



# EVERY CHILD IS A SEED *Of* HOPE



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*Making the tremendous benefits of a Catholic Education available to low-income children.*

*“Amen, I say to you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.” - Matthew 17:20*

## From our Executive Director:

Every child is a seed of hope.

Like a tiny mustard seed that is carefully planted and nurtured, and eventually grows into a towering, strong tree, a Catholic education can sow children, our Seeds of Hope, into towering, strong members of our community through strong academics and faith.



The Seeds of Hope Charitable Trust helps low-income children receive a Catholic education. I know firsthand the benefits of a Catholic education as my entire academic experience – from grade school to the University of Notre Dame – was in Catholic schools. My four children all went to Catholic school, as well. Making this enriching experience available to children in our community is what drives me every day.

Providing tuition assistance, scholarships, operating support, and grants for programs and technology, Seeds of Hope supports the Catholic schools serving a low-income, high-minority population of K-12 students concentrated in the inner city of Denver.

Money is usually the determining factor in whether parents send their children to Catholic school. Often, the students who can benefit the most from Catholic education are the least able to afford it. We serve low-income children who typically live where crime has a significant presence and where faith can have a tremendous impact.

***Since its inception, Seeds of Hope Charitable Trust has grown to provide scholarship assistance to more than 900 students annually, and has assisted nearly 14,000 students in Catholic schools with \$23 million in financial assistance, taking a generation of young children from seeds of hope to pillars of our community.***

We hope you will consider supporting our efforts of sowing future Seeds of Hope.

Yours in faith,

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**Seeds of Hope Charitable Trust  
Assistance for Academic Year 2011-2012**



*Nearly 40 percent (4 out of every 10 students) at S.U.N./Focus schools received financial assistance*



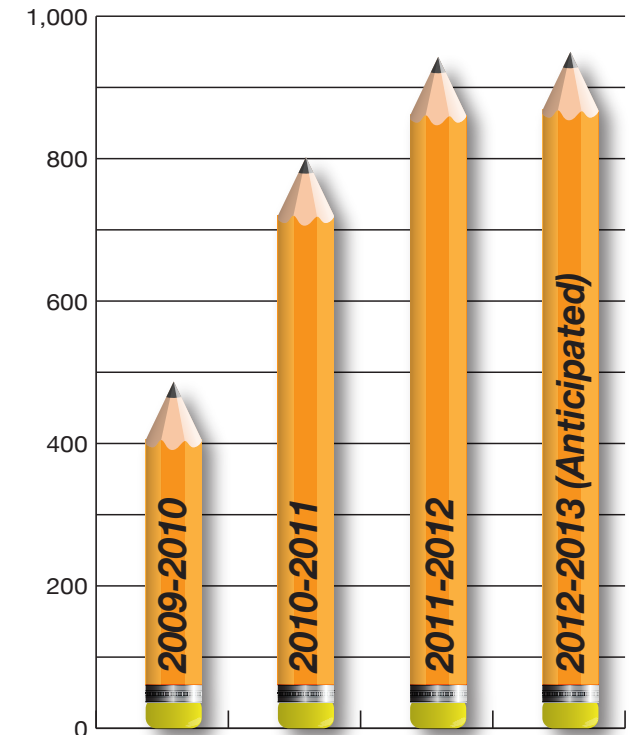
The mission of the Seeds of Hope Charitable Trust is to make the tremendous benefits of a Catholic education available to economically disadvantaged children. Through tuition assistance grants, scholarships, vouchers, operating support, and grants for programs and technology, Seeds of Hope supports Catholic elementary and high schools serving a low-income, high minority population concentrated in the inner-city of Denver. **Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese of Denver boast a 98 percent graduation rate!**

**Catholic schools are a necessary and life-saving part of the fabric of the community and have five key factors that set them apart from public schools:**

- **Rigorous academics**
- **Faith formation**
- **A nurturing community**
- **Reinforcement of family values**
- **Exemplary graduation rates**



**Students benefitting from  
Seeds of Hope Scholarships\***



*\*Includes students from S.U.N./Focus schools and students from non-S.U.N./Focus schools*



**SEEDS of HOPE**

**Seeds of Hope “Ambassadors of Hope” Program**

In inner-city schools, parents can rarely volunteer in classrooms due to the necessity of having to work two and three jobs to keep their families fed and sheltered. The “Ambassadors of Hope” program was started over 10 years ago by JoAnne Horne and her 10 “grandma friends” who began volunteering in Seeds of Hope schools. Seeds of Hope is now blessed with more than 100 Ambassadors who help in classrooms and help staff libraries, meeting the unique needs of each school. The Ambassadors log nearly 260,000 hours each year. **The cost benefit for the schools is tremendous; a conservative estimate of the monetary value given to schools is more than \$250,000 annually.** The intrinsic value of the love and commitment the Ambassadors provide to the children far exceeds the monetary value – it is priceless.



**Seeds of Hope History**

Seeds of Hope was conceived after the closure of St. Joseph Catholic School in 1993, which devastated the parish and community. Business and community leaders came together and committed to helping struggling Catholic schools survive. In 1996, the Seeds of Hope Charitable Trust was formally created. **Seeds of Hope’s mission – to assist low-income families in the inner city of Denver in providing a Catholic education to their children – has benefitted nearly 14,000 students.** Since its inception, Seeds of Hope has focused primarily on five Schools in Urban Neighborhoods (S.U.N. Schools). The five S.U.N. Schools serve areas profoundly impacted by poverty and violence. Seeds of Hope also supports six Focus Schools in the Metro Denver area that face challenges similar to those of the S.U.N. Schools.

