



# CISE@WORK 2022



Supporting 10 Catholic Inner-city Schools



# MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

In the following pages you will meet three CISE students who are transitioning to the next phase of life with confidence, knowing they have the skills and determination to succeed. **In our fifth decade**, CISE continues our mission of providing a quality Catholic education for inner-city children in Cincinnati.

CISE is fortunate to have many community partnerships that enhance our students' education. This year, we highlight the **Chess in Schools** program that develops the critical thinking skills of our students in a fun and competitive manner.

**Looking to the future**, we are focused on supporting a continuum of learning from pre-k through high school. **This fall we have a record number of CISE grade school graduates attending Catholic high schools.** As the trend continues, CISE prepares to meet their financial needs.

All of this is possible due to the continued generosity of you, our donors. We simply say thank you.

Philip R. McHugh  
*President & Interim Executive Director*

# CHANGING THE CYCLE OF POVERTY

**2,248**

preschool - 8th grade  
scholars

**360**

CISE scholars in  
Catholic high schools

**6,083**

8th grade  
graduates since 1980

**10\***

neighborhood  
schools

**13**

Catholic  
high schools

**14**

quality preschool  
classrooms

**91%**

living in poverty

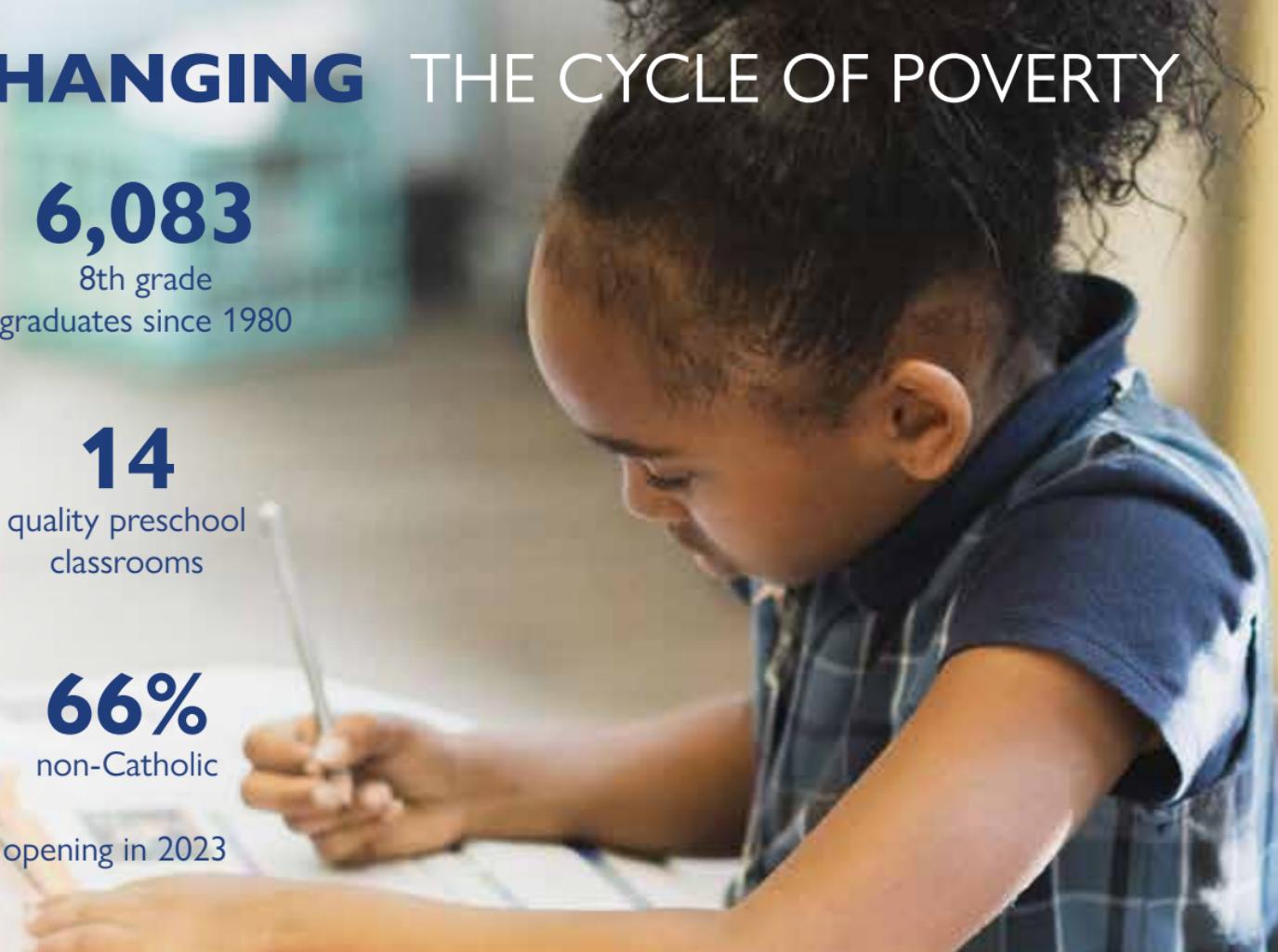
**88%**

minority

**66%**

non-Catholic

\* The 11th CISE school, Xavier Jesuit Academy, anticipates opening in 2023





# WHAT

# WE DO

These three CISE pillars are vital to changing the cycle of poverty.



## EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

Over 2,600 students each year receive a quality Catholic school education thanks to the generosity of CISE donors.



## SAFE, NURTURING, & WELCOMING

Each of our ten schools provides physical, mental, and behavioral health support, as well as a comprehensive range of student services.



## VALUES FOR LIFE

Faith-based values, leadership, teamwork, self-control, and resilience skills are taught and modeled daily.



CISE student with St. William principal

## HOW WE DO IT



Fundraise for grade school and high school scholarships, as well as student support programs.



Support a variety of innovative operating models to serve more children.



Focus on stewardship and accountability to maximize our CISE donors' investments.



# THE CISE DIFFERENCE

## A CONTINUUM OF LEARNING



- Kindergarten readiness
- Literacy, numeracy
- Social/emotional skills

- 3rd grade reading guarantee
- Math proficiency
- Acceptance to Catholic high school

- Retention
- Graduation
- Support for college or career path

“ I am grateful to CISE for the support they have given my daughter. I know that St. Cecilia and Mt. Notre Dame will prepare her for success. ”

~ Guadalupe’s dad



MEET

GUADALUPE

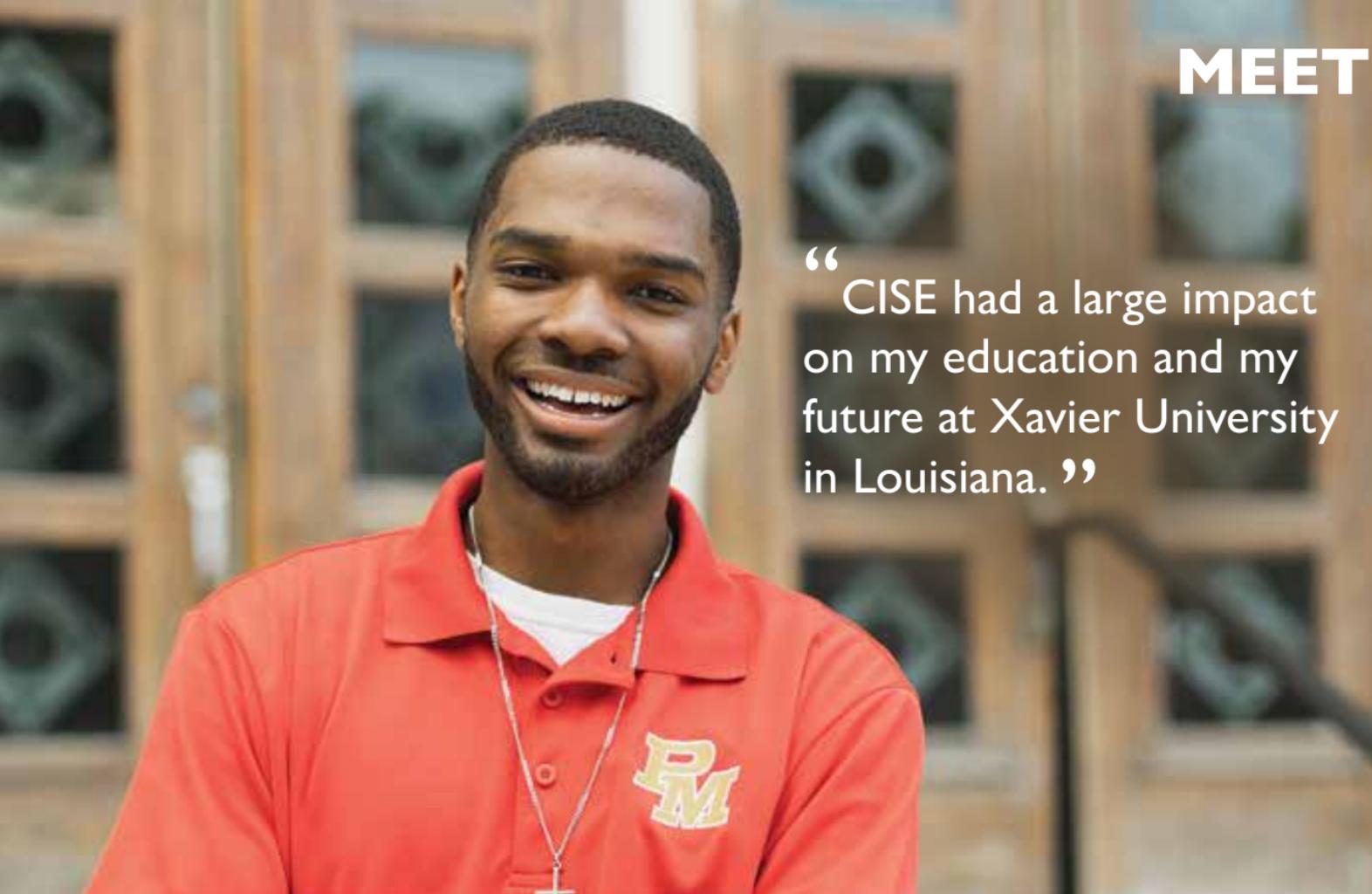
St. Cecilia graduate, Mt. Notre Dame class of '26

Guadalupe has attended St. Cecilia since kindergarten where she was among the first Hispanic students.

Her favorite subjects are Math and English, and her favorite things about St. Cecilia are the teachers and the ethnic diversity of her classmates.

Lupe, as she is known to her friends, was honored to receive a CISE high school scholarship to attend a local Catholic high school of her choice.

Her future plans include college, where she will pursue a music degree.



# MEET

# BRANDON

*St. Francis de Sales graduate, Purcell Marian class of '22*

**“CISE had a large impact on my education and my future at Xavier University in Louisiana. ”**

Brandon's first big dream was realized in 8th grade at St. Francis de Sales when he was accepted to Purcell Marian High School.

“St. Francis de Sales was the best school to prepare me for success,” he smiled, confident in his ability to make things happen through faith and hard work.

Grateful to focus on school rather than how to pay tuition, Brandon thanks CISE donors for their support.

Working to make his next dream a reality, Brandon is studying to be a doctor at Xavier University, Louisiana.

“ Investing in us makes a difference. Not only in our lives, but in our communities as well. ”



## MEET BROOKE

*St. Lawrence graduate, Seton class of '18*

Brooke is a 1st generation college graduate from Mount St. Joseph University, where she was awarded the 2022 Distinguished Student Award. With a passion for immigration reform, she plans to continue her education in law school.

Brooke told us, “My Catholic education equipped me with the tools I needed to overcome challenges and succeed.” After 17 years of Catholic education, she is ready to put her skills and faith to work!

She lives every day inspired by words from her 8th grade teacher Judy Mally, “What can I do? How can I help?”



# STRONGER TOGETHER

CISE students, teachers, and families benefit from the services of our many Community Partners\* including:



Solving your challenges. Simplifying your life.



MOUNT ST. JOSEPH  
UNIVERSITY®



\* Visit [CISEKids.org](http://CISEKids.org) for a complete listing of our Community Partners



# CHESS

# IN SCHOOLS

Featured Partner

“ I like chess because it refreshes my brain.”

*~ CISE student*

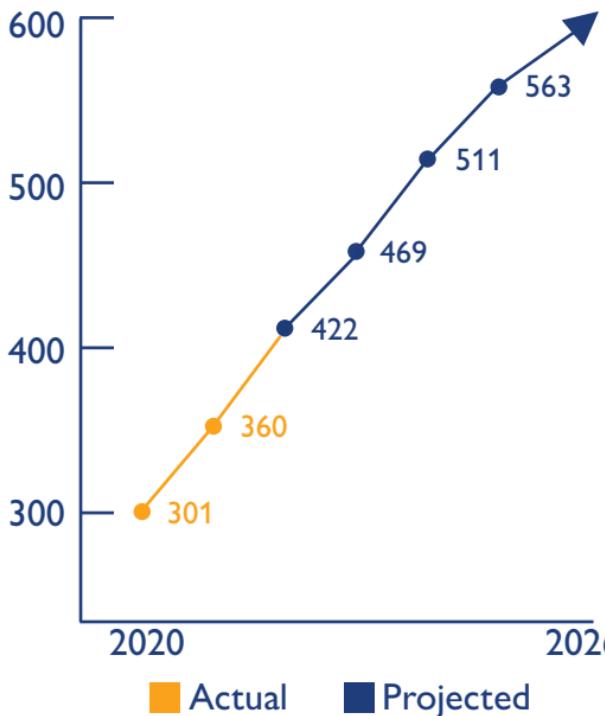
The Cris Collinsworth ProScan Fund **Chess in Schools** program provides trained chess instructors and interschool competitions at no cost. Chess boards and pieces are also donated.

Last year, 496 students in six CISE schools participated in this program.

“Students grow critical thinking skills while instilling confidence. I’m amazed at the engaging instruction to help our students advance in the game.”

*~ Emily Lambert, 5th grade teacher*

## CISE grade school graduates attending Catholic high school with CISE support



# SERVING MORE

Generous donors and an unrelenting mission allow CISE to support a **growing number of schools**, changing the futures of more Cincinnati students in need.

As CISE serves more scholars in grade school, and students' acceptance into high schools increases, two additional investments become critical: high school scholarships and student advocate funding.

### High School Scholarships

- Follow the student to a Catholic high school of their choice
- Provide tuition support

### Student Advocates

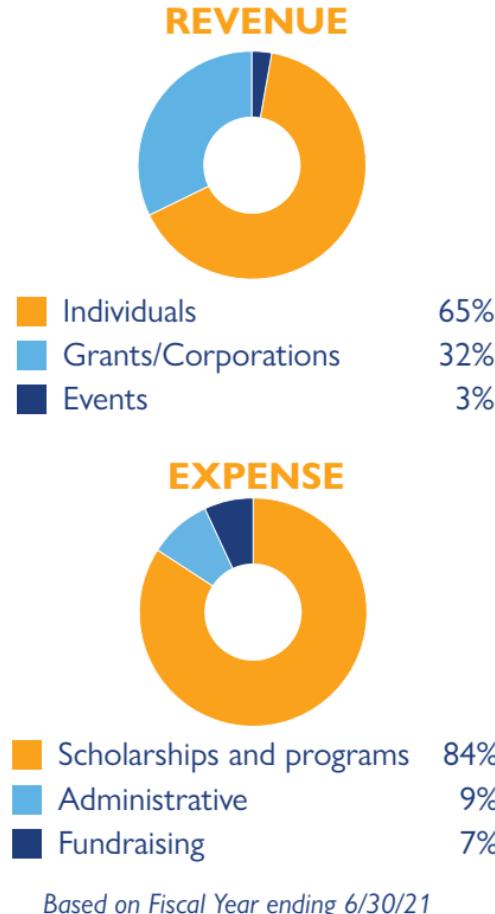
- Serve as a champion for scholars in need of academic, social, or emotional assistance
- Ensure that students access all available resources
- Promote student retention
- Develop a viable and powerful post-graduation plan for each CISE supported senior



# INVESTING MORE

“ Seeing the results CISE delivers, and the need for special programs such as mental health and high school tuition support, are why my family invests in CISE. ”

*~ Liz Niehaus, CISE board member and donor*



# FUND A NEED REWRITE A FUTURE

- 4-year high school scholarship.\* **\$24,000 per scholar**
- High school advocate. **\$500 per scholar**
- CISE** grade school scholarship.\* **\$1,500 per year**
- Share a CISE grade school scholarship.\* **\$750 for 1/2 year**
- Math intervention for a year. **\$4,500 per classroom**
- Mental health coordinator for a year. **\$10,000 per school**
- School nurse for a year. **\$20,000 per school**

**Learn More. Get Involved. Donate. Today.**

\* Make checks payable to CISE SGO. May qualify for an Ohio State Income Tax credit.

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A close-up photograph of two young children, a boy and a girl, smiling and hugging. They are wearing light-colored shirts. The background is blurred, showing what appears to be a natural setting with trees.

## Elementary schools supported by CISE

Corryville Catholic

Holy Family

Romero Academy

St. Boniface

St. Cecilia

St. Francis de Sales

St. Francis Seraph

St. Joseph

St. Lawrence

St. William

Xavier Jesuit Academy (2023)

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