



2013-14 ANNUAL REPORT



OUR MISSION

Our mission is to foster the continued success and enrichment of the Billings Catholic Schools, by providing and increasing an endowment and overseeing all fundraising efforts to ensure long and short term financial stability and support.



From the President

Thanks to you, our donors, hundreds of children have the opportunity to learn in an environment where faith formation, family spirit and academic excellence are valued and relevant. Each year your gifts make faith-based education possible for children whose families would otherwise be unable to afford this kind of instruction.

Our mission is to continue to foster the growth of BCS and assist in its ongoing success. This year we are pleased to announce some of our recent accomplishments made possible with your donations:

- An iPad in every student's hand has been our goal for the last two years. Over two-thirds of BCS students are now equipped, and we will complete the project in the next fiscal year. Every year the devices are brought in and made ready for the following year.
- We were able to take the Capital Campaign out of the silent phase with a public announcement. We currently have over 10 million dollars pledged and are starting to design the building on the land.
- The Capital Campaign has had a positive impact on the endowment as well, which has grown to 16.5 million dollars. This fund, established in 1973, was designed to provide sustainable income to the Billings Catholic Schools in perpetuity.

As we move forward into the final stage of our Capital Campaign, we look to the outcome of what a 21st century school means for our children. Increased security in an age where we must think of our children's well-being while they are attending school. Ability to grow and offer a faith-based education to more children as our community expands. Our mission continues to drive us forward and we will continue to work to raise the funds necessary to bring faith-based education to children and families who seek it.

Every gift counts! Thank you for making a difference in the lives of our students.

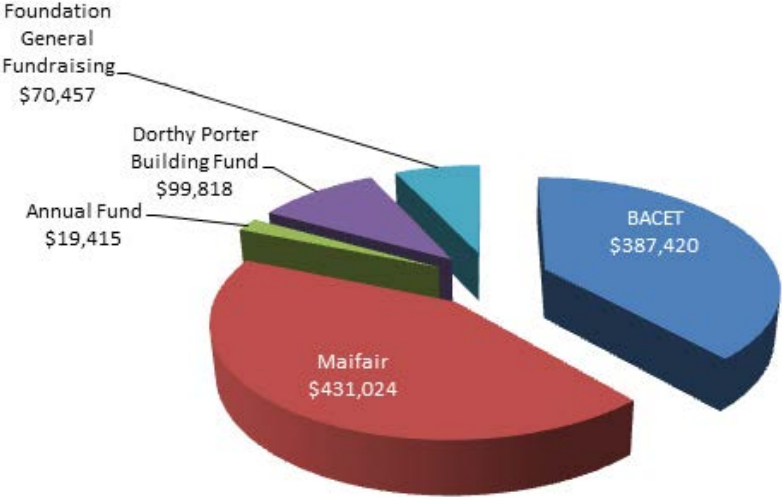
Sincerely,



Janyce Haider
BCSF President



2013-2014 Foundation Distribution to the Billings Catholic Schools \$1,008,134.00



From the Immediate Past-Chair

Thank you for choosing to donate to the Billings Catholic Schools Foundation. Your continued support enriches the lives of hundreds of children each year, and will in turn continue to support the Catholic community in Billings for many years to come.

The Foundation Board's mission is to keep the Billings Catholic Schools strong; planning for long-term financial stability is our primary goal. Each year we work toward new endeavors that will benefit BCS students. The BCSF Board of Directors is responsible for the management of the endowment which now totals over 16 million dollars. The endowment continued to grow and since its inception we are proud to say it has contributed a total of nearly 6 million dollars to the operations of our schools.

None of our work would be relevant without the continued support from our donors. The Catholic community in Billings has rallied behind its Catholic Schools; where other communities have been unsuccessful, ours continues to flourish. BCS's continued success is a reflection of an engaged community in Billings, committed donors, parents and students who choose to rally behind faith-based education, even when it is not easy.

This report is our way of showing you where your donations have made a difference. Thank you for continuing to believe in the Catholic Schools and our mission of providing exceptional Catholic education, emphasizing formation in faith, spirit, academic excellence, service, justice and peace.

Sincerely,

Bob Cerkovnik

Bob Cerkovnik
BCSF Board Chair 2013-2014



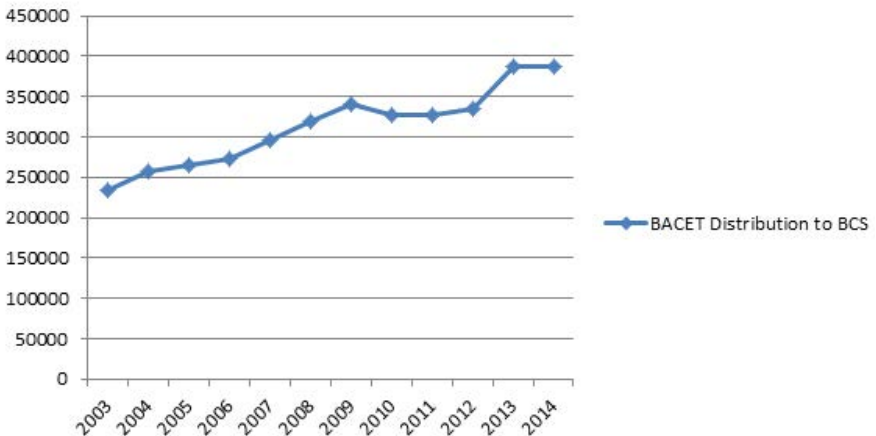
Providing Financial Stability

A strong endowment is the defining resource of an organization's financial soundness. It provides stability and revenue critical for long-range planning and innovation. The endowment is comprised of gifts given with the stipulation that the principle will be permanently invested and a portion of the investment income will be expended to help finance school needs that tuition alone cannot satisfy.

The 20+ members making up the BCSF Board of Directors are committed to protecting the corpus of the endowment fund, being good stewards of the Foundation's assets, and raising money that will ensure the continuation of Catholic education in Billings. A growing endowment will guarantee more scholarships for students and more funds available to help reduce tuition for families who dream of faith-based education for their children. Since 1975 the endowment alone (BACET) has distributed a total of nearly 6 million dollars to the Billings Catholic Schools.

In 2005, the Foundation was formed to encompass the endowment and serve as the philanthropic arm of the Billings Catholic Schools. Major fundraising is now handled by the Foundation, and the net dollars are then given to the schools. Between the endowment distribution, Mayfair, Annual Giving Campaign, grant writing and special events, the Foundation is responsible for supplying over 1 million dollars annually or nearly 18% of the school's annual operating budget.

BACET Distribution to BCS



Scholarship Recipients Thank Generous Donors

July 23rd, 2013

Billings Catholic Schools Foundation
120 S. 34th Street
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To The Sister Valerie Scholarship Memorial,

May you be blessed ten times or more than the gracious scholarship amount you have set up for the Billings Catholic High School. I can't begin to express our gratitude though words on this paper for Sarina being awarded this scholarship. I'd really love to give you a huge hug and a big thank you. We love the Catholic Schools Community and School System. Your donation to us is priceless.

Since we moved to Billings six years ago, the choice to put Sarina in this school system has been most rewarding. Between our many sacrifices we make and with the money we have received from you, she is able to continue on in this excellent school. Sarina was a straight A student when we moved here and she had to step her game up a lot. She's challenged daily and I can assure you her grades come first with her and if she doesn't get that A, she's not happy about it and tries harder next time. She's usually up 3 to 4 nights late during a school week studying and doing homework. This is due to the sports she's involved in as well and I'm thankful she stays this busy as it keeps my mind at ease knowing where she's at and what she's doing. I also feel there is no other school in this area that can prepare her this well for her college education as well as every day and life lessons. I strongly believe because of this school and the Catholic community, Sarina is striving and will continue to do so throughout her life as this foundation you have helped give her, is a wonderful one.

We hope to someday be in a position to help others who struggle to keep their children in this amazing school system. You are an inspiration to us and again, we can't thank you and your family enough.

Sincerely,



Christy Aamold

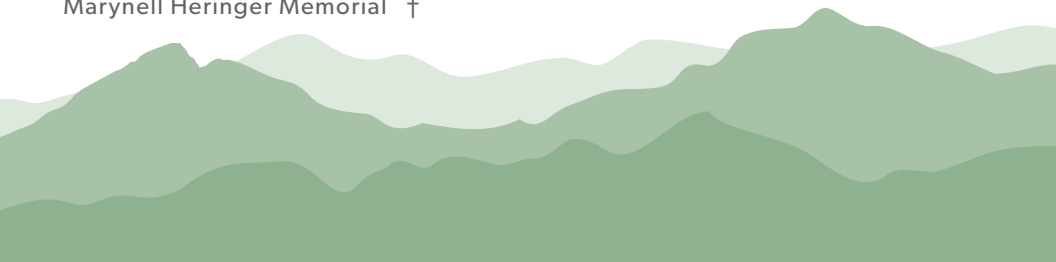
Established Endowment Funds

Generous donors have created a legacy of philanthropy by establishing the following endowment funds. Since the funds are held in perpetuity, current and future students will forever benefit from this thoughtful planning.

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Class of 1951
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† Student Specific Scholarships



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August 6, 2013

Thank you so much for the scholarship I appreciate it greatly! It was so generous for the Jim Fisher Scholarship of \$500.00. I was very happy to learn that I was selected as a recipient of your scholarship! Thank you so much again! By awarding me the Jim Fisher Scholarship you have lightened a financial burden which allows me to focus and excel more in school. Your generosity has inspired me to help others out and give back to my community. I hope one day I will be able to help students achieve their goals just as you have helped me!

Sincerely,

Madison English

3224 Horton Smith Lane
Billings, MT 59106

Statements of Financial Position

June 30, 2014 and 2013

Assets

| | <u>2013-2014</u> | <u>2012-2013</u> |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Current Assets | | |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | 216,990 | 803,448 |
| Receivables | | |
| Unconditional Promises to Give | 901,088 | 223,253 |
| Interest Receivable | 50,973 | 50,994 |
| Other Receivables | 31,393 | 19,079 |
| Total Current Assets | <u>1,200,444</u> | <u>1,096,774</u> |
| Property and Equipment (Net) | - | - |
| Investments | 16,576,247 | 13,353,961 |
| Other Investments | 47,51 | 47,451 |
| Bacet Realty, LLC | 157,907 | 157,907 |
| Beneficial Interest in Split-Interest Agreements | - | - |
| Cash Designated for Building Costs | 1,055,048 | - |
| Long-Term Unconditional Promises to Give | <u>2,809,016</u> | <u>469,746</u> |
| Total Assets | <u>21,846,203</u> | <u>15,820,482</u> |

Liabilities and Net Assets

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|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Current Liabilities | | |
| Accounts Payable | 96,009 | 537,478 |
| Accrued Expenses | 7,661 | 6,918 |
| Compensated Absences | 2,617 | 3,004 |
| Total Current Liabilities | <u>106,287</u> | <u>547,400</u> |
| Deferred Gift Annuities | <u>165,725</u> | <u>175,015</u> |
| Total Liabilities | <u>272,012</u> | <u>722,415</u> |
| Net Assets | | |
| Unrestricted | 1,651,418 | 547,020 |
| Temporarily Restricted | 5,617,191 | 1,484,879 |
| Permanently Restricted | 14,305,582 | 13,066,168 |
| Total Net Assets | <u>21,574,191</u> | <u>15,098,067</u> |
| Total Liabilities and Net Assets | <u>21,846,203</u> | <u>15,820,482</u> |

Technology Transformation through Special Projects at Mayfair: A Three Year Endeavor

Technology is changing every minute. As it continues to develop, it shapes the world we live in irrevocably. For our students to get the most comprehensive education possible, they too must stay engaged with all of the new ways of learning and information gathering. Once the Promethean Boards were installed in each classroom throughout BCS, teachers were able to grow their instruction to interactive polling and better develop a multi-media learning environment. In 2013-2014 school year, BCS committed to bringing an iPad into each student's hands. This will continue to bring the BCS students to a place where they can learn and process information quickly. The interactive interface allows students to take control of their own education.

This three year special project will allow all BCS students to have access to an education that will enable them to navigate in a technology driven world. When we allow all children access to the same technology – all children will be able to develop the life skills needed in today's world. This project was in its first year in the 2013-2014 school year, and we were able to reach 1/3 of our students. During the 2014-2015 school year the second third of students were given iPads, and we will complete this program in the 2015-2016 school year when the last third of the children will receive their iPads.

Thank you to all the donors who have taken this project to heart and have generously supported all BCS students learn grow with technology.





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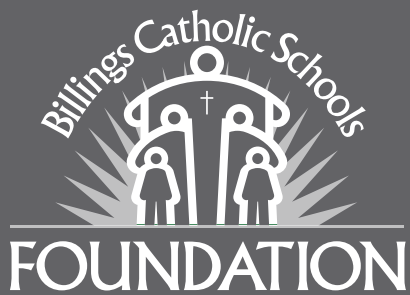
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