



OUR KIDS AT HEART

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# NEWSLETTER

## CELEBRATING THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR!



### Father Mark's Corner

At Sacred Heart Parish, we have over 150 children from economically disadvantaged families attending area Catholic schools. And what a blessing it is!

It amazes me how many people and families are positively affected when their children attend Catholic school.

I find myself changed also. When I am in the home of one of our struggling parish families, I find myself saying to the parents, "Why aren't your kids in Catholic school?"

I know it will change them by evangelizing the entire family through their children. It gives the family new hope, and soon many things are set aright. They pray together, attend mass regularly; they are forever changed! Catholic school education is the most effective evangelization tool we possess.

To get involved, please visit our website at [ourkidsatheart.com](http://ourkidsatheart.com).

### San Juan Diego High School Graduation

Congratulations to the Our Kids at Heart Tuition Fund beneficiaries whom graduated on May 25, 2018 from San Juan Diego Catholic High School. They are on their way to college.



**Melanie Carrate** describes how Catholic education and her experience with community service has affected her outlook:

"Throughout my high school journey, I have had the opportunity to experience what it's like to give back to my community. My school gives me and all of its students the opportunity to have an internship throughout the school year. I had the pleasure to work for Dell Inc. throughout High School.

Every Friday of the month, each grade level has the opportunity to volunteer at the University of Texas Elementary School. While helping at this elementary school, I experienced children who struggled in comprehending materials and staying still while the teachers gave their lectures. After experiencing this for 4 years, I realized I wanted to do more to help those kids in need of special assistance. I have decided to attend college and major in Political Science with a minor in Psychology. I would then like to work towards my pediatric law degree which I will use to advocate for more special assistance for kids. I would never have adopted the Catholic values of serving others without the financial assistance my parents received from the Our Kids at Heart Tuition Fund."

Our Kids at Heart provides tuition support to more than 150 economically disadvantaged students from Sacred Heart Parish, so they can receive a quality education in Austin-area Catholic schools. 100% of the students advanced to the next grade level. Some of the Sacred Heart Parish students also received awards for their extracurricular activities during the school year.

### Inspiring Hope & Transforming Lives Through Barrier-Free Catholic Education

Our Kids at Heart was founded in July 2017 by Father Mark Hamlet, Pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in East Austin, to support the Parish Partner School Program and raise funds for the Sacred Heart Tuition Fund and other Diocesan Parishes and schools.

## Cathedral School of St. Mary Graduation



Congratulations to all of the Sacred Heart Parish students that graduated from kindergarten and 8th grade. Our Kids at Heart financially supports 105 students from Sacred Heart parish that attend Cathedral School of St. Mary.

### Sponsor of the Month

Thank you to H-E-B for sponsoring our website.



### Sacred Heart Alumni

Pictured is a group of former Sacred Heart students at the latest reunion. Our Kids at Heart is very grateful for the support we have received from the Sacred Heart alumni network.



### Partner Schools

Our Kids at Heart supports the tuition of 105 Sacred Heart parish students attending Cathedral School of St. Mary. 10 students graduated from grade 8 and will continue their Catholic education in Catholic high schools.



Our Kids at Heart supports 3 Sacred Heart parish students in grade 12 along with 32 more in lower grades at San Juan Diego high school.



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