



## A LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As our 20th year draws to a close, we are filled with immense gratitude for our journey in serving our beloved community and expressing our faith in love. Your unwavering support and partnership have been a beacon of hope for our children and families throughout these years. Together, we have woven a tapestry of transformation, empowerment, and love that has touched countless lives.

As we reflect on the challenges and triumphs of the past year, we are reminded of our collective effort and profound impact through the grace of God. The Bridge Tutoring and GROW summer programs have improved academic performance - improving reading scores and closing the achievement gap - and instilled confidence and self-belief in the young minds we nurture. The discipleship and mentorship initiatives have sown seeds of faith, compassion, and leadership in our future generations. Our Bible studies and community events have fostered connections that transcend socioeconomic backgrounds, creating love, unity, understanding, and community.

None of this would have been possible without your generous support. Your financial contributions, volunteer hours, and heartfelt prayers have driven every success story we celebrate today. You have demonstrated the essence of community, compassion, and Christlike love through your partnership.

As we approach the end of this year, we invite you to join us again in continuing this transformative journey. Your year-end gift will enable us to sustain our existing programs, dream bigger, and reach higher. We aim to expand tutoring programs at Holy Family Catholic School and beyond, offering a program at our facility or a nearby public school by fall 2024 while keeping them free of charge. This expansion will enable us to serve over 150 children and families, providing more mentorship opportunities, and creating impactful community events that strengthen unity. Achieving this ambitious project requires additional funding, staffing, volunteerism, and expansion of our existing infrastructure, which is only possible with your generous contributions.

As we anticipate the new year, let us carry forward the spirit of giving and compassion. Together, we can create a brighter future for our community's under-resourced children and families. Your generosity will shape destinies and empower lives, one precious soul at a time.

Thank you for being a cornerstone of our mission. May this festive season fill your heart with joy and gratitude, and may your generosity shine as a beacon of hope.

With heartfelt appreciation and warmest wishes,  
Claudy St. Louis

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*"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." Hebrews 13:16*

# A YEAR IN REVIEW: OUR WINS AND MILESTONES

Enrollment in our Bridge Tutoring program at Holy Family Catholic School increased by an astounding 44% in 2023, which resulted in the total number of students rising from 63 to 91. This increase now means we serve 30% of HFCS's 308 students and families.



Through strategic partnerships, we provide space for programs like Living Hope's single mothers' initiatives, Resilient Rubies on the Rise's financial literacy for teenage girls, and others for more effective outreach.



## 2023 IMPACT REPORT

**100%**

PROMOTED TO NEXT GRADE

All students in our program passed to the next grade level in 2022-23.



GROW summer program reading improvement average.



Students received a final math grade of an A or B.

**12,388**

MEALS AND SNACKS SERVED

Snacks served during the school year, breakfast and lunch in summer.



Over the past year, we experienced a remarkable 47% surge in volunteer hours served, demonstrating a profound commitment to our mission within the community. This substantial increase underscores the growing engagement and dedication of individuals in our community who share the organization's values and passion for expressing their faith in love to their neighbor.

Have you ever heard of the “summer slide?” It is the phenomenon where students experience a decline in their academic skills and knowledge during the summer break, often requiring catch-up when they return to school in the fall. Our GROW summer program has eliminated the “summer slide” and ensured that our students either maintained or improved their reading ability, closing the achievement gap!



Various groups, such as individuals, churches, and schools, volunteered service hours.



Total students in our 2023 Bridge Tutoring & GROW summer programs.



The student-to-adult ratio in each classroom.



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AND HAPPY NEW YEAR