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Children's Scholarship Fund Baltimore

FY 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

A YEAR LIKE NO OTHER



DEAR FRIENDS OF CSFB,

In March of 2020, the world and our schools faced the crisis of a pandemic: COVID-19.

Children's Scholarship Fund Baltimore began an immediate outreach to our families and our schools to assess their needs and partner with other Baltimore City non-profits to meet them.

What we observed and learned was both heartbreaking and heartwarming. In short, the pandemic brought into sharper focus the impact of poverty on the daily lives of our families. While most of us struggled to settle students in front of devices and create more robust learning spaces in our homes while also working ourselves, CSFB families were faced with a much different situation. An analysis of Baltimore's digital divide from the Abell Foundation found that:

- **96,000 households, or 40.7%, do not have wireline internet service,**
- **75,000 households, or one in three, do not have a desktop or laptop computer,**
- **52,000 households lack broadband of any kind, and**
- **One in three Baltimore households do not own a laptop or desktop computer.**

Like many of Baltimore's disparities, this plays out along the lines of race and income. Half of Black and 46.2% of Hispanic residents living in Baltimore have internet access at home, compared to 73.3% for white residents. Along income lines, just 33.8% of households with less than \$25,000 in annual income have home wireline service, compared to 83% for households making more than \$75,000.

On the heartwarming side, we saw our CSFB partner schools respond in ways that acknowledged the reality of the situations their students face at home. Given that digital divide, our schools offered a hybrid of virtual, at-home learning and the distribution of hard copy materials.

Our CSFB families looked for creative ways to manage — our favorite was one student attending school in his Batman costume — and we worked to connect them with technology resources. Early on in the pandemic, we solicited donations of PCs, laptops, printers and supplies from our donors and distributed them to families in need. Since then, we have partnered with PCs for People to fast track access for CSFB families in need of technology this year.



Our summer intern Joy Sanders delivering CSFB donations to our families!

We want to give special thanks to CSFB's Program Administrator, Joanne Sanders, who linked our office phone number to her cell phone and fielded calls day and night to ensure our families had what they needed as she guided them through the scholarship renewal and enrollment process.

Our families faced a high degree of instability even before the COVID-19 crisis, and they have taken some comfort in the knowledge that their tuition assistance remains secure. Most of our partner schools are offering a hybrid approach in the fall as they work to accommodate parents who face difficult decisions about what is best for their families.

Thanks to your continued support, our fundraising efforts remained robust this past fiscal year. We are so grateful for all you do for CSFB and the families we serve. We will get through this crisis — and emerge stronger than ever, with your help.

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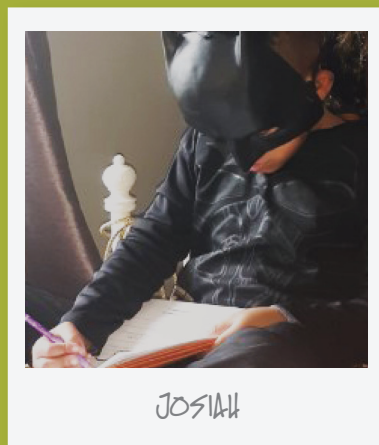
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OUR MISSION AND PROGRAM

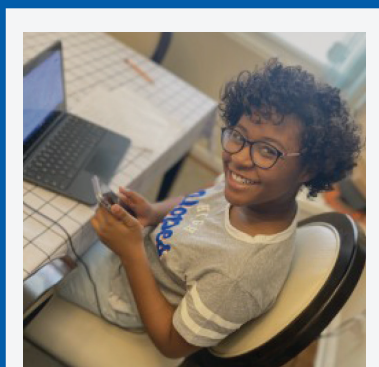
CSFB is Baltimore's need-based, non-denominational program providing low-income Baltimore City families with tuition assistance for their children to attend K - 8th grade at the school of their choice.

This year was like no other. We were heartened to see our students and parents adjust and stay positive, even heroic, like our own Batman, Josiah! In spite of the challenges: having to share devices, working around the needs of remote work and school, finding space for activities at home, our students, parents, and schools persevered. Digital access became critical as we looked for ways to stay connected and continue to learn.



"He is enjoying distance learning!"

— SHATWAN, MOM TO JOSIAH
WHO ATTENDS CARDINAL
SHEHAN SCHOOL



SHAUNA

"I like school at home, but I miss my friends. We chat a lot on Zoom!"

— SHAUNA, A 5TH GRADER
AT OUR LADY OF VICTORY, TALKING
ABOUT THE ADJUSTMENT TO GOING
TO SCHOOL FROM HOME



REENA AND SHEINA

"Their amazing teachers at school have given them such a passion for art that I see more and more of it now that they are home with me during these times!"

— JUDITH, MOM OF REENA AND SHEINA
WHO ATTEND BAIS YAACOV

The breakdown of our CSFB families and students is **58%** are **African American**, **34%** are **Caucasian**, **8%** are **Hispanic** and **1%** are **Asian American**



4,568
average yearly
dollar amount
contributed by
a CSFB family

nine
different
categories

of school affiliation
Catholic, Jewish, Christian
(no specific denomination),
Baptist, Lutheran, Seventh-
Day Adventist, Protestant,
Islamic, Non-denominational

\$14,739,266
the amount of **tuition assistance**
paid directly to schools in Baltimore

95 percent of **CSFB graduates attend**
one of Baltimore City's **top five public,**
charter or magnet high schools

CSFB provided
tuition
assistance to
275 students

CSFB scholars
attended
81 schools

7,921
students
have received
scholarships
from CSFB
over the past
21 years



98.2%
of **CSFB eighth**
graders
go on to graduate
from high school

62% of our students come from **single-**
parent households where the
head of household is often a female

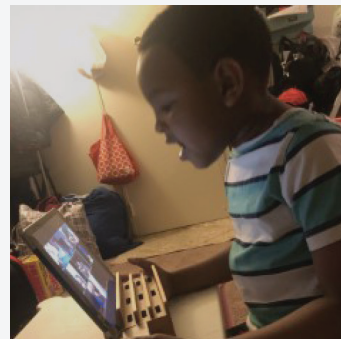
2019-2020 CSFB SCHOOLS...

Al-Rahmah School
 Archbishop Borders School
 Bais Yaakov School for Girls
 Baltimore Junior Academy
 Beth Tfiloh Dahan Community School
 Bnos Yisroel of Baltimore
 Cardinal Shehan School
 Cheder Chabad
 Concordia Preparatory School
 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
 Loyola Blackfield School
 Maryvale Preparatory School

Mt. Zion Baptist School
 Ohr Chadash Academy
 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 (Fulleton)
 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 Bryn Mawr School
 The Lamb of God School
 The Unselds' School
 The Waldorf School of Baltimore
 Torah Institute of Baltimore
 Yeshivas Toras Simcha

**“Success is the sum of
 small efforts, repeated day
 in and day out.”**

— ROBERT COLLIER



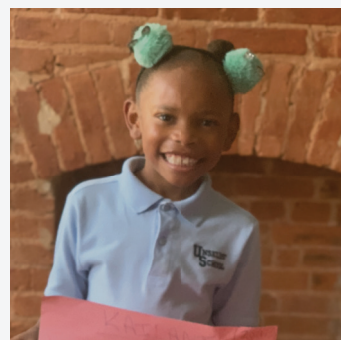
MARK

“Although he misses his school and physical contact with his peers and administrators, he's still working diligently to prepare for first grade.”

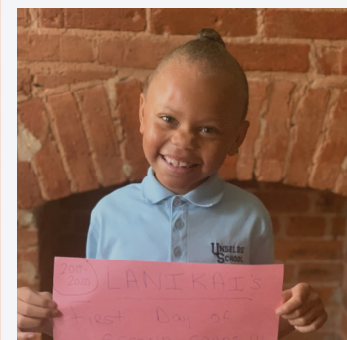
— DAYSHAWNIA, MOM TO MARK,
 A STUDENT AT HOPE ACADEMY



SAYIDA



KAILANI



LANIKAI

“Thank you, thank you, THANK YOU! CSFB, its administrators and supporters are truly a God-send and my twins are incredibly blessed to be a part of this amazing program. I humbly accept both scholarships and I thank you so much for assisting me with the opportunity to provide a private school education to my babies. May you have a safe and blessed day!”

— KIA, PROD PARENT OF KAILANI AND LANIKAI

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“ Instead of letting your hardships and failures discourage or exhaust you, let them inspire you. Let them make you even hungrier to succeed... ”

— MICHELLE OBAMA, DURING A 2015 KING COLLEGE PREP HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT SPEECH

Giving parents a choice. Giving children a chance.

CSFB's program is intended as a helping hand for families enrolling their children at a private school for the first time.

Our model of providing partial-tuition scholarships to low-income families is one of the simplest, most immediate and effective ways to educate children and empower families to break the cycle of poverty. In Baltimore City, there are hundreds of empty seats in private schools – schools which lead to high school graduation rates of more than 97%. We can fill those seats.



"Thank you so much for your contribution. Thanks to you, the scholarship will assist us in educating our children properly to become valuable members of society!"

— MOM OF MENACHEM, A CSFB SCHOLAR

FINANCIALS

JULY 2019- JUNE 2020



REVENUE	\$ 761,792
Grants	\$ 525,175
Individuals and Corporate	\$ 173,250
Events	\$ 53,368
Interest Income	\$ 9,999
EXPENSES	\$ 739,967
Program Services	\$ 582,111
Management	\$ 51,889
Fundraising	\$ 105,967
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$ 21,825

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