





## Dear Friends of Our Kids at Heart,

You are friends of Catholic school education, supporting those in our community who never believed their children could participate in Catholic schools. These families that send their children to Catholic schools are experiencing a "hopefulness" they never knew existed.

Recently, I attended the graduation ceremony of San Juan Diego Catholic High School. This year the graduation class included young men and women who started out with our program eight or nine years ago, when these Sacred Heart Parish children began attending the Cathedral School of St. Mary, in Catholic primary school.

I've journeyed with these kids and their families for years. I've shared their struggles and fears. These children were the "pioneers" from some of the poorest families in central Texas. They have all been accepted to colleges. One young man has been accepted to the University of Texas School of Engineering.

All of them are dreaming dreams that were never conceivable for them or their families. They discovered a "hopefulness" they never knew existed. Our program has produced accountants, lawyers, teachers, pre-med students, and businessmen and women, now serving our Austin community.

These kids grew up in poor families that work hard. They share a strong work-ethic and practice their faith. For years they have been attending Mass regularly with their parents.

How do you build a healthy community? You get the children educated and help deepen their faith and strengthen their families.



All this progress is due to your help. Thank you for helping this program to continue to thrive, year after year.

Thank you again for the success of our match month. Your gifts have been a blessing and helped us raise over \$220,000. It is not too late to help for this year. Please consider a gift this month.

God bless you for all you do.

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Fr. Mark Hamlet, Chairman







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