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Genevieve Hernandez, a single mother and bookkeeper, is really serious about trying to find the best education possible for her daughter, also named Genevieve.

“Let’s face it. My daughter starts out with a lot of disadvantages against her in our society. She’s a girl and she’s a minority. An education is the only thing that no one can take from her,” Ms. Hernandez said.

At her public school, Genevieve was behind the other students and the teachers weren’t offering the extra help she needed. Also, Ms. Hernandez complained that she could see her daughter getting caught up with the wrong crowd.

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After winning a scholarship, Ms. Hernandez enrolled her daughter at St. Joseph’s School in Long Island City, Queens. Although Genevieve had to repeat 4th grade, her mother thinks the one-on-one attention and after-school tutoring at St.

Joseph’s is paying off. She’s now in 7th grade.

“Being able to make that choice was fantastic. That was the very best choice I’ve ever made,” Ms. Hernandez says.

Dear Children’s Scholarship Fund,

Thank you!! I do not know how to say thank you for this donation. I can finally afford to pay this year’s tuition and my kids’ school uniforms this year. No more hand me downs. God bless everyone who has taken time to help us, because people like you make it possible for us parents to give our children an excellent education and a chance to make it in this world. This year has been a very tough time and receiving this has been a blessing. I did not know how I was going to pay for this year’s tuition. And getting this letter was Heaven sent. Again I thank you. On behalf of my children we all thank you for the greatly needed donation. May God Bless you all for all your good deeds.

*From Griselda Antigua, mother of Estephanie Luna,
Ryan Luna, and Brandon Luna.*





Lynn Carr decided she had to take action when school administrators told her that her son Lennell needed to be placed in Special Ed. and should be put on Ritalin. She knew that Lennell was too smart to be in Special Ed. Her daughter, Latetha, was being teased and bullied, and both children dreaded going to school each day. Lynn was frustrated with the school academically, but she was also worried about her children's safety.

As she writes, "The constant stress from their public school made it very difficult for me to focus on my studies, which I knew would be the only way I could get my family off of welfare and out of poverty. Just as I was about to lose hope, along came the blessing I had been praying for—the Children's Scholarship Fund. The Children's Scholarship Fund has completely turned my children's educational experience from a nightmare into a blessing and a joy."

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After searching for a private school, Lynn, a social worker who attends New York Technical College at night, found Saint Rita's School in Brooklyn. Although it is not close to her home, she and the children are very happy with the school.



"Mr. Geasor, the principal, was made aware of my children's social issues and the fact that Lennell is asthmatic, and he was still willing to work with me and my children. Mr. Geasor and the teachers at Saint Rita's bend over backwards

to help any child or parent that needs help or even just some advice," Ms. Carr said.

"Latetha and Lennell's grades, their desire to learn and willingness to work have improved greatly, which has definitely had a positive effect on our family life," Lynn writes. "We are a much happier family and filled with hope for great things in our future."

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