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CSF Working Across America

In communities all across the United States, CSF local partners and donors like you are making it possible for thousands of low-income families to choose how their children will be educated. Since John Walton and Ted Forstmann founded

the Children's Scholarship Fund in 1998, more than 67,000 children have used CSF awards to attend the private or parochial school of their family's choice.

Currently, more than 23,200 children are using CSF scholarships. Twenty-four partner programs have offered a total of 5,247 brand new awards this year. (see the box below for a complete listing)

CSF recipients are attending a diverse range of more than 3,600 private and parochial schools across the country. As always, scholarships are determined by family size, income and tuition, so that the family pays what it can afford. But every family—and the average family income is less than \$27,000—pays some portion of their tuition. Our families are making a serious investment with us in their child's education. ■



New Awards added!



Anaheim
Baltimore
Baton Rouge
Buffalo
Charlotte
Dallas
Dayton

Denver
Detroit
Grand Rapids
Indianapolis
Jackson
Memphis
Michigan
Minneapolis
New Mexico

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CSF Spotlight: Montell Campbell in New Orleans

Montell Jordan Campbell is a typical six year old," writes his grandmother, Sharon Campbell. "There's never a dull moment in the house when he's

school each day. "When he attended public school he didn't have that enjoyment. That's why I feel that private school is best for Montell."

Montell's grandmother is impressed with the care and attention Montell is getting at St. Peter Claver.

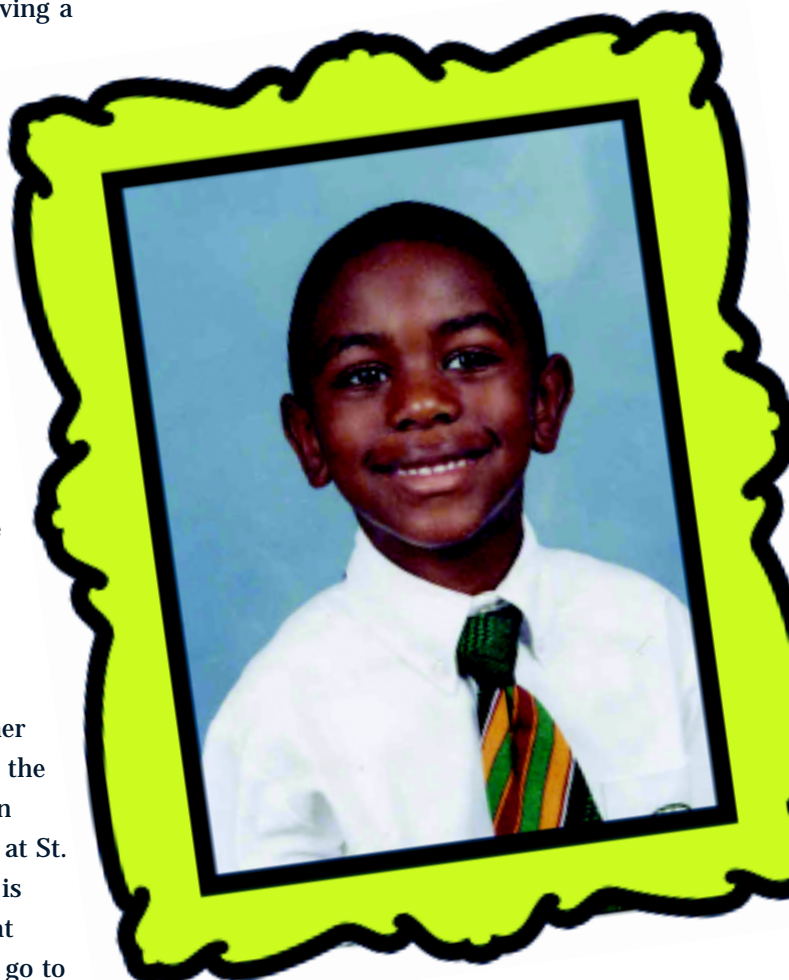
around. Whenever Montell is not studying, he is watching or playing sports or video games. He loves to help his sister Mishay."

So far, Montell's academic career is off to a great start. He was named "Student of the Month" for October! ●

Although Montell's mother passed away last year, his grandmother says he is having a normal, happy childhood. He attended a public school for kindergarten, but started first grade this fall at St. Peter Claver School in New Orleans after being awarded a new CSF scholarship.

"Last year Montell attended public school. He didn't like it, and neither did I," Ms. Campbell tells us. "He didn't receive the proper attention with an over-crowded classroom."

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TUITION ASSISTANCE IN GRADES
K-8 FOR NEEDY FAMILIES.**

Straight from the Schoolyard:

St. Jude's School

Catholic tradition considers St. Jude the patron of lost causes. But in the heart of Inwood, Manhattan's northernmost neighborhood, he is also the patron of a grammar school that is anything but lost.

Even though half of the 385 students who attend St. Jude's are from single-parent households, and 99% live below the poverty line, the school enjoys a solid reputation for academic excellence and a track record of exceptional student achievement. Students consistently

score at or above grade level on standardized tests, and in the highly competitive high school admissions process, 98% of St. Jude's graduates are admitted to the high school of their choice.

However, Principal Joseph Carpenella acknowledges that the school has made mistakes in the past. St. Jude's most famous alumnus, basketball legend Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, recently visited the school and signed one of the backboards, but a maintenance man, mistaking the signature for graffiti, quickly painted over it. "We hope he'll come back to visit soon and sign it again," said Mr.

Carpenella. In the meantime, Abdul-Jabbar's #33 jersey still hangs in the gymnasium, out of the reach of the cleaning crew.

Six CSF students attend thriving St. Jude's, but the school's well-maintained building is capable of handling many more. Mr.

Carpenella points out that many of the students are able to attend only because of the financial support of CSF and other grants

to the school. He plans to add more classes as aid becomes available to allow more students to enroll. ■



Seventh-grader Milton Chardon has been attending St. Jude's with help from CSF since 1999.



Twins Ionnis and Alyssa Koutellos are new CSF scholarship winners in first grade at St. Jude's.

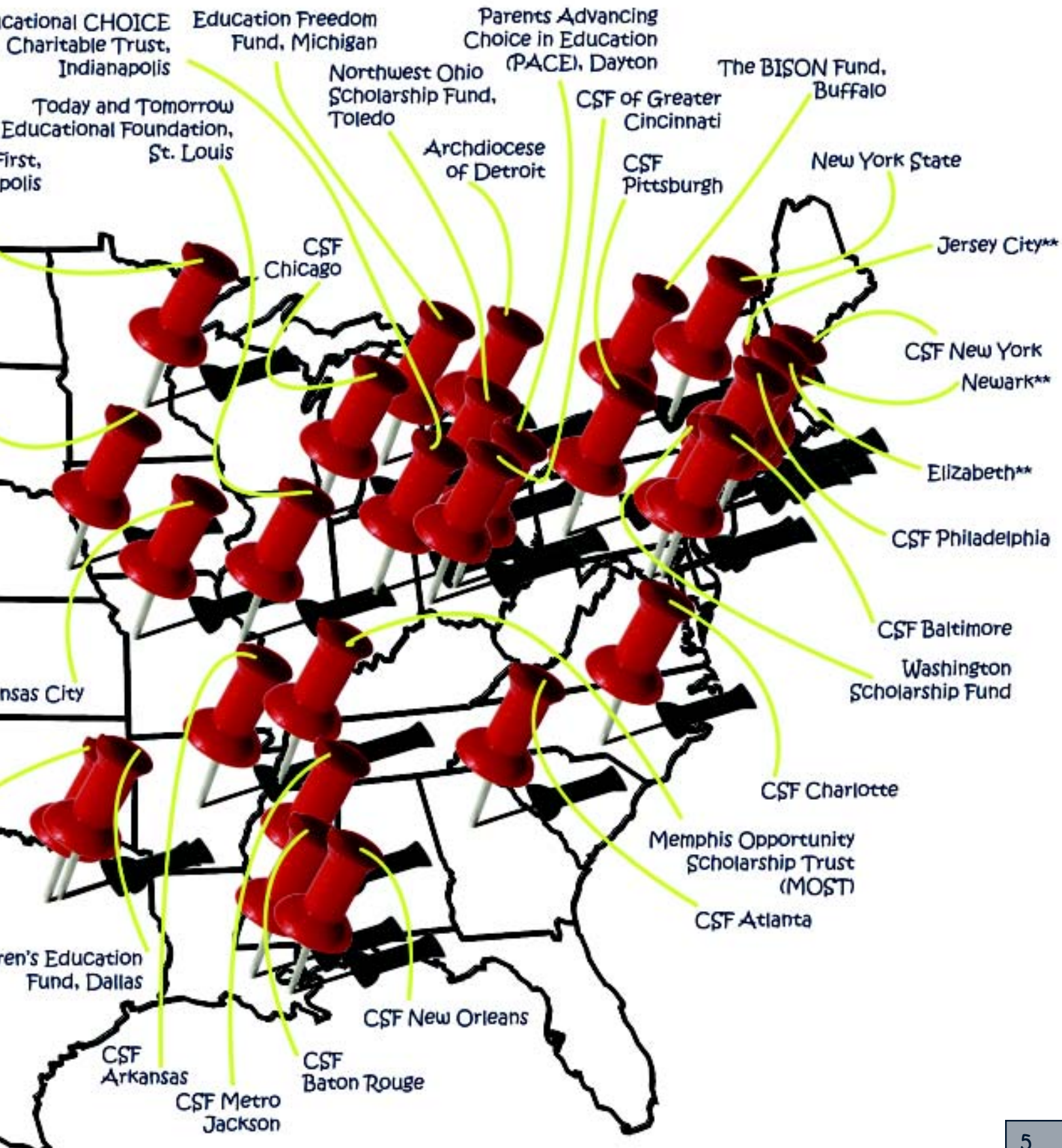


St. Jude alumnus Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's jersey is displayed above the backboard that once held his signature.

CSF Programs:



*Southern California Children's Scholarship Fund
**The Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children



CSF Takes a Field Trip to UNICEF



Makenzie Snyder poses with students from Corpus Christi at the recent World of Children Awards at UNICEF headquarters.

Emanuel Pimental, a 6th grade CSF recipient at Corpus Christi Elementary School, was among a group of middle-school children who recently attended the World of Children Awards ceremony at UNICEF headquarters in New York.

The awards are given to individuals from around

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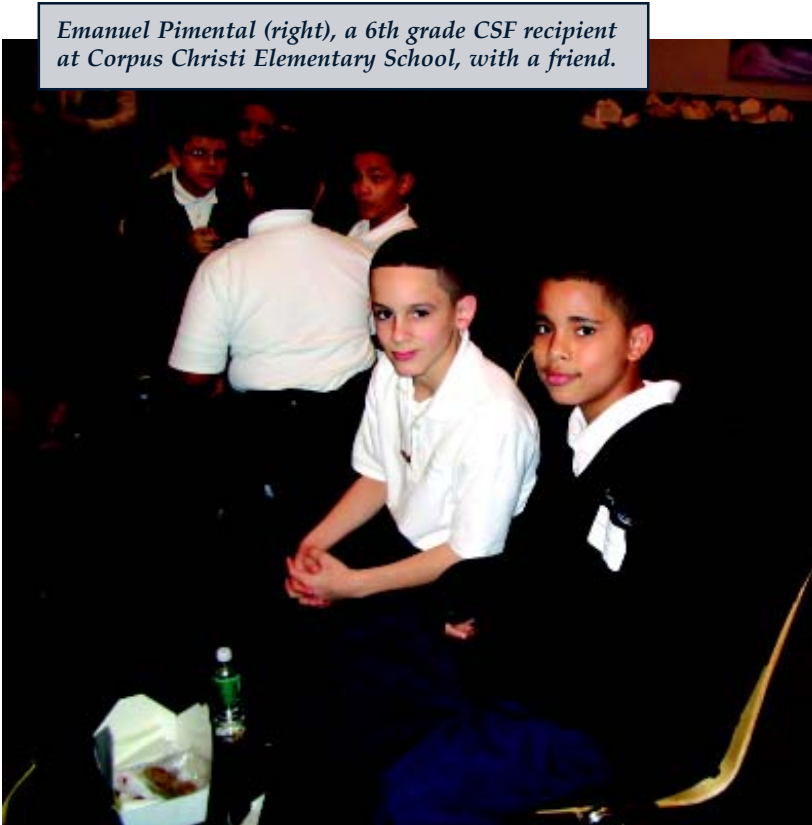
the world whose work focuses on improving the lives of children. This year’s honorees included: Dr. Jeremiah Lowney, whose foundation gives medical and educational assistance to poor children in Haiti; Dr. Gopa Kothari, a pediatrician in Mumbai, India, who has helped prevent blindness in thousands of children, and Makenzie Snyder, a 13-year-old whose organization provides duffel bags for foster children across the U.S.

Emanuel attended the event with his classmates from Corpus Christi (which has ten CSF recipients) after studying the honorees in his social studies class for several weeks. Classes from Evangel Christian School, which has nine CSF children, also participated.

After eating lunch, the children were given the chance to talk with and ask questions of the very people they had been studying in school.

“They are really moved, and they are already asking if they can do a project that will send money to Haiti,” said Bella Malek, a 6th grade teacher at Corpus Christi.

When asked about the highlight of his day, Emanuel said, “My favorite part was introducing myself to Dr. Lowney after I had studied him for the past two weeks.” ●



Emanuel Pimental (right), a 6th grade CSF recipient at Corpus Christi Elementary School, with a friend.

CSF Around the Nation

Buffalo, NY



A student orchestra made up of scholarship recipients plays at the BISON Fund's annual fundraising luncheon in Buffalo, NY.

Denver, CO



Cory Booker (left), Susan Morrice, and her husband, Alex Cranberg, at an ACE Scholarships fundraising event in Denver. Cranberg is Founder of the Alliance for Choice in Education (ACE).

Philadelphia, PA



The "Philly Fanatic," mascot for the Philadelphia Phillies baseball team, poses with a scholarship recipient at CSF Philadelphia's annual awards ceremony.

Omaha, NE



CSF Omaha Director William Kizer, Sr. (left), recipient Jarodd Butler, Omaha Mayor Mike Fahey, and CSF Omaha Chairman Tal Anderson at a recent awards luncheon.



“What is significant about the Children’s Scholarship Fund is that they are giving families a choice as to how their children will be educated -- a choice that so many other Americans enjoy simply because they have the means to exercise that choice. In the process of having that choice, we are introducing competition into the education system, and I think that is a healthy thing for the system. For all these reasons, CSF is an excellent program which I support to the hilt.”



-**Colin Powell**, *Former Secretary of State*

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