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New Board Members Join CSF

All of us at CSF are very pleased to announce that Christy Walton and Pamella DeVos are joining our Board of Directors.

Christy Walton has served on the boards of the San Diego Natural History Museum and the Teton Science School. Christy has been actively involved with CSF, speaking about her commitment to education at recent events hosted by our partner programs in Omaha and Philadelphia. Her late husband, John Walton, co-founded CSF along with Ted Forstmann.

Pamella DeVos is the President and Designer of Pamella Roland, a fashion label launched in New York in 2002. She is also Vice-President of the Daniel and Pamella DeVos Family Foundation, and has served on the boards of Grand Valley



Christy Walton.



Pamella DeVos.

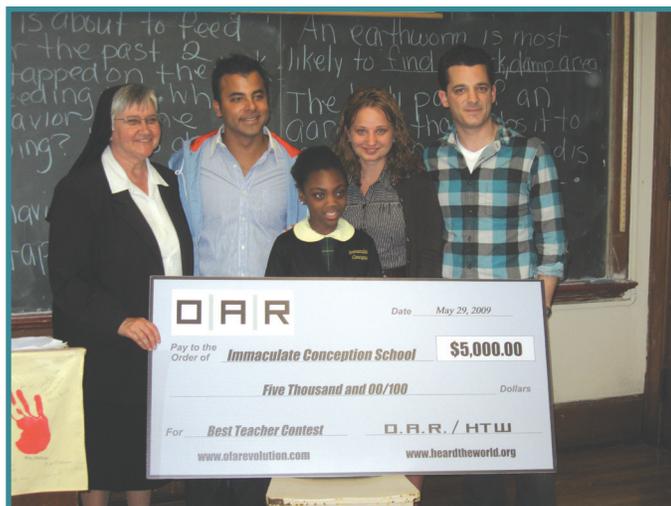
University Foundation, Grand Rapids Griffins Youth Foundation, Grand Rapids Art Museum and Grand Rapids Symphony Society. She supports the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York City, where she is a member of the Whitney National Committee and also a new member to the Painting and Sculpture Committee. She has also been involved with the Make-a-Wish Foundation of Michigan and was the director of public relations for the prestigious National Art Show of the College Women's Association of Japan. ●

O.A.R. Surprises Essay Contest Winners

One Friday before the end of the school year, three lucky CSF students at three New York elementary schools were surprised by members of the band O.A.R. (who are also CSF donors) as they hand-delivered prizes to the winners of the O.A.R.-sponsored Best Teacher Award essay contest.

First up was the 8th grade class at Mt. Carmel-Holy Rosary School in East Harlem. The whole class burst into cheers when lead singer Marc Roberge and bassist Benj Gershman announced that the winning essay

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Immaculate Conception Principal Sister Patrice Owens; Benj Gershman, Saba Isidore, Nicole Roth, and Marc Roberge.

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CSF Receives Excellent Ratings

For the third consecutive year, CSF has been awarded four stars by the leading charity evaluator, Charity Navigator. Only 12% of the 5,400 non-profits surveyed are awarded this honor three years in a row. Charity Navigator bases its ratings on financial efficiency and responsibility. You can view Charity Navigator's complete report on CSF by going to www.charitynavigator.org.

Also, CSF has recently been awarded a GuideStar Exchange Seal, for transparency. GuideStar.org shares IRS tax returns and



other information from charities. Children's Scholarship Fund is one of the most popular education charities among visitors to GuideStar's website.

CSF has also received Independent Charities of America's (ICA) Seal of Excellence. The seal is awarded to charities participating in the Combined Federal Campaign that "meet the highest standards of public accountability, program effectiveness, and cost effectiveness." Less than 2,000 out of more than a million U.S. charities have been awarded the ICA seal. ●

Aubrey Mory from Anaheim Visits NYC

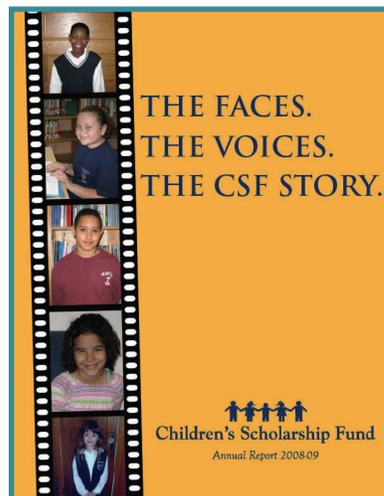
We were delighted to host Aubrey Mory for lunch recently when she visited New York with her family. You may remember Aubrey as the 5th grader who introduced Mayor Curt Pringle at Anaheim's State of the City address this January.

Accompanied by her Uncle Lou and Aunt Mady, she told us all about her adventures in the Big Apple, including trips to Chinatown and Koreatown, the Bronx Zoo, and the Statue of Liberty. After New York, Aubrey told us she was on her way to Washington, DC, to visit the National Museum of Crime and Punishment. After all, she plans to become an FBI agent one day! ●



Aubrey Mory (center) visits CSF with uncle Lou Bribiesca and aunt Mady Bribiesca.

**THE CHILDREN'S
SCHOLARSHIP FUND AIMS TO
MAXIMIZE EDUCATIONAL
OPPORTUNITY AT ALL INCOME
LEVELS BY OFFERING
TUITION ASSISTANCE IN GRADES
K-8 FOR NEEDY FAMILIES.**



New CSF Annual Report Released

CSF has just released our latest Annual Report for the 2008-09 school year. The report highlights CSF activities over the past year, provides financial information for Fiscal Year 2008, and gratefully acknowledges our generous contributors. If you would like to receive a copy of the report by mail, please email your request to azamudio@scholarshipfund.org. You can also download a copy by visiting our website, www.scholarshipfund.org. ●

Summer at CSF

Summer is a busy season at CSF. More than 10,000 families send in their application and requalification forms, and the CSF staff works to process all the paperwork before the students go back to school. But don't take our word for it! See for yourself with these photos. ●



While mom fills out scholarship forms, Hennessy and Ashley enjoy some reading time.



CSF staff and interns include (l-r): Amy Escobosa, Frances Dewey, Diana Escobosa, Kristina Nrecaj, Beverly Powell, Pamela Peña, and Luisa Pelaez.



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Dianna Baez, 8th grade winner.

and Benj. They asked everything from “Do you get nervous before you go on stage?” to “Do you think we could be singers too?” To the final question, Marc answered that the children could be anything they wanted to be, provided they work hard and keep a positive attitude.

was about their teacher, Ms. Lillian Diaz. Ms. Diaz got a plaque and the school got a check for \$5,000. Then it was revealed that Dianna Baez, sitting quietly in the front row, had written the winning essay. Dianna pointed to herself and said, “Me?” disbelievingly. Her prize, an iPod, resulted in big hugs for Marc and Benj.

Next was St. Paul School, a few blocks away on E. 118th Street. This time, the whole school gathered in the auditorium for a “special assembly.” Once all the children were seated quietly, Principal Charles Celaro reminded them of the contest and Marc and Benj announced the winning teacher, Ms. Gracia Castro. The auditorium erupted with the sounds of shouting and clapping as Ms. Castro claimed her prize and a \$5,000 check for the school. Another big cheer went up when Kindergarten student, Faez Sharwah, was called up and presented with an iPod for his winning essay about Ms. Castro.

After a short trip over the Willis Avenue Bridge, O.A.R. was at Immaculate Conception School in the South Bronx. Then it was straight up to the 4th grade classroom, where the winning student, Saba Isidore, and her teacher, Ms. Nicole Roth, got their awards. After Saba read her essay aloud, the students had tons of questions for Marc

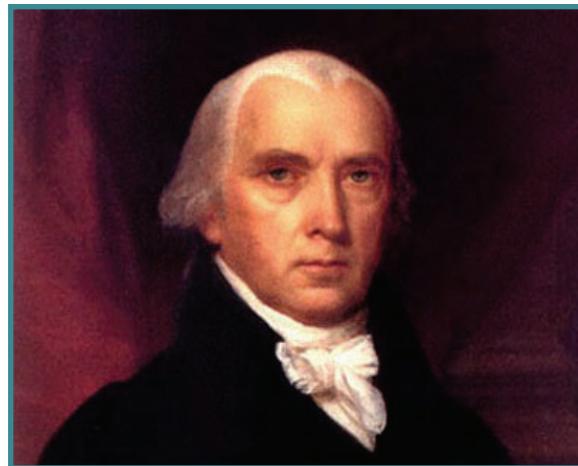
Thank you to the hundreds of children who participated in the essay contest and to O.A.R. for recognizing these special teachers and students! ●

The Last Word:

“Learned Institutions ought to be favorite objects with every free people. They throw that light over the public mind which is the best security against crafty and dangerous encroachments on the public liberty.”

- James Madison

Fourth President of the United States



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