



CONTENTS

- 2 FROM THE DIRECTOR
- 3 GALA RECAP
- 4-5 CLEF EVENTS
- 6-7 COMMUNITY PARTNERS
- 8-9 GOOD NEWS REPORT
- 10 CLEF SCHOOLS
PROFILE



FROM THE DIRECTOR

CLEF BOARD

CHAIRMAN

Jay Christopher

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

Rich Schubkegel

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jeffrey L. Blackman

Kaia Koerm

William J. Mattes

Terry E. Pfortmiller

Kevin Preloger

Ann Marie Rundio

Marilyn Schawk

Kelley Christopher Schueler

Paul D. Soderholm

Richard C. Vie

Michael T. Welch

Steve Wild

Brenna Woodley

DIRECTOR EMERITUS

Alfred E. Steinhuis

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Janet Klotz

BUSINESS & FINANCE MANAGER

Monica Wetak

CPS BENEFITS COORDINATOR

Dawn Robinson

OUR MISSION

Partnering with Chicago's Lutheran schools to ensure that every child in Chicago has the opportunity to experience Christ's love through a quality Christian education.

Dear Friends,

Have you ever participated in an ABC Countdown? This is a fun way to count down the last 26 days of the school year. In some schools A was Autograph day, B was Bubble day, C was Camouflage day, D was Doughnut day and E was Exercise day. It makes sense to me that Exercise day should follow Doughnut day. Later in the month, just after S for Silly Socks day came T for Thank you day.

Let's make today a special Thank you day for CLEF and spend a few moments thanking all our teachers, principals and staff for another dedicated year of educating, caring, loving and sharing the Good News with our students and their families. For over twenty-three years CLEF has

been a partner in supporting this vital mission of Lutheran education. CLEF recognized our teachers, students, friends and community partners with a number of events over the past several months. First was our Scholarship Gala Fundraiser at the Brookfield Zoo, where we said thank you to everyone for another year of commitment to supporting Lutheran education.

Then came our Teacher Recognition and Dream Awards dinner. Along with our donors and friends, we showed our appreciation by awarding a record number (18) of Dream Awards to fulfill our teachers' classroom enrichment wishes. Finally, a few weeks ago we held our Scholarship Breakfast at Walther Christian Academy to recognize the accomplishments

of our grade school and high school scholars.

So T is for a great big THANK YOU to everyone for another year of serving our Lord and Savior through loving, caring, teaching and reaching new hearts and lives with Learning – Good News – For Life.

Finally Z day arrived for the students, Z is for zip up your backpack, zoom home and Zellebrate summer with fun in the Sun.

We wish you a blessed refreshing summer!

Blessings,

Janet Klotz

Executive Director

SAVE THE DATES!

NETWORKING CONFERENCE

Monday, August 15, 2016

Walther Christian Academy, Melrose Park

COMMUNITY PARTNER AND DONOR BREAKFAST

Thursday, November 10, 2016

River Forest Country Club, Elmhurst

SCHOLARSHIP GALA

Saturday, April 22, 2017

Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield

TEACHER RECOGNITION DINNER

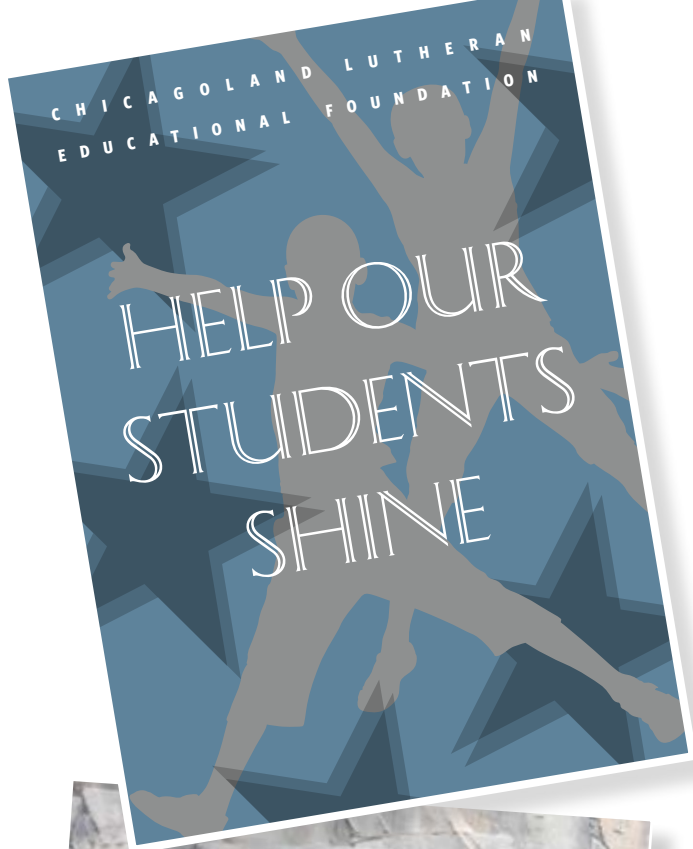
Thursday, May 18, 2017

River Forest Country Club, Elmhurst

SCHOLAR BREAKFAST

Thursday, May 25, 2017

Luther North College Prep, Chicago



THANK YOU FOR HELPING OUR STUDENTS SHINE

On Saturday, April 16th the CLEF community gathered to celebrate another year of *Helping our Students Shine*. Nearly 250 supporters attended the Scholarship Gala at the Brookfield Zoo. It was an incredible evening that included: enjoying cocktails and appetizers while watching the bears “perform” for us, bidding on silent and live auction items such as exotic vacations, sports experiences and wonderful packages from our schools, funding the dreams of our very deserving teachers, enjoying the magnificent music of the Dick Judson Orchestra, and even seeing some of our youngest CLEF students “let their lights shine” through song.

We were again joined by the CLEF High School Scholarship recipients from Luther North College Prep and Walther Christian Academy. The students assisted with the bidding and check out process for the silent auction. We also had the pleasure of hearing from sophomore scholar Jordan Idak. Jordan outlined the impact of her Lutheran education, starting at Lutheran Unity West, and continuing at Luther North College Prep. She spoke eloquently of her gratitude for the many generous donors to our scholarship funds, without which she and many fellow students would be unable to attend a Lutheran School, which truly serves as their second family.

It was a very special night for all in attendance. We had fun. We raised funds. And we felt incredibly inspired to help close the gap between dreams and opportunity for so many deserving children in Chicago. Thank you to everyone who joined us and supported us, because as always, every dollar raised that evening goes directly to support student scholarships!

Be sure to save the date for next year’s gala, once again taking place at the Brookfield Zoo. Scheduled for Saturday, April 22, 2017, it’s sure to be even bigger and better!



dream a little dream

The CLEF "Dream a Little Dream" program encourages our teachers to think outside the box. If money wasn't a hindrance, what would they love to give their students? What is that one item or experience that would enhance their teaching or school and bring joy to the kids at the same time? Thirty-three teachers shared their wishes with CLEF this year.

CLEF Board Treasurer Mike Welch put it perfectly when he addressed the principals, teachers and school staff at CLEF's annual Teacher Recognition Dinner, held on May 12th at The River Forest Country Club in Elmhurst. "Everything you do for the children in our schools and their families is so important, with the love, comfort and safety you provide, you fulfill dreams that most students in Chicago cannot even imagine. In order to help you with your mission we want to make your dreams come true."

For the second year, these dreams were showcased at the Scholarship Gala and online, and many were funded in whole or in part. As always, our Good News Award Committee (Jeanne Brommer, Jennifer Heinze, Pete Imlah, Kathy Slupik, Paul Trettin and Steve Zielke) was then given the difficult task of selecting the rest of the dreams. This team was so dedicated that they added their own money into the dream fund so that more dreams could be realized!

"Allow me to personally thank CLEF and the donors for the generous contributions received by our school and its children. Without this generosity our children would not be experiencing the love of Christ and enjoying the dreams of its teachers." – CLEF Teacher



There were so many wonderful dreams to choose from, and it was exciting to be able to grant the following:

Cynthia Amezola (St. Paul Lutheran School on Dorchester)
iLearn Dream

Nancy Bowman and Rick Oppermann (St. Philip Lutheran School)
Lego® Brick Sets: After School Community Learning

Cathy Brown (Grace Christian Academy)
Classroom Stability Ball Chairs

Joseph Dembowski (Bethesda International Academy)
Science Exploration: Living and Learning in the Lab

Illa Doss and Roberta Wentling (Lutheran Day Nursery)
Music Together®

Allen Fumbanks (Christ the King Lutheran School) – A Spanish Dream

Phyllis Geistlinger (Saint Luke Academy) – Let's Play

Linda Greco and Jacob Benke (Walther Christian Academy Upper School) – Walther Wall Climbing Adventure

JohnMichael Jurica (Grace English Lutheran School)
Music... (B)ringing (A) (N)ew (D)imension to Education and the World

Annamarie Kamman (Walther Christian Academy Lower School)
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Assembly

Glen Kuck (St. Paul Lutheran School on Menard)
Resources for a Start-Up Preschool

JoAn Markworth (St. John's Lutheran School)
A Loft of Fun and a Gutter of Books

Melissa Mulert (Holy Family School) – Laptops for Lego® Engineers

Margaret Smith (Gloria Dei Lutheran School to benefit all CLEF schools) – The Mark Smith Band Fund

Colleen Weems (Gloria Dei Lutheran School) – I Dream of Reading

Lauren Wenzel (Saint Luke Academy) – Fidget to Learn for Kindergarten

Josh Wiechert (Luther North College Prep)
Pre-Engineering Makerspace

Jennifer Williams (Edison Park Lutheran Preschool)
Imagination Station, Rainbow Nook and Wings

Thank you to our Good News Awards Committee, the CLEF Board, and all of our generous outside funders for helping make dreams come true for our teachers and students!





CONGRATS TO THE CLEF SCHOLARS

LEARNING • GOOD NEWS • FOR LIFE is an open door to meditation, motivation and implementation of God's Plan for each of our lives. Young or old, it is a joyful day when we first learn about Jesus. This is what CLEF does. This is why we exist. This is how we serve and how we've served since 1993.

Lutheran High Schools focus on the whole child, helping him or her to grow academically, emotionally, socially, physically and spiritually. Students are encouraged to make the most of their God-given talents and abilities. Smaller class sizes allow Lutheran high schools to provide a family atmosphere where students are safe and positively influenced by the faculty and each other. Students are also afforded many opportunities to become involved in a wide range of activities, helping them to foster strong friendships, greater self-esteem, and higher academic performance.



Receiving a Christian education puts kids on the path to success from day one. In fact, over 90 percent of CLEF Lutheran high school graduates go on to attend college, while others serve our country in the military or the business world.

Unfortunately, many families who have sacrificed to send their children to Lutheran elementary schools simply do not have the resources for their children to continue that education in high school. Recognizing a need, eight years ago the Christopher and Schawk families created the CLEF High School Scholars Program to award scholarships for students attending Chicagoland's Lutheran High Schools – Luther North College Prep in Chicago and Walther Christian Academy in Melrose Park. Each year, each high school is awarded two scholarships for incoming freshmen who have graduated from a CLEF elementary school. Scholarships are renewable, so in any given year, there are sixteen CLEF high school scholars learning and growing. Students with an interest in the fine arts are also eligible to receive the Erhard Wolf scholarship. Created by Mr. Greg Wolf in 2006 in honor of his father Erhard, a talented and passionate musician, this scholarship supports an upperclassman at each high school.

On Thursday, May 19th CLEF hosted a Scholar Breakfast at Walther Christian Academy to celebrate the accomplishments of our high school scholars. We were delighted to welcome our incoming freshman recipients and their families. Emily Giannotta of Grace Christian Academy and Candice Jones of Holy Family School will be attending Walther. Sarah Martinez from St. James Lutheran School and Emma Ueltzen from Lutheran Unity School will continue their Christian education at Luther North. Natalie Johnson is returning as the Walther Erhard Wolf Scholar, while Michelle Diaz will share her artistic talents at Luther North. Congratulations students! We extend our prayers and best wishes to Luther North's graduating seniors Ben Heinz (St. John's) and Amber Jackson (St. Paul Austin). Ben will be attending Concordia University Chicago, and Amber is headed to Illinois State University. Blessings be upon Walther graduate Juan Dieguez (Grace Christian Academy) as he attends Loyola University. We know that you all have very bright futures. Go and live and spread the Good News!

CLEF extends our thanks to the Christopher, Schawk and Wolf families for their generosity and commitment to Lutheran education at both the elementary and high school levels.



A NIGHT OF APPRECIATION

The Teacher Recognition Dinner is a favorite event. It is a very special night when CLEF gets to recognize and honor those that have dedicated their lives to Lutheran education and to the children they teach and reach. We truly appreciate all the hard work and daily care that goes into being a teacher, principal, staff member and pastor. With over 230 in attendance, it was a great night for all to relax and reconnect with fellow educators, CLEF staff and board members.

In addition to thanking all of our Lutheran school staff, we recognized five individuals who have truly exceeded the call of duty. As we heard from CLEF Education Consultant Dave Maring, "These men and women have been empowered by God in each of their own roles to go the extra mile, to go above and beyond day after day. Their dedication and commitment is the reason that today 23 Chicago Lutheran schools are serving over 2,500 children and sharing the good news of Christ with each one of them."

The 2016 Above and Beyond Award recipients are:

Kathy Blecha- Secretary, Gloria Dei Lutheran School

Cheryl Collins- Principal, Holy Family School

Sharon Hill- Secretary, St. Paul Lutheran School on Dorchester

Matt Lindgren- Teacher and Technology Director
Luther North College Prep

Rick Oppermann- Teacher and Technology Director
St. Philip Lutheran School



GOOD NEWS REPORT

PROMOTE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PARTNER WITH CLEF

Community Partners assist CLEF in carrying out its mission. Sponsorship of a cause, such as CLEF, allies a company with its customers, employees and the communities in which it does business. The spirit of the Community Partners Program is to build mutually beneficial and rewarding relationships.

The trend in sponsorship leans toward creating long-term integrated strategic alliances. Support Chicagoland Lutheran Educational Foundation while adding value to your company's marketing and brand-building efforts.

How you can partner with us:

Program Dollars

Working capital to support CLEF's programs.

In-Kind Resources

Budget-relieving products and services needed to run specific programs and/or operations.

Marketing & Advertising Support

Blue-chip advertising opportunities for CLEF to share its mission and programs, thereby enabling CLEF to increase visibility and donations.

Liaisons

Commitment to provide introductions to potential partners, vendors and colleagues who may become additional sponsors and/or supporters.

CLEF COMMUNITY PARTNERS



UKANDU, Inc.



Phillips Security Consulting

BRUMMET & OLSEN, LLP
Certified Public Accountants



RYE BUILDERS, INC.



COMMUNITY PARTNERS KEEP KIDS SAFE

Chicago Lutheran schools are neighborhood schools. Located throughout the city, they serve children of all races, creeds and economic backgrounds. Just as CLEF schools have a responsibility to ensure students' spiritual safety by teaching them of Christ's love, they have an obligation to ensure children and staff's physical safety. Given the escalation of violence in our communities and the unwanted costs to repair vandalism or replace stolen property, CLEF partnered with a team of safety and security experts to upgrade infrastructure, make capital repairs and implement security enhancements. CLEF is very grateful to our Community Partners for helping our schools provide safe and loving environments for their students and staff.

Midwest Solar Control and Glass Graphics

For over 40 years, Midwest Solar Control Corporation (MWSC) has been the Midwest's premier 3M authorized Prestige window film dealer, offering the highest-quality products in the industry. Whether you are looking for ultra-violet window protection for your home or retail space or energy saving window film for your office building, their knowledgeable consultants can find the right solution to fit your needs. With extensive experience and unparalleled professionalism, Midwest Solar Control is a leader in the window film industry serving Chicagoland and the entire Midwest. For more information visit their website at www.midwestsolarcontrol.com.

Philips Security Consulting

Philips Security Consulting (PSC) is a boutique security consulting firm that works with associates from all aspects of the security industry. They pride themselves on providing their customers with tailor made teams and strategies based on specific security needs. PSC specializes in risk assessments, video surveillance and intelligence gathering for their clients ranging from schools to high rise condo buildings to professional sports stadiums around the country. For more information visit their website at www.phillipssecurityconsulting.com.

Rye Builders, Inc.

Rye Builders, Inc. is a full service construction company with a specialty emphasis on carpentry and millwork. They perform tasks ranging in size from a single bathroom remodel to multi-unit construction commercial buildouts. They are based in Chicago and operate in and around the Chicago area, striving to provide high quality workmanship and expertise at competitive rates. For more information visit their website at www.ryebuildersinc.com.

United Alarms Security

United Alarms provides personalized security systems for commercial and residential customers. There are no cookie cutter solutions here! Each system is customized to address individual needs, and can range from a simple fire alarm to a fully integrated home or business automation system. United Alarms provides solutions that offer peace of mind in an ever changing world. The company incorporates new technologies so that their customers benefit from the latest safety and security tools. For more information visit their website at www.alarm-sys.com.

Welsh Development Company

Welsh Development Company is a general contractor located in the Chicago suburbs that has been focusing on small and mid-sized projects for over a decade. Services available from this company include consultation, planning and design, financial consultation, blueprinting, permit processing, material procuring, construction management, and construction finalization. Give them a call at 773-572-7542.



MAKE A GIFT THROUGH A DONOR ADVISED FUND

Donors can create a Donor Advised Fund (DAF) by making a charitable gift to a fund administered by a sponsoring organization. Well known DAFs including The Chicago Community Foundation, Fidelity Charitable Gift Trust, and National Philanthropic Trust. Donors typically receive an immediate tax deduction for donations, which can include cash, securities, and even real estate. The sponsoring organization provides professional investment management of your donation. Donors maintain advisory privileges on investment allocations, and can recommend grants or distributions to various charities, including CLEF. If you have a Donor Advised Fund and wish to make a one time or recurring gift to CLEF, please contact your investment manager. You can also make a recommendation through the Donor Advised Fund widget on our website.

CLEF SEEKS PARTNERS FOR SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Does your school or congregation have a youth group or scout troop looking for a service project? Many CLEF schools are located in impoverished neighborhoods, where something as small as a box of crayons may not be within a family's budget. We are seeking partners to conduct school supply drives on behalf of some of Chicago's students. If you are interested in exploring this opportunity, please contact the CLEF office at 630-595-9310.



SCHOOL NURSING BY THE NUMBERS



While we can measure the outcomes of our school nursing program in metrics such as the hundreds of staff trained in CPR and first aid, the number of students provided with consultations or physicals, and the thousands of vision and hearing screenings conducted, we'd like to focus for a moment on mileage. CLEF School Nurse Patricia Braun logged

over 11,000 miles this school year travelling to provide services within the Chicago Lutheran school system. While her impact locally is undeniable, throughout her career Pat has also traveled around the United States and beyond our borders, sharing her expertise and compassionate nature with children and fellow healthcare providers. Over the years, her travels have brought her to Japan, Israel and New Zealand, just to name a few!

This past March, Pat attended the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners annual conference in Atlanta, Georgia. It is the largest gathering of its kind in the U.S. Nurse Pat has been attending for many years, and currently serves as Chair of the School Nurse Committee. Nurse Practitioners gather at the conference to discuss trends and developments in pediatrics, learn about best practices, and earn new certifications.

While much valuable knowledge was shared at the conference, the mental health of children was a major focal point. Topics including phobias, depression, eating disorders, coping mechanisms and grieving were discussed at length. Fortunately, awareness of mental health issues in children is on the rise. Every child walks into a school with a differing set of emotional needs. Working to ensure adequate mental health resources are available to children is a challenge for school nurses from both public and private schools all over the United States. In addition to having her Doctorate in Nursing, Nurse Pat is board certified as a Pediatric Primary Care Mental Health Specialist and is seeking to expand these services in our schools for the 2016-2017 school year.

Nurse Pat is heavily involved in continuing education. She recently completed a course to become certified in dental varnish, in addition to her many other credentials. This is a new service she will be able to offer CLEF students for years to come. In addition, she just received her chainsaw certification as part of her Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT) training, which allows her to participate in disaster response services.



NURSE PAT KEEPS AN EYE OUT FOR THE STUDENTS



Speaking of measuring the number of students served by our seemingly tireless school nurse, let's take a look...

Adequate vision and hearing play a vital role in educational performance. Impaired vision and/or hearing in children can seriously impede learning and contribute to the development of educational, emotional and behavioral problems. Early discovery and treatment can prevent or at least alleviate many of these problems.

Hearing loss can happen anytime during life, from before birth to adulthood. There are many causes of hearing loss, including genetics, infections, noise, aging, trauma and some medications. Hearing loss seriously affects a child's ability to communicate because it interferes with the development of normal language and learning. It may affect a child's ability to develop normal speech and serves to isolate the child from everyday surroundings, including parents, other family members and playmates.

Vision loss can also happen anytime during life. Vision loss can be caused by damage to the eye itself, by the eye being shaped incorrectly or even by a problem in the brain. In the United States, the most prevalent disabling childhood conditions are vision disorders, including amblyopia, strabismus and significant refractive errors. Early detection increases the likelihood of effective treatment.

Annual Hearing and Vision Screening identifies children who are having or develop vision and hearing difficulties that may impact their educational experience. Hearing and vision screening was conducted in all of our Chicagoland Lutheran preschool and elementary schools this year. Over 1,400 children participated in the screening across 23 schools. These children were in grades preschool through 8th grade. Screenings were conducted at each school site. Those identified as having difficulty in the screening were each referred for further follow up and/or treatment as necessary. Identifying potential difficulties in hearing and vision helps support children of all ages to do their best and have a much more positive educational experience.

"Due to your generosity, you have made it possible for my granddaughter to attend the very school I graduated from. I am thrilled that she will receive an excellent education, but more importantly she will come to know Christ as her Savior."

– CLEF School Grandparent



CONGRATULATIONS TINY TOES

Congratulations to great friend of CLEF, Roberta Wentling, owner of Tiny Toes Music. Roberta was recently awarded for her passionate work serving preschool students in Chicago and the suburbs. Tiny Toes Music is a local company offering the national Music Together® program. Tiny Toes was recognized at the annual Music Together® conference for their wonderful family classes and their strong mission to serve families in low income preschool settings who may not otherwise be able to experience such a program. Through a partnership with Zion Lutheran Hinsdale Early Childhood Education Center and CLEF, Tiny Toes has been singing, dancing, playing instruments and sharing the love of music with Lutheran Day Nursery for the past few years. We are grateful for the relationship between Tiny Toes and Lutheran Day in and out of the classroom, including a recent Uncle Gerry concert at Zion held to benefit Lutheran Day Nursery.



MEET MARILYN SCHAWK

We at CLEF are proud and thankful for the servant's heart of our new board member Marilyn Schawk. Marilyn, like her husband Clarence, now with his Lord, is a person of strong faith and strong actions.

Marilyn's commitment to Lutheran education is as strong as her faith and trust in her Lord and Savior. She is a quiet leader in the sense that she

demonstrates her faith through her actions. Her belief in education and in sharing the love of Jesus with little children fills her servant's heart with joy and gladness.

Marilyn grew up in Chicago and is a product of Lutheran education. For many years she and Clarence attended Tabor Lutheran Church in the heart of the city. She leads an active and full life and enjoys good conversations and the company of her many friends and family. Her life of continuous service in the name of Jesus is an inspiration and a path for all of us to follow.

With their four children, seven grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren (two more on the way), Marilyn and Clarence understood completely the meaning and importance of Jesus' words when He told his disciples to *"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."* MARK 10: 14, 15 NIV

Many children and adults have come to know and love Jesus through the commitment, support, and generosity of Clarence and Marilyn. CLEF is honored and humbled to have Marilyn as a Board member and grateful to work with her to continue our legacy and mission of **Learning-Good News-For Life.**



WELCOME TO OUR NEW PROGRAMS COORDINATOR

The cold days of winter actually brought a warm welcome to CLEF. Megan Smith joined the CLEF team of consultants as our new Programs Coordinator. Wanting to return to her Midwest roots (she was born in Normal, IL) and be closer to family, Megan came to CLEF from sunny California, where she lived and taught in Marin County, a suburb of San

Francisco. Megan's education, technology and leadership background have made her a valuable member of the team. In addition to teaching high school health and social studies for six years, she was a mentor to her fellow teachers, led the implementation of many new programs such as Google Classroom throughout the entire district, and served as an advisor to an educational technology company. When she's not helping CLEF schools, teachers and students, she is out serving the community. Megan volunteers at the National Runaway Safeline and participates in a variety of community service projects and outreach events through the Junior League of Chicago. Her experience both in and out of the classroom has already proven beneficial as she has begun overseeing many of CLEF's school programs, including those that integrate technology into the classroom.



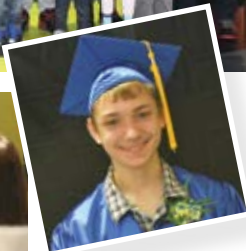
CLEF SCHOOLS PROFILE



● The Grace English Family

Grace English Lutheran School is more than a school, it is a family, a family of faith. Their main focus has always been to first teach the love Jesus has for each of us and show the love we have for Him. The teachers and staff model God's love to the children

and families of Grace through actions both in and out of the classroom. They begin four mornings with all school devotions (day five is all school chapel) coming together as a family to share care and concerns in prayer. High academic standards are a focus at Grace, with the curriculum geared towards math and reading using iPads to strengthen these two areas. Some of the newest members of the Grace family have been instrumental in growing the fine arts programs. The addition of Mr. and Mrs. JohnMichael and Katrina Jurica has allowed Grace to add a music program with two different choirs, hand chimes and private music lessons. These new opportunities have helped grow the school's enrollment. Grace English Lutheran School exists for the children and their mission is to provide a quality Christian education. A golf outing was started four years ago "Fore the Kids" to keep tuition costs down so even more children can join this family. Grace has been "transforming lives" 2 Cor. 3:18 in the Belmont-Cragin area of Chicago for over 90 years by putting the Lord first in everything and focusing on children, and will continue to do so for many more.



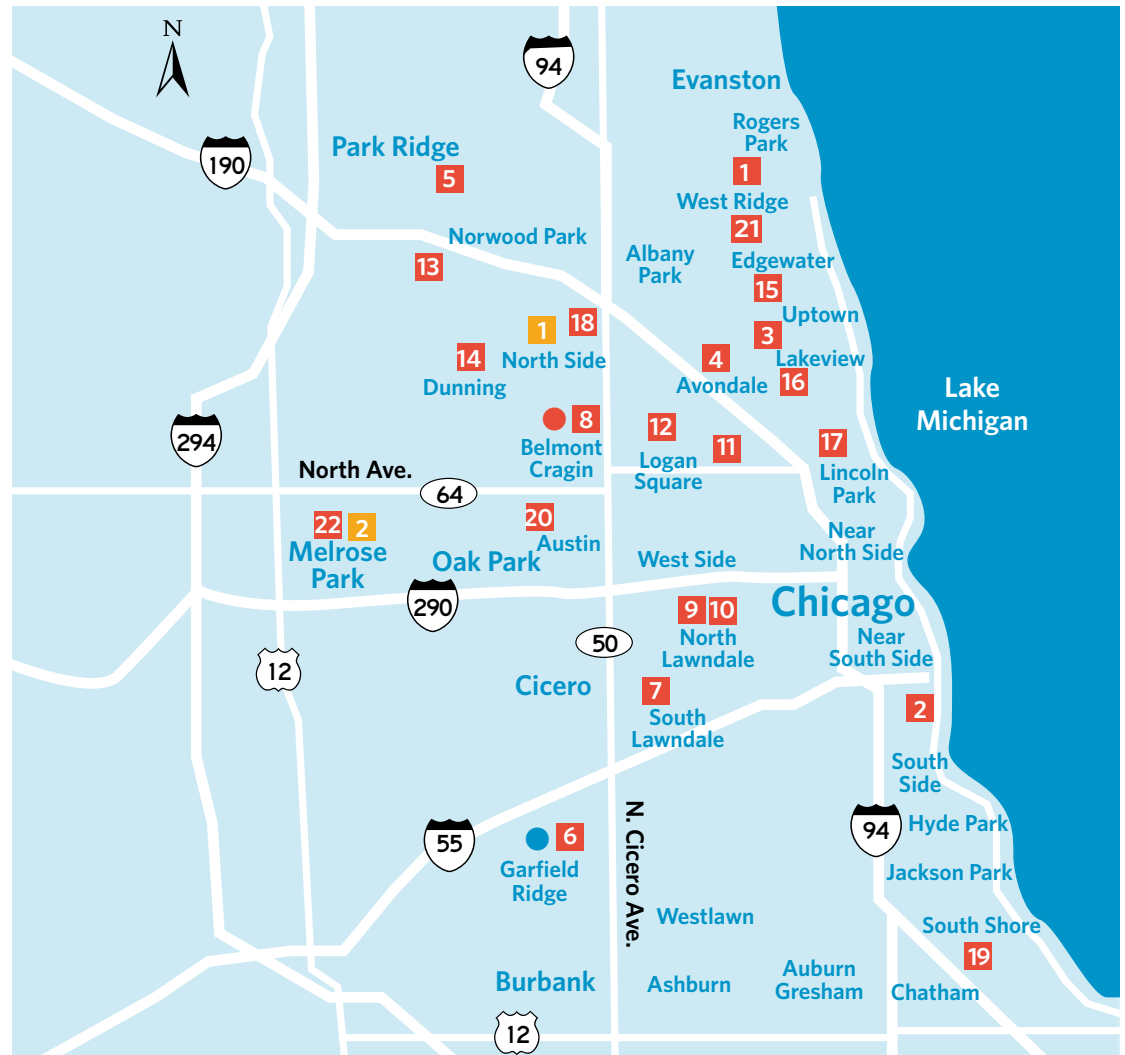
● Great Things Happening at Gloria Dei

"Glory of God" is what their name means and how their school operates. Gloria Dei Lutheran School has been serving the Garfield Ridge neighborhood of Chicago since 1960, and service has remained an important aspect of their mission to this day. They participate in many outreach events in the community throughout the year such as: veteran's presentation and lunch, Chicago Care Van, musical concerts, craft fairs, caroling at nursing homes, meetings at the Chamber of Commerce and art shows. Serving others is paramount, but the heart of Gloria Dei is serving the children. Gloria Dei believes each child is a gift from God, and from the beginning their dedicated, professional faculty and staff provide loving care for the children and families who have chosen Gloria Dei as the place for a uniquely Christian education from PK-8th grade. They continually challenge their students to grow in their faith and in all academic areas with a strong emphasis on math and science, resulting in multiple awards every year. But the school isn't all hard work. Gloria Dei knows how to have fun too with many activities throughout the year like annual trips to Washington DC, Springfield and Walcamp, extra-curricular athletic teams – cross country, basketball and track, Santa's Workshop at Christmas, picnics in the park, plays with The Windy City Players, special lunches once a month and fun treats each Friday such as Float Friday and Popcorn Friday. Truly Gloria Dei has something for everyone and everything they do is always done to the Glory of God.



SPREADING CHRIST THROUGHOUT THE CITY

"Thank you CLEF for the gift of education. Your grant has ensured that my two children can continue to grow and foster in the community they have come to love." – CLEF School Parent



- CLEF High Schools
- Featured Schools
- CLEF Preschools and Grade Schools

CLEF HIGH SCHOOLS

- 1 **Luther North College Prep**, 5700 W. Berteau Ave, Chicago
- 2 **Walther Christian Academy**, 900 Chicago Ave, Melrose Park

CLEF PRESCHOOLS AND GRADE SCHOOLS

- 1 **Bethesda International Academy**, 6803 N. Campbell Ave, Chicago
- 2 **Christ the King Lutheran School**, 3701 S. Lake Park Ave, Chicago
- 3 **Concordia Place**, 3855 N. Seeley Ave, Chicago
- 4 **Concordia Place**, 3300 N. Whipple St, Chicago
- 5 **Edison Park Lutheran Preschool**, 6626 N. Oliphant Ave, Chicago
- 6 **Gloria Dei Lutheran School**, 5259 S. Major Ave, Chicago
- 7 **Grace Christian Academy**, 4106 W. 28th St, Chicago
- 8 **Grace English Lutheran School**, 2725 N. Laramie Ave, Chicago
- 9 **Holy Family School**, 3415 W. Arthington St, Chicago

- 10 **Little Learners Academy**, 3415 W. Arthington St, Chicago
- 11 **Lutheran Day Nursery**, 1802 N. Fairfield Ave, Chicago
- 12 **Lutheran Unity East**, 3740 W. Belden Ave, Chicago
- 13 **Lutheran Unity West**, 5650 N. Canfield Ave, Chicago
- 14 **Our Saviour Lutheran School**, 7151 W. Cornelia Ave, Chicago
- 15 **Pilgrim Lutheran School**, 4300 N. Winchester Ave, Chicago
- 16 **Saint Luke Academy**, 1500 W. Belmont Ave, Chicago
- 17 **St. James Lutheran School**, 2101 N. Fremont St, Chicago
- 18 **St. John's Lutheran School**, 4939 W. Montrose Ave, Chicago
- 19 **St. Paul Lutheran School**, 7621 S. Dorchester Ave, Chicago
- 20 **St. Paul Lutheran School**, 846 N. Menard Ave, Chicago
- 21 **St. Philip Lutheran School**, 2500 W. Bryn Mawr Ave, Chicago
- 22 **Walther Christian Academy**, 1025 W. Lake St, Melrose Park



Non Profit Org
US Postage
PAID
Chicago, IL
Permit 7719

DO WE HAVE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS? Please email clef@clefchicago.org to be added to our electronic communications list.

CONGRATULATIONS CLEF GRADUATES!

