Awards Legacy Impact Grant to COS**

President/Alum Explains Why Support Matters

This Fall the Catholic Community Foundation announced that COS was one of eight Catholic elementary schools to be awarded a Legacy Impact Grant to support tuition assistance. Foundation president and St. Matthew’s Alum Anne Cullen Miller (’77) delivered the check herself and took a few minutes to talk about her views on Catholic education and why the Foundation is making its support a priority. Here is what Anne had to say:

“I believe so strongly that Catholic education is different from secular education because of its emphasis on the development of the whole child. It’s about helping children learn to be people of faith who live their life leaning into their values and modeling the life that Jesus calls us to live.

That calling is reflected in the mission of urban Catholic schools today. If you look back at the history of Catholic education, you’ll see it started by serving immigrant communities. It required a financial model that isn’t possible now — the nuns served as wonderful educators in our parish communities for free. As Catholics, we’re challenged to be as entrepreneurial as the women religious who laid the groundwork for evangelization through Catholic education. We have to find a new model that efficiently makes quality Catholic education widely available in all our communities.

If we can’t find a way to do that now, we will not fulfill our mission as Catholics. COS and other urban schools may be the only chance some kids have to be exposed to the faith and if we miss that opportunity we don’t get it back.”
assistance. As committee member Doug Lieser recalls, the message at the time was simple. “We told families, if you think you can’t afford our school, think again,” said Lieser. “We raised money so any family who wanted a Catholic education at our school could get it.” Within the first two years, the group raised $270,000 for tuition assistance and increased enrollment by 50 students.

When St. Matthew’s School combined with St. John Vianney and St. Michael’s schools, the mission stayed the same. Many donors recognized that while the building had changed, the need hadn’t and they continued to support tuition assistance for students.

It has always been an audacious goal to say that no student will be turned away for lack of funds. But with the support of our many donors over the past seven years, that goal has been achieved. At Community of Saints, every student is welcome.

We ask for your help in reaching $1 million in the next few weeks. If you think there is value in Catholic education, help us make it available to more students. Whether you’re paying it back, paying it forward or paying it off, join us in working to fulfill our ongoing audacious goal.

It’s easy to give — just use the enclosed envelope or donate online at communityofsaints.org/supportourschool.

Thanks to everyone for your continued support!
Men’s Club Gives a Big Cheer and Big Bucks for COS Athletics

Recently some COS athletes dropped by to thank the St. Matt’s Men’s Club for their financial support and show off some of the championship trophies the school has won as a result. For many years the Men’s Club sponsored athletics and other activities at St. Matthew’s School. Now they direct their support to Community of Saints.

“Our funding goes for uniforms, equipment, coaches’ stipends and the like,” explained long-time member Steve Grundei. “We budget $6,000 per year to support whatever the school needs for athletic costs.” The group also has a history of pitching in for non-athletic activities. They’ve covered the costs for buses, 8th grade graduation events and school field trips.

The Men’s Club is one of the most generous groups because they’re also one of the hardest working. They are prodigious fundraisers and are constantly hosting events to support their philanthropy with activities like meat raffles, bingo parties, parking cars for Cinco de Mayo and hosting St. Matt’s Lenten Fish Fry, dubbed one of the Twin Cities Best by the Pioneer Press. Their events are both successful and fun because everyone pitches in, and no one goes home hungry.

For anyone interested in learning more, the Men’s Club hold their monthly meetings at St. Matt’s Social Hall at 8 pm on the second Wednesday of every month. Good guys with big hearts and helping hands are always welcome.

Naming Students in Sr. Carlissa’s 1942 1st Grade Class

In the last issue we asked readers to name students in this photo. We’re missing a few but the following names were submitted by Pat Wallace Payson and Kathy Walsh Dittle.

ROW 1
Marion Vogel
Joan Mahoney
Mary Lethert
Rosalie Wachtler
Patricia Wallace
Barbara Matchynski
Patricia Weigel
Erinda Campa

ROW 2
Rosemary Haider
Marlys Dressler
Marlene Martineau
Unknown
Mary Jane Goneau
Jean Fishbach
Jane O’Tremba

ROW 3
Michael Huntress
Eugene Bittrick
John Evans
Bill Yeseck (we think)
Patrick Leahy
Ralph Wachtler
Unknown
Paul Blaser

ROW 4
James Weiss
Raymond Hall
Unknown
John Lannon
Unknown
Tom Mosso
Unknown
Unknown

ROW 5
Billy Delaugherty
Bernard Wiffer
James Winehandel
Lawrence Blaser
Theodore
Ketchmark
Edward Jacobs
John Curran

STANDING
Kathleen Walsh
Jean Monzel
Unknown

“We had a fun afternoon trying to remember the names and faces of former classmates and shared some good memories about them. Maybe others can fill in the missing names. It would be so great to hear from them again!”

— Pat Wallace Payson (‘49) and Kathy Walsh Dittle (‘49)
Recognize any of these students?

Pat Wallace Payson (8th grade ‘49) submitted this 1951 photo of St. Matt’s 10th grade class. How many can you name? Let us know: Alums@communityofsaints.org or send by mail to Alums & Friends & Families, PO Box 7005, St. Paul, MN 55107-0005