

**FY 2019 ANNUAL REPORT** 

### 20 YEARS.

Children's Scholarship Fund Baltimore celebrated its 20th anniversary this year. We are proud and grateful.

These 20 years funded change that impacted communities. Touched the lives of low-income Baltimore families. Served more than 7,650 individual students. Provided school choice. A better education. A solid chance for success. We've been celebrating by sharing stories. And we proudly highlight a few here.

# #20years #20stories

Thank you to all those who shared stories, quotes and photos to help us celebrate our 20th year. Visit our website, **csfbaltimore.org/blog** and social media pages to see them all. A special thank you to **Pixel Workshop** for producing our beautiful 20th anniversary video, and to **insight180 brand consulting & design** for our anniversary logo design and marketing outreach.



#### DEAR FRIENDS OF CSFB,

We have just concluded an amazing 20th anniversary year and are immensely proud of our accomplishments. We completed a successful fundraising campaign to Fund the Future chaired by Tom and Dori Kelso; our students maintained exceptionally high graduation rates; and we implemented a new, earlier timeline for notifying our families of their financial support from CSFB.

We are here because of the commitment of our staff and Board of Trustees who work diligently to tell our story to others and guide the organization.

CSFB must acknowledge one of our trustees this year in sincere gratitude for his service, commitment and dedication. Matthew Wyskiel has worn many hats for CSFB during his 16 years of service: Board Chair and Treasurer, Finance Committee Chair, and interim Executive Director. In 2015, Matt started the Baltimore Next Generation Investing Event, an annual fundraiser that has donated more than \$248,000 to CSFB and other school choice non-profit organizations in Baltimore.

Matt formally retired from our board in July but will continue his work with us on our Advisory Board and in overseeing and reviewing the investment of our Fund the Future assets.

Matt has had a tremendous influence on and been central to the success of CSFB; and we extend our heartfelt thanks.

We must also thank our Fund the Future Co-Chairs Tom and Dori Kelso who have led us in a successful three-year campaign that has raised over \$965,000 to ensure our program can make a commitment to our families through 8th grade. This campaign laid the groundwork to improve our financial stability and program sustainability.

Finally, we must thank all our donors large and small. Your commitment supports families who want education for their children that meet their needs and positions them to succeed in life.

Sincerely,

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Kate Rawson Powell Board Chair Beth Sandbower Harbinson
Executive Director



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"Equal opportunity for all children is a must. It's a moral necessity for our future. And school choice should allow a level playing field, I believe, for all children regardless of their income or their parents' income or their social status in the community."

- CSFB Founder Suzanna Duvall



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#### **ABOUT OUR PROGRAM**

CSFB knows that parents want to choose a school for their children that will meet their child's specific needs: socially, academically, emotionally, and structurally. Our mission is to provide that option to every family, regardless of income level. Concurrent with public education reforms in Baltimore, privately funded school choice remains an option that hundreds of families want for their children.

CSFB awards kindergarten-8th grade scholarships to low-income families without regard to gender, race, grades or test scores, ethnicity, or religious belief. The only requirements are that our families:

- · Meet CSFB income eligibility at or below 185% of the federal poverty level;
- · Contribute a minimum of \$500 per year per child in tuition;
- · Reside in Baltimore City, and;
- · Ensure that their children maintain a 90% attendance rate at school.

Once a scholarship is granted, families must determine how they will bridge the financial gap beyond the minimum \$500 requirement. The average family contribution is \$4,594 and nearly all CSFB families qualify for financial aid from the school.

Once a student is admitted to a school, CSFB makes scholarship payments directly to the school on behalf of the student. CSFB receives reports throughout the year from school administrators that confirm that the 90% attendance requirement has been met and, at year-end, we receive the grades of each of our scholars.

And once a family is in our program, as long as they continue to meet our residency and income requirements, any children in the family are eligible to receive scholarship assistance through 8th grade.



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OF OUR STUDENTS ARE AFRICAN AMERICAN, 34% ARE CAUCASIAN, 8% ARE HISPANIC AND 1% ARE ASIAN-AMERICAN



95%

OF CSFB GRADUATES TOP FIVE BALTIMORE OR MAGNET SCHOOLS



### 50%

OF OUR STUDENTS COME FROM SINGLE-PARENT HOMES WHERE THE HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD IS A OFTEN A FEMALE



7,648

NUMBER OF STUDENTS **SERVED IN 20 YEARS** 



\$14,233,192

AMOUNT OF TUITION ASSISTANCE PAID DIRECTLY TO SCHOOLS IN BALTIMORE

97.9%

OF OUR 8TH GRADERS GO ON TO GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL







NUMBER OF SCHOOLS **CSFB STUDENTS HAVE** ATTENDED

IS THE AVERAGE YEARLY **CONTRIBUTION FOR CSFB FAMILIES** 



275

SCHOLARSHIPS WERE **GRANTED TO LOW-INCOME** BALTIMORE CITY STUDENTS (2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR)



### 9 categories

OF SCHOOL AFFILIATION



#### 2018-2019 CSFB SCHOOLS



Archbishop Borders School Bais Yaakov School for Girls Baltimore Junior Academy B'nos Yisroel of Baltimore Cardinal Shehan Catholic School Carroll Christian School Cheder Chabad Darchei Noam Montessori Friends School of Baltimore Greater Grace Christian Academy Greater Youth Christian Academy H.O.P.E. Academy Holy Angels Catholic School Immaculate Heart of Mary Maryvale Preparatory School Mesivta Neimus HaTorah

Mt. Pleasant Christian School
Mt. Zion Baptist School
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Our Lady of Victory
Rosedale Baptist School
School of the Cathedral
Sisters Academy of Baltimore
St. Agnes School
St. Casimir Catholic School
St. Francis of Assisi
St. James & St. John Catholic
Elementary School

St. Joseph School (Fullerton)

St. Mark School

St. Michael/St. Clement
Catholic School
St. Peter's Christian Day School
St. Philip Neri School
St. Ursula School
Talmudical Academy of Baltimore
The Boys' Latin School of Maryland
The Lamb of God School
The Unselds' School
The Waldorf School of Baltimore
Torah Institute of Baltimore
Yeshivas Toras Simcha





"Going to private school for most of my life has given me a chance to really be myself. I was able to express myself in ways that I would have never been able to do in a public school.... [My] teachers were always focused on the students' work and learning and not on behavioral issues. I don't think I would've gotten that at my zoned school.

Also going to private schools exposed me to a wide range of people with many different backgrounds. I am very grateful for the opportunities that the Children's Scholarship Fund has given me. I know that [what I] learned in my private school education will carry over in college. I was accepted into 12 schools and will attend the University of Maryland College Park in the fall."

Justin Alston, Cardinal Shehan student, Baltimore School for the Arts 2015 graduate,
 and recent graduate of University of Maryland



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### #three

"My daughter and I got to meet Andra Day whose single Rise Up was nominated for a Grammy. She came to our school after the Cardinal Sheehan choir sang her song on Good Morning America. These experiences would not have been possible for my daughter without the help of funding from CSFB."

- CSFB Parent, Carla Cannac



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#### THE UNSELDS' SCHOOL

This school year was The Unselds' School's 40th year of teaching and learning! CSFB is proud to work with them to place students in an environment where they can learn to focus on their purpose at school and feel good about themselves. The Unselds' School Pledge, which is recited every morning, helps students really accept that they are unique and they should feel good about being unique.

It reminds them that they just have to believe in themselves and prepare themselves and that they should try to learn something new each day.

A portrait of one of the founders of the school, Connie Unseld, graces the lobby and watches over the students of the Unselds' School. The Unselds' School is truly family-centered; so much so that founder Connie's daughter Kim, following in her mother's footsteps, now serves as principal of the school.

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at the unselds'
school their motto is
every child
succeeds







84%

OF CSFB STUDENTS GO ON TO ATTEND COLLEGE

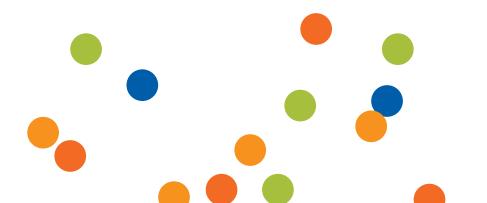


#### A SCHOLAR'S SUCCESS



CSFB participants go on to high school, and most go to college.

Take a look at Ju'waun, who grew up in a failing school district and whose mother decided he would go to a Catholic school. She reached out to CSFB to help make it possible. Ju'waun was able to attend St. Pius X School, and then later Calvert Hall College, where he maintained a high GPA and participated in afterschool activities, such as sports, the Black Awareness Club, and the National Honor Society for Spanish. He graduated from Loyola University of Maryland with a degree in English and a minor in Sociology. He also decided to give back to CSFB by spending two summers as its first-ever alumni intern. He helped create an alumni database and reached out to other alumni. This fall he began an apprenticeship at WJZ-TV in Baltimore.



# #five

"Thank you to all who value the importance of education. Because of the strength of my mother and assistance provided by CSFB, I had the opportunity to have a great primary and secondary education which provided the foundation for my academic success."

– Ju'waun Morgan, after graduating from Loyola University of Maryland, Class of 2019



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#### SUPPORTING CSFB



#### Fund the Future

In 2019, CSFB successfully completed a three-year, one million dollar campaign. Chaired by Tom and Dori Kelso, this funding makes earlier and expanded access to resources possible for families to help ensure their ability to have their children attend the school of their choice.

With scholarship funding now secured and available at the beginning of each school year, families have the ability to begin the school selection process in the fall prior to their enrollment year, allowing them to research school options, attend Open Houses, meet with teachers and staff to ensure the school is the best match for their children. Earlier access to scholarship support also provides additional time for our families to save and/or secure the resources necessary for their required contributions to tuition and other education-related expenses.

We thank our Fund the Future donors for their important and impactful contributions to the campaign.

To make first-time or ongoing contributions to Fund the Future, please designate your gift to the campaign.

Fund the Future Co-Chairs Tom & Dori Kelso





\$965,423 AMOUNT RAISED OVER THREE YEARS BY FUND THE FUTURE CAMPAIGN FOR CSFB FAMILIES



#### Baltimore Next Generation Investing Event 2018

The Baltimore Next Generation Investing Event showcases premier investors who present their top equity investment ideas of the moment. This unique event features speakers who rarely share their specific stock ideas in a public forum. These successful world-class investors agree to speak because proceeds from the event support four Baltimore non-profit organizations that help improve educational choices for local children: Children's Scholarship Fund Baltimore, Southwest Baltimore Charter School, KIPP: Baltimore, and Next One Up.

The event has raised over \$850,000 dollars since it started nine years ago.

#### The Gathering

The Gathering Food Truck events continue to support our work! CSFB received donations of over \$4,000 from these community-based events featuring food, fun, family, and entertainment!

#### High Scool Choice Seminar

CSFB partnered with the Y of Central Maryland and their Druid Hill staff to conduct this informative, hands-on seminar for Baltimore City middle school students and their families.

This annual event provides an opportunity for our families to learn more about the public and private school application processes for high school.

Our presenters discuss researching school rankings, graduation rates, and areas of study as well as the factors schools use when making admission decisions, especially for our families transitioning from private into public schools.

We are grateful to our presenters:

#### Jamila Sams

CSFB Trustee and President Go To Ms. Sams

#### Valerie Grays

CSFB Trustee and Student Life Advisor Baltimore City Community College

#### **Kirby Gaddy**

Development Associate Office of Annual Giving University of Maryland, Baltimore

















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"How do we thank you?!?! With a large family and large tuition, your scholarship fund has made it possible for our children to attend our dream schools.

We started off in Bnos Yisroel where girls are loved and safe while they learn and grow. When my son was old enough to attend school, [he went to] Darchei Noam. Blown away by their style of teaching, we switched all four girls from another school to Darchei Noam, where they are developing into lifelong, independent learners. Now with four sisters in his school, my son is elated when he sees his older sisters in the classroom next door, on the playground or in the hallway.

My children go to school every day excited about what they will learn and come home excited to go back the next day. Thank you SO MUCH!"

- CSFB Parents, Shira and Gadi

### #seven

"Thanks to CSFB's amazing program and support ... [my daughters] both went on to high school where their educational endeavors continued to flourish with Honors and certifications, leading them to their college paths.

My daughter Amber graduated from Albright College, with a dual degree in Biology/
Pre-Med/ Public Health and she aspires to become a pediatrician. My daughter Jasmine
is a sophomore in college and is aspiring to be an anesthesiologist.

Congratulations CSFB on your 20th year of helping families make a choice of where their children should attend school!"

- CSFB parent, Teresa Smiley (Mom to Amber and Jasmine



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#### PART OF THE LEGACY



One of the things we see over and over is how CSFB touches the lives of not only the students and families they serve, but the teachers and greater community.

Stephen Williams has been a monthly donor to CSFB since 2012. This year, he will support one-and-a-half scholarships with his generous Giving Tuesday gift, which allowed CSFB to reach our goal. When he came by to drop off his donation, he shared with us that his parents were both teachers and that his mother had taught at one of the schools CSFB scholars attend – Bais Yaakov School for Girls.

It is because of recurring donors like Stephen that we continue to have a broader impact in Baltimore. We are grateful to Stephen for his generous contribution in honor of his mother.



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NUMBER OF DIFFERENT INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS OUR STUDENTS ATTENDED AS A RESULT OF DONORS IN 2018-19





#### **DONORS**

We are grateful to the foundations, individuals, corporations, and alumni who support this life-changing program.

#### \$100.000 - \$50.001

CSF, Inc. Davis Family Foundation

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We were saddened to learn of the passing of long-time friend and donor, Rosalind Plummer-Reid, earlier this year. Rosalind and her husband Vernon Reid were generous donors, supporters and cheerleaders of the CSFB program and personally helped many students go to the school of their choosing.

"CSFB has been happily and earnestly providing opportunity and exposure for low-income, high potential young people. We thank and appreciate the CSFB team and cause."

- Donors, Rosalind Plummer-Reid and Vernon Reid

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"CSFB is an incredible organization that matches our passions for education and for the future of Baltimore City. We like that a very high percentage of our dollars flow directly to parents, allowing them to make the right choice for their child's education. Through CSFB we feel we are really making a difference."

- Tom and Dori Kelso, Co-Chairs, Fund the Future

### **FINANCIALS**

JULY 2018 - JUNE 2019

REVENUE	\$ 758,874
Grants	\$ 556,000
Individual and Corporate Gifts	\$ 148,363
Events	\$ 49,576
Interest Income	\$ 4,935
EXPENSES	\$ 752,320
Program Services	\$ 585,140
Management	\$ 56,110
Fundraising	\$ 111,070
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$ 6,554











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"As I reflect over my 17 years of working for CSFB, I think about the joys, tears, and awe that shows up on the faces of parents once they realize that with our assistance their child can attend the school of their choice. I think of it like this – CSFB is making educational goals attainable for low-income Baltimore City students one family at a time."

Joanne Sanders,
 CSFB Program Administrator

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Beth Sandbower Harbinson EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Joanne Sanders
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR





"CSFB has been changing lives for 20 years. Families we serve live in zip codes where the public school is not meeting the needs of their child. They sacrifice so much to send these students to private schools. It is the commitment of the parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and guardians that inspires me. They do whatever it takes to keep their children in a school where they thrive.

I cannot predict the future – change is inevitable. However, I do believe that we will never substantively change our program or its goals. We double the chances a low-income child will graduate from high school. That is life-changing. And worth continuing for at least the next 20 years!"

– Beth Sandbower Harbinson, CSFB Executive Director



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