



2014

Annual Report



OUR MISSION
Extra Mile Education Foundation
helps urban children and their
families meet the challenge of
obtaining a values-based, quality
education from pre-kindergarten
through the eighth grade.



Facts about the Extra Mile Education Foundation

Purpose	To preserve and strengthen select parochial elementary schools educating children of urban, economically disadvantaged families who seek these schools for their quality, values-based education. Extra Mile support keeps tuition at affordable levels.
Schools	
<i>Operational Subsidy Basis</i>	St. Benedict the Moor School, Hill District, Pittsburgh Sr. Thea Bowman Catholic Academy, Wilkinsburg East Catholic, Forest Hills Northside Catholic School, Brighton Heights St. Bartholomew School, Penn Hills St. Maria Goretti, Bloomfield St. Raphael Elementary School, Morningside St. Rosalia Academy, Greenfield
Combined Enrollment	Over 600 children from early childhood through eighth grade
Demographic Profile	Student population is predominantly African American and non-Catholic. More than 70 percent qualify for the federal government's free/reduced-price lunch program. 60 percent live in single-parent families.
Accreditation	Middle States Association of College and Schools
Participation	Daily attendance is 95 percent. Parent participation in educational conferences is 97 percent. All families pay at least a portion of the \$2,000 tuition, 30% share of the cost of education per child. Quality of the education and values transmitted in the schools are equally important for families.
Collaborations	EDUCATION COMMUNITY Carlow University – staff development, gifted students, classroom tutors, teacher practicums Duquesne University – instrumental music, technology training Grove City College – student teachers, practicums for education majors LaRoche College – programming for gifted students Robert Morris University - classroom practicum for education majors St. Vincent College – Challenge Program SummerBridge of Sewickley Academy – summer program and after-school tutors University of Pittsburgh – staff development, tutors, evaluation, reading interns, Triple P program SOCIAL SERVICE COMMUNITY Office for Cultural Diversity – diversity classes, annual graduates retreat City of Pittsburgh Drug Awareness Resistance Education (DARE) Homewood and Hill District YMCA's for after-school programs Laughlin Children's Center – hearing screening, remediation services Mercy Behavioral Health – prevention training, "Dancing Classrooms"

Facts about the Extra Mile Education Foundation (cont.)

Collaborations (cont.)

CULTURAL COMMUNITY
Carnegie Museums – student visits
Carnegie Science Center – classroom assemblies, student visits
The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust – tickets for special performances
Pittsburgh Civic Light Opera – tickets for performances
Pittsburgh Symphony – visits to the schools
Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium – school programs and visits

Results

1,600 eighth-grade graduates
96 percent high-school graduation rate
88 percent pursue learning after high school – in college, trade school or the military
No one entering high school has to repeat ninth grade.

Financials

Current budget for school subsidy is \$1,700,000.
Remaining support from tuition, school-based fund-raising, parish subsidies, and
Diocesan support
Cost of education in the schools is \$6,700 per child.

Sources Of Support

Local corporations, foundations and individuals who care about the future of children in the community.

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A Message from the Chairman

Dear Friends,

It is a pleasure to report that this past year was successful in a number of very important ways, and as a result, Extra Mile's mission – to provide an exceptional educational resource to children in urban neighborhoods through Catholic elementary schools – was greatly advanced.

- In addition to support of our two subsidy schools, we have increased our efforts to serve more children by increasing the number of scholar schools to six and offering scholarship support to nearly 100 more children. Enrollments are up by nearly five per cent at St. Benedict the Moor School and Sr. Thea Bowman Catholic Academy. We support the education of nearly 600 children.
- In late 2014, Extra Mile completed work on a three-year plan that emphasized three areas: 1) continued emphasis on academic achievement; 2) enrollment-building; and 3) increased support to middle-school students and their families as students transition from eighth grade into the critically important first year of high school. New programs will be implemented, strengthening the skills needed for a successful high school experience, as well as assisting students and families in making the right choices for secondary education. These new initiatives protect the investment made in our students at the elementary level.



That investment is made possible through contributions from corporations, foundations and individuals throughout the region. Everyone involved with Extra Mile is very grateful.

The Extra Mile Education Foundation is celebrating its 25th year of leadership in urban education. More than 1,600 graduates have been equipped with an excellent education. Thank you for your investment in their future.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Christopher Donahue".

J. Christopher Donahue
Chairman of the Board

A Message from Bishop David A. Zubik

Dear Friends,

Since its founding 25 years ago, Extra Mile's mission has remained constant—to help children residing in urban areas obtain a values-based, quality education in a Catholic elementary school.

Since 1990, it is estimated that nearly 4,000 children have been helped by schools or scholarship programs supported by Extra Mile. Nearly all are students who know the hard knocks of life. Nearly all the families endure difficult financial circumstances. Nearly all are children of other faiths, whose families welcome the religion classes and curriculum of Catholic schools.

You might say that Extra Mile and the schools it supports level the playing field so that children, regardless of their circumstances, have an opportunity for a quality education.



I like to think that Extra Mile is a great exercise of faith.

The parents, after learning what the Extra Mile Schools have to offer, have faith that their children will learn and soar as they discover their own individual strengths and talents that will keep them on the road to success.

The leadership and faculty of the Extra Mile Schools have all that it takes to support a great educational process, emphasizing academic excellence, values, mutual respect, safety and self-esteem, and within the Catholic tradition.

The Board and staff of the Extra Mile Education Foundation have, since its inception, had the vision and the passion that their work in bringing a dream into reality and sustaining that reality does in fact enable the Extra Mile students to have a realistic dream for their future.

All donors to Extra Mile are makers of many dreams come true!

Thank you to so many people for keeping the dream alive, and for 25 years.

Now, on to the next 25!

Grateful for our belief that "Nothing Is Impossible with God," I am Your brother in Christ,

+ David A. Zubik

Most Reverend David A. Zubik
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