

List Of Giving Opportunities for Christ the King Jesuit College Prep (CtK)

A.) Overview

The primary purpose of this list is to provide donors with opportunities to address CtK's most pressing short term financial needs. These opportunities were selected by school leadership and provide direct assistance to school families or immediate budget relief for the school. They are divided into the following three categories:

1. Families
2. Students
3. Faculty

While these opportunities can be presented at any event in support of CtK, they were designed for use at small scale events or targeted fundraisers. The list helps potential donors choose from several compelling school needs in a way that doesn't conflict with larger gifts offered in support of the Building Fund or the Adopt-A-Student program. The list provides an affordable way for donors to become investors in the school and we suggest a gift range from \$50 to \$3,000.

For context, the median annual income of the CtK community is approximately \$30,000 and tuition payments represent a considerable family sacrifice. Therefore the school's budget absorbs some of the educational expenses typically borne by families, like textbooks or laptops. In addition, all budget relief assistance gives CtK more flexibility in providing a quality Jesuit education for our students.

B.) Explanation of the List of Giving Opportunities

Families

-Family Assistance Fund (FAF). FAF provides short term small scale financial relief to school families who experience a financial emergency. Austin is a low-income at-risk neighborhood and household budget disruption can happen quickly. The objective of FAF is to help families avoid the difficult choice of addressing a financial problem by removing their student from school. FAF also supports CtK's pastoral mission to our families and our community. Read more about FAF on our website at www.ctkjesuit.org.

-Student Clothing. Our students have a specific dress code for their school and Corporate Work Study Program responsibilities (CWSP). Clothing expense represents an additional financial burden to our families and serviceable clothing donations, either new or gently used, are always welcome. The list includes dress shoes, belts, ties, blouses and shirts. In addition we also raise funds for the direct purchase of new school sweaters and for shoe vouchers.

Students

-Textbooks: Textbooks are a major school budget expense as family contributions are limited to tuition. Our students have a rigorous academic schedule that is rich in the traditional college prep curriculum and therefore requires significant investment in textbooks, workbooks, and elective reading assignments.

-Laptop Computers: CtK's college preparatory focus requires our students to be proficient in laptop technology. Laptops are used to support and enhance daily academic life, help students succeed in their CWSP assignments, and eventually prepare them for college. Laptops represent one of CtK's largest budget expense items and because of changing technology require regular and expensive software and hardware upgrades.

-Athletics: In the at-risk neighborhood served by CtK, athletics represent a safe haven as well as provide the typical benefits of athletic competition. Athletic events will take place in CtK's new gymnasium, across the street in Moore Park, and at other schools. Because CtK is a start-up school our emerging intramural

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and extramural programs have a long list of unfunded needs. These include uniforms, individual and competition equipment, and funds to pay for referees, umpires, and coaching stipends.

-Arts and Culture: A positive complement to the academic program is the enrichment of our students through exposure to the artistic and cultural advantages of Chicago. Prior to their enrollment at CtK and their subsequent CWSP assignments, most of our students have never been out of their neighborhood nor enjoyed any of the city's cultural offerings which are just eight miles away. Opportunities exist to sponsor field trips to the world class institutions of the Museum Campus, or to bring the outreach programs of Hubbard Street Dance Chicago, the Joffrey Ballet, and the Lyric Opera, directly to the school.

Faculty

-Support of Jesuit Alumni Volunteer Corps: CtK is blessed to have access to the talent and dedication of several recent college graduates who have volunteered to spend two years in service to the school. Our alumni volunteers teach, tutor, coach and provide general support to the principal, president, and the leadership team. While the alumni volunteers forego the usual salary, they live in a community residence together with other Jesuit Alumni Volunteers from Cristo Rey Jesuit High School. CtK provides room and board, health insurance, transportation, retreats and spiritual development opportunities, and a modest stipend. Donors can make the intern's volunteer experience so much easier by helping with these expenses.

-Laptop Computers: CtK also provides laptops for faculty members to assist in lesson plans and for research and organization. The same needs noted for student laptops exist for faculty computing needs

C.) Suggested Giving Levels By Opportunity

-Family Assistance Fund (FAF): We are grateful for any donation but suggest a minimum of \$100. The average grant from FAF is \$750 to a requesting family.

-Student Clothing: Direct contributions of clothing are welcome and/or we suggest a minimum cash gift of \$50.

-Textbooks: The cost of providing textbooks is \$300 per student. This includes all textbooks and reading materials for the academic year. We encourage a gift of at least \$300 which will support one student.

-Laptop Computers: Our full cost of a laptop is \$1,500 per student or faculty member. This includes associated laptop software and accessories. We encourage a gift of \$1,500 which will support one student or faculty member.

-Athletics: Because our athletic needs are varied we suggest a minimum gift of \$100-\$250.

-Arts and Culture: Most of Chicago's major cultural institutions offer educational outreach programs which consist of one to two hour performances or presentations for the CtK student body. Full sponsorship of such programs ranges from \$1,500-\$3,000.

-Support of Jesuit Alumni Volunteer Corps: We suggest a gift of \$1,500 to \$3,000 which offsets part of CtK's expenses to support the Jesuit Volunteers.

D.) How You Can Help

-Information on this list of Giving Opportunities as well as information about our Building Fund and Adopt-A-Student programs are available by calling CtK's Development Office at 1-773-261-7505 x232, or by email to Joe Nemmers, Development Chair, at jmn2254@yahoo.com