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NOVEMBER 19, 2022
The Brown Palace Hotel



COLORADO GIVES DAY
DECEMBER 6, 2022



GOLF FOR HOPE
JUNE 12, 2023
Cherry Creek Country Club

For further information and sponsorships for all events, please contact Hannah.Thompson@archden.org or call 720-476-7486.



**FROM THE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
TRICIA SULLIVAN**

At Seeds of Hope we believe that children need Catholic education now more than ever, and families need Seeds of Hope scholarships! In response to our inflationary environment and rising cost of living in Colorado, Seeds of Hope is working to help more families than ever before. We've increased our income eligibility guidelines in an effort to reach more families. We have seen a 20% increase in students in need of financial assistance. Our community's help to support these families is essential.

Our goal is to assist every family who is in financial need, and this year we're working to serve 1,200 students. That's nearly 17% of all students attending K-8 schools in the Archdiocese of Denver.

Hope Scholarships address the opportunity gap for low-income families trying to break the cycle of poverty. Parents make significant sacrifices to contribute to the cost of tuition to ensure their children receive a Catholic education. We know that a quality education and the beauty of the Catholic faith provides these children with a lifetime full of opportunities.

None of the work at Seeds of Hope could be accomplished without our generous community. At Seeds of Hope, we are inspired and blessed with amazing donors who help make a difference in the lives of God's children and their families.

May God continue to bless our children and grow the Catholic faith.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tricia Sullivan".

Blessings,
Tricia Sullivan

SEEDS OF HOPE SCHOOL INSPIRES FAMILY OF FIVE TO JOIN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Seeds of Hope helps families who want the benefits of a Catholic education for their children but fear they can't afford it.

Rocio Cortes learned about Seeds of Hope when her younger sister transferred to Sts. Peter and Paul School because she had been bullied at her previous public school.

As a single mother of four boys under the age of five, Rocio was struggling with her own challenges when Sister Mary Patrice invited her to send her boys to Sts. Peter and Paul. All four of her boys were awarded Seeds of Hope scholarships to make this a reality for Rocio. "I was scared because I didn't think my family was worthy to be at a Catholic school," Cortes said.

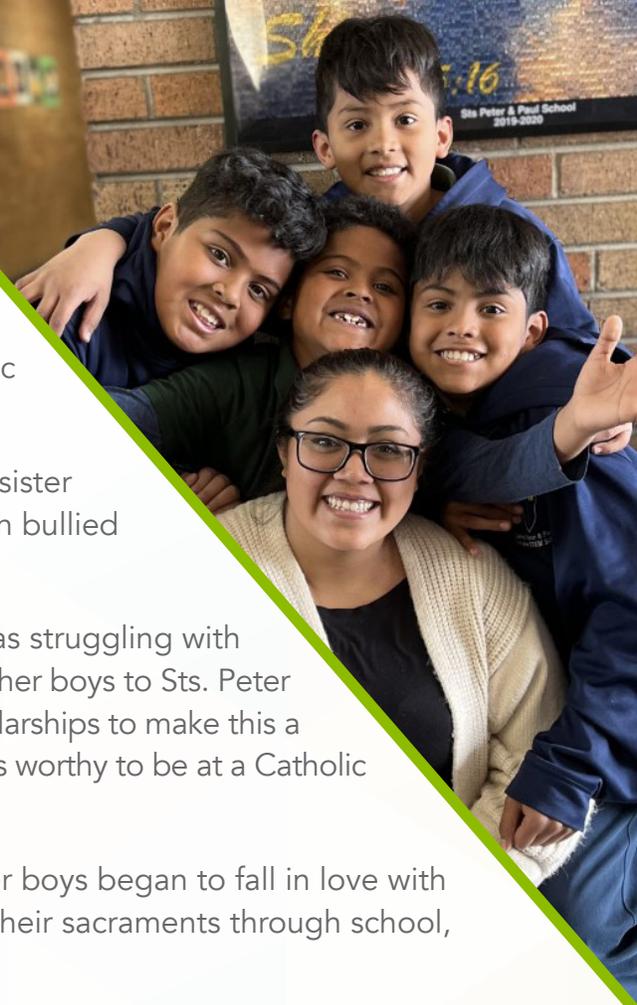
Cortes felt welcomed right away and she was struck by how her boys began to fall in love with Jesus and their faith. Watching her boys pray and prepare for their sacraments through school, Cortes fell in love with the Eucharist too.

After being raised Lutheran, Cortes received her sacraments and joined the Catholic Church on Easter last year. "I prayed a lot about how God wanted me to live my life," she said. "Faith has grown in my home, and I see how my boys will share what they've learned with their peers and future families."

The Cortes boys are flourishing in their education and their faith thanks to Seeds of Hope. "I like that I can learn to spend time with Jesus at school," said son Othello. "This helps me be my best."

"What I like most about Sts. Peter and Paul is the amazing education I'm getting," said son DeAndre. "Right now, I'm learning about quadratics and I'm good at it!"

Rocio enjoys being part of the school mission to bring hope to families like hers as they navigate the difficulties of life. "I pray that God rewards all who help make it possible for us to attend this school. My boys are growing into the young men God created them to be and I am so proud," Cortes said. "My hope is that they will continue to stay strong in their faith so that they will show God's love to everyone they meet."



**Please consider a donation
to Seeds of Hope.
Your generous gift will
make a difference in the
lives of God's children
and their families.**

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Supporting schools today ensures the strength of the Catholic Church tomorrow.



SEEDS OF HOPE IMPACT GRANTS HAD FAR-REACHING RESULTS

Seeds of Hope Classroom Impact Grants of nearly \$440,000, awarded earlier this year, elevated the way Archdiocese of Denver Catholic K-12 schools serve students beyond previous expectations.

The grant money — including a generous gift of \$100,000 from the I.A. O’Shaughnessy Foundation — fulfilled mission-related wish lists of schools that operate on very slim margins and rarely have the funds for any educational support tools.

“The impact has been greater than I imagined,” Our Lady of Fatima principal Lisa Taylor said.

Our Lady of Fatima received a science curriculum update enabling teachers to build upon lessons through each grade. Grants were given to schools for teaching

support, but also facilities, equipment, and technology updates. For instance, Frassati Catholic Academy received new safety fencing for the play yard and grounds to prevent vandalism and protect assets, but the fence also has provided a greater sense of well-being.

“The Frassati parents, students, and staff have already shared how much the new fence gives them a sense of peace, enabling them to focus anew on healthy play and faith formation,” Frassati staff accountant Fabiola Doyle said.

At the time the grants were awarded, Seeds of Hope Board member Lucy O’Shaughnessy cited a desire to keep Denver Catholic K-12 schools competitive to help recruit more good teachers which would, in turn, increase student enrollment.



HIGHLIGHTS:

53 teachers and principals were directly supported

21 K-12 schools and the Office of Catholic Schools were supported with grants ranging from **\$4,000** to **\$50,000** with an average grant of **\$19,970**

\$164,000 to update facilities, equipment, and technology

\$113,275 for curriculum updates

\$82,900 for teacher and leadership development

\$46,600 for marketing and communication efforts

\$32,500 for faith development of teachers, leaders and students

The Seeds of Hope Mission Renewal Classroom Impact Grants provided four St. Therese Catholic Classical School staff members with the opportunity to travel for an incredible professional development experience.

“The experience was amazing!” said St. Therese principal Steve Vaughan. “I know the four of us returned to St. Therese renewed and energized.”

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RECORD-BREAKING RESULTS:

1. Seeds of Hope will provide approximately **1,200** Hope Scholarships to students this year for \$2.2 Million.
2. **20% increase** in students in need of financial assistance.
3. Evening of Hope Gala Raised **\$875,000** in 2021.
4. Golf for Hope 2022 Raised **\$225,000**.
5. Assisted arc Thrift Stores in distributing vouchers to our schools for low-income families to buy new outfits, shoes and/or schools supplies.
6. Distributed **\$440,000** in a pilot "Mission Renewal/ Classroom Impact Grant Program". These competitive one-time block grants were open to all 35 K-12 Archdiocese of Denver Catholic schools.



SEED OF HOPE INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES:



Household Size	Annual Income
2	\$52,260
3	\$65,880
4	\$79,500
5	\$93,120
6	\$106,740
7	\$120,360
8	\$133,980
9	\$147,600
10	\$161,220

For each additional family member add \$13,620



 SEEDS OF HOPE

EVENING OF



Presented by the Mut Family Foundation

A Celebration of Catholic Education to Benefit Seeds of Hope



Sister LaVonne Guidoni
Award Recipients:
Rich and Joanie Todd

**Saturday,
November 19, 2022**

**4 p.m. MASS
HOLY GHOST CHURCH**

1900 California St, Denver, CO 80202
Celebrant: Bishop Jorge Rodríguez, Ph. D.

**5:30 p.m. GALA
THE BROWN PALACE HOTEL**

321 17th Street, Denver, CO 80202

Attire: Black Tie Elegant

Put on your glad rags and don your flapper style!

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minds and hearts for Christ
by striving to make a
transformative Catholic
education financially
accessible to any
family who seeks it.*



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group of women who defend our
faith and Catholic education.***

- **Monthly speakers who focus on Catholic topics and Catholic education.**
- **Monthly meetings with an optional special Mass.**
- **Suggested annual membership of \$500 or more to Women of Hope.**



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