



CISE

Rewriting
Futures
2020



Supporting 10 Catholic Inner-City Schools

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Message from the director

Our Dear Friend,

This year CISE celebrates its 40th anniversary and for that we are incredibly grateful. The achievements are many and the list of donors and contributors to thank are innumerable.

Most important is the impact CISE has had on its mission of Rewriting Futures for Cincinnati's most vulnerable children. Today, CISE has over 20,000 graduates who are productive members of the community serving Cincinnati in many areas. We highlight a handful of them in the pages ahead; every story unique, powerful and inspiring.

This is what gives all of us the drive to keep going. And there is so much more to do. More than when we started back in 1980. Childhood poverty has skyrocketed in Cincinnati as a silent issue, but a relevant priority for the future of our beloved city.

CISE's mission is more important than ever. In the following pages, let me walk you through some of our learnings which will guide our path as we move forward with your support.

With my deepest gratitude,

Mabe Rodriguez





St. Boniface Scholar



On a mission

40 years ago, CISE was founded as a fundraising organization. Since then, CISE has evolved to take a more active role with the schools to ensure delivery of three critical pillars: *excellence in education, a safe and welcoming environment and values for life.*

Excellence in education. 95% of scholars pass the 3rd Grade Reading Guarantee, and most are accepted to Catholic high school. Three programs have been invaluable: Math Intervention; Summer Enrichment to address summer slide; and student advocates in each Catholic high school to mentor a successful transition from 8th grade through high school, increasing retention.

Safe and welcoming environment. Students can't learn if they are hungry or troubled by circumstances outside of school. Your generosity provides physical and mental health support for students and families: a nurse in all schools through **PSI**; **Beech Acres** has initiated a pilot program for mental health; and **Freestore Foodbank** and **La Soupe** provide weekend food. It takes a village.

Values for life. Faith-based values are taught and modeled daily; all faiths welcome. Schools collaborate with community partners to provide leadership development through extra-curricular activities, including: the **Friars Club Sports Program**, fostering teamwork and good sportsmanship; **"Leader in Me"** based on Stephen Covey's "Seven Habits"; and a chess program, enhancing problem-solving skills.

The CISE Mission. *CISE works to help rewrite futures of urban children by providing access to a strong Catholic education at designated elementary schools and Catholic high schools. Strong values are taught in a safe, nurturing and welcoming environment.*



CISE Schools

- Corryville Catholic
- St. Francis de Sales
- St. Francis Seraph
- St. Joseph
- St. Boniface
- Holy Family
- RA at Resurrection
- St. Lawrence
- St. William
- St. Cecilia

CISE Team

- Mabe Rodriguez, *executive director*
- Cate O'Brien, *school programs*
- Debbie Weitz, *development*
- Tammy Miller, *finance*
- Mikayla Germain, *marketing and communications*
- Frances Dudley, *administration*
- Sharon Civitello, *marketing support*

10

neighborhood schools

2307

preschool - 8th grade

301

high school scholars

94%

living in poverty

70%

non-Catholic

12

quality preschool programs

85%

minority

76%

8th grade graduates are accepted into Catholic high school

94%

CISE scholars graduating from Catholic high school are accepted into college



Community Partnerships

With your help, CISE has significantly invested in areas identified by principals and staff to remove barriers to learning. Additional services, recognized as essential to addressing the needs of children living in poverty, are now supported by CISE.

Donors like you help provide a **full-time nurse in every school**. This service ensures minor health concerns don't become major impediments to learning which has proven transformative for students and families.

A partnership with **Beech Acres** "Beyond the Classroom" connects families to mental health support, as well as financial and community resources, through a **Family Engagement Coordinator**.

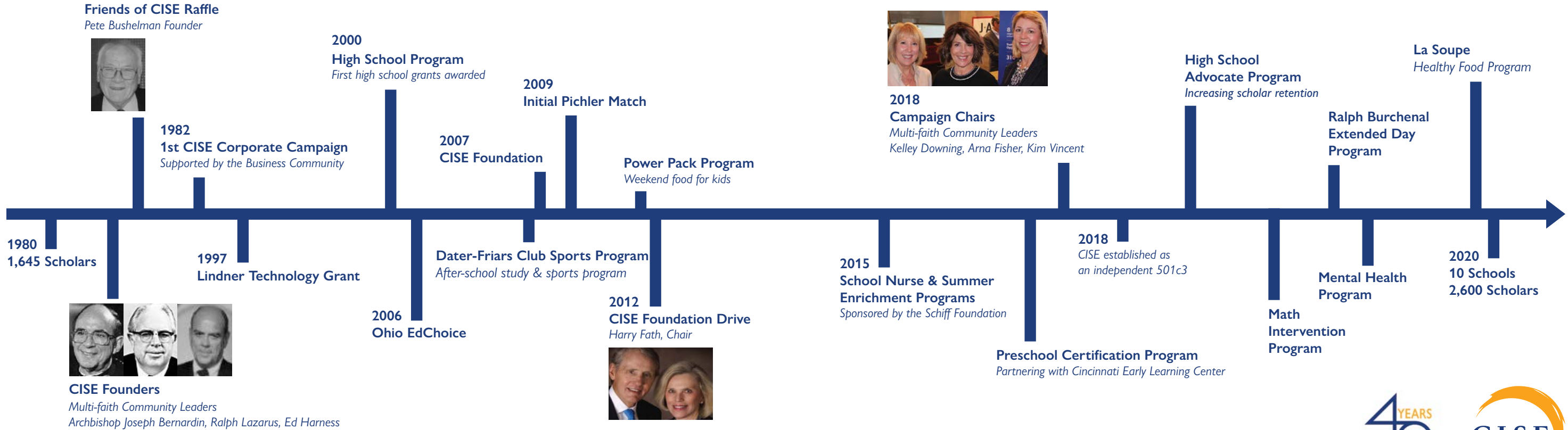
In 2019, standardized test scores revealed an opportunity to improve Math achievement. Acknowledging that math becomes more challenging in high school, CISE enlisted some support. Teachers have welcomed the addition of **Math Coaches** from the **Hamilton County Educational Services Center**. Daily, these coaches consult with CISE teachers, co-teach and examine assessments. They ensure all teachers present math content with confidence and that students are mastering the concepts necessary for high school success. Early results are encouraging.

These investments and partnerships, including **Healthy Visions, Net Ministries, CCPS Chess in School Program** and **Leadership Scholars**, continue to strengthen the hearts and minds of the scholars and the classroom experience.

CISE Partners

- Assistance League
- Beech Acres
- Camp Joy
- CELC
- Central Clinic
- CCPS Chess in School Program
- Children's Hospital
- Children's Theatre
- Cincinnati Art Museum
- Cincinnati Museum Center
- Crayons to Computers
- Freestore Foodbank
- Friar's Club
- Green Acres
- Hamilton County ESC
- Healthy Visions
- La Soupe
- Leader in Me
- Leadership Scholars
- Mercy Neighborhood Ministries
- Mindful Music Moments
- Mount St. Joseph
- Net Ministries
- PSI
- Santa Maria Community Service
- SC Ministry Foundation
- Seton Education Partners
- and more

40 years. Evolving to Rewrite Futures.





Corryville Catholic Scholars



Our scholars say it best

“My school is great because I learn about God. The things I learn here will help me get a good job when I grow up. My school is good for kids!”

Grade 1

“When I grow up I want to be a children’s doctor because they are like angels.”

Grade 4

“Even though I am only eleven and in the 5th grade, I know how lucky I am to be able to attend a Catholic School. I cannot imagine going to school anywhere else.”

Grade 5

“Being at this school changed my life. I learned that my life has a purpose, being a light for others to see the goodness of God.”

Grade 6

“Going to this school is not only an opportunity, but it is a privilege. After you graduate, you are prepared for high school and you are ready for success.”

Grade 8

“I will always be grateful to CISE because you believed I was worth it. CISE was my inspiration! I want to go to college so I can be someone who helps change lives like CISE changed mine.”

Grade 12

Futures Rewritten

After forty years of Rewriting Futures, many successful CISE graduates are working across sectors and careers including education, business, healthcare, manufacturing, science and technology, law enforcement, arts and entertainment, and the armed services. CISE and these hardworking graduates are making a difference in our community and the world around us.



Clifton Chapman

Clifton graduated from Wright State. He obtained a masters in Educational Leadership and Administration from Northcentral University. He is now teaching middle-school in Dayton and was named as one of the top 30 under 30 best educators in Cincinnati.

“CISE helped me be the best I could be and created a pathway for success. I felt prepared for the future.”

Frances Dudley

Frances received an associate degree in Biochemistry from Cincinnati State. She has two young children and works in the CISE office. Frances plans to return to college to earn her bachelor's degree.

“CISE made it possible for me to attend an excellent school which helped me grow spiritually and prepare for college and a career.”



Ashley Thompson

Ashley will graduate from UC in August with a degree in Early Childhood Education. She teaches preschool and taught English on mission trips to Mexico and Kenya.

“CISE positively impacted my future. Attending a CISE school created a firm foundation for the rest of my life and contributed to my teaching success.”



Sam Otis

Sam graduated from Xavier University. He is attending Law School at NKU and volunteers at the Ohio Justice and Policy Center where he helps prisoners get back on their feet. His goal is to practice criminal defense in Cincinnati.

“CISE played an important role in my education. I am very grateful and I look forward to giving back to the community.”



Leah Houchens

Leah majored in Biology at Cincinnati State. She is currently working at Children's Hospital as a Research Assistant and furthering her education at NKU in neuroscience.

“CISE taught me the value of hard work and how to succeed in a diverse environment. I am grateful for the privilege of having been a CISE student.”



Keep in touch

If you graduated from a CISE school or know someone who has, we would love to hear from you. Send your update or story to cise@catholiccincinnati.org.

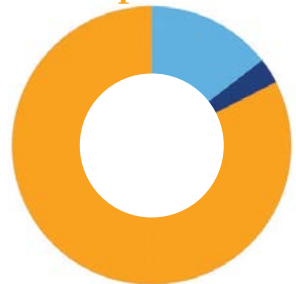
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Revenue



- Individuals 65%
- Grants/Corporate 30%
- Events 5%

Expenses



- Student Programs 83%
- Administrative/General 15%
- Fundraising 2%

Invest in the future. Now.

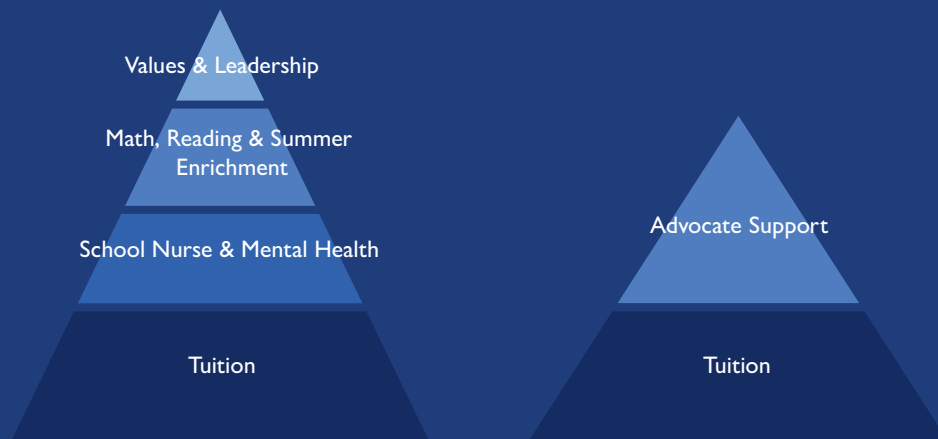
83¢ of every dollar donated goes to programs supporting our scholars.

Elementary School

A gift to CISE will rewrite the future of inner-city children by providing excellent academics and values for life in a safe, nurturing and welcoming environment. Once basic tuition is funded, CISE focuses on providing financial support for the next levels of need.

High School Grants

A CISE High School Grant gift is a four-year commitment. In addition to donor-directed tuition grants, this program funds a Student Advocate at each high school. These advocates provide one-on-one student mentoring through 12th grade.



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