



**Risen Christ**  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL



# **Annual Report**

## **2020-2021**

*¡Dos idiomas, muchas culturas, infinitas posibilidades!*  
*Two languages, many cultures, infinite possibilities!*

# School Leadership

In September 2020, we began the adventure of conducting a full school year in the shadow of the COVID-19 pandemic. Throughout the year, our teachers and staff heroically provided a safe in-person learning environment for Risen Christ students. Everyone rose to the challenge in recognition of the important role that our school plays in the lives of our students and families – supporting their academic, spiritual, physical and emotional needs – through face-to-face interactions. In addition, our teachers simultaneously learned new technology which enabled them to stay connected and teach students learning from home.

Even though a surge in Minnesota's COVID cases forced our entire school to transition into a brief distance learning period from Thanksgiving to Martin Luther King Day, we are proud to have been open for in-person learning for 85% of the 2020-21 school year.

In November 2020, we successfully concluded our *Fulfilling the Promise* capital campaign, paying all existing lenders and consolidating our remaining debt into a single low-interest bank loan. At one time, our debt exceeded \$4.5 million. By June 30<sup>th</sup>, just 10 percent remained with guaranteed commitments from campaign donors and foundation partners that will be used to eliminate the remaining debt balance by the end of FY23 – possibly sooner! This momentous accomplishment secures the financial future and stability of Risen Christ and we are incredibly grateful for everyone who supported this effort!

As the year progressed, many families were challenged by the lack of bus transportation from Minneapolis Public Schools, continued economic hardships and the difficulties of parenting in an uncertain time. In response, we raised and distributed well over \$100,000 through our Family Emergency Fund, helping families most in need with critical support for rent, utilities, groceries and other essentials.

It is a testament to your generosity and the grace of God that we have not only endured but thrived during this time of great uncertainty. On behalf of our entire school community, we offer our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering and overwhelming support. God bless you!

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# UNVEILED:

## Our New Mural & Statue of the Risen Christ!



**P**rior to the COVID-19 pandemic, a team of talented students at Risen Christ led by **4th grade teacher Susana Villalobos** completed the mural in our main floor hallway, which we proudly unveiled and broadcast on our school Facebook page on October 22, 2020. **Click the video above to watch the short ceremony.**

The Risen Christ statue is surrounded by a variety of national flowers representing the native countries of our students and families, creating a garden with room for more flowers to be added in the future.

We feel truly blessed by our talented students and Ms. Villalobos for this imaginative and meaningful piece of art that our school community will admire and treasure for years to come. **Our student artists included 6th grader Melanie, and 8th graders Sherlyn, Karen, Jessica, Jocelyn, Eva and Diana.**

We offer our heartfelt gratitude to **Father Leo Schneider, pastor at Church of the Holy Name**, who blessed the mural along with the hand-carved statue of the Risen Christ. The statue was generously donated by the parish and serves as the centerpiece of the mural.

### Flowers & Nations Represented:

*Flor de Maga, Puerto Rico*

*Carnation, Spain*

*Ceibo, Uruguay*

*Pink Lady's Slipper, Minnesota*

*Rose, Ecuador and the United States*

*Lotus Flower, Vietnam*

*Orchid, Venezuela*

*Calla Lily, Ethiopia*

*Lobster Claw, Bolivia*

*Dahlia, Mexico*

### Our Mission

*Risen Christ Catholic School is a K-8, bilingual, multicultural and financially accessible school of excellence, educating children in mind, body and spirit to live and lead in the example of Jesus Christ.*

### Our History

*Established in 1993, Risen Christ Catholic School is grounded in the histories and traditions of our five founding parishes: Holy Name, Holy Rosary, Incarnation, St. Albert the Great and St. Stephen's.*



# School Profile

2020-2021

**Enrollment** 322 students, K-8

## Population

African/African Am:	4%
Asian/SE Asian:	2%
Caucasian:	3%
Latino:	90%
Native American:	<1%

Student Retention:	94%
Free/Reduced Lunch:	87%
English Language Learners:	74%

## Religion\*

Catholic:	84%
Other Christian:	5%
Non-Christian:	1%

*\* Family-reported information that is requested, but not required during registration. Figures based on responses received.*

Statistics based on October 1, 2020 enrollment data.



# TUITION PROFILE

Per pupil cost to educate:	\$8,000	2020-2021 full price tuition:	\$3,550
Students receiving tuition assistance:	99%	Average family contribution per child:	\$760





*On June 8, 2021, we gathered as a school community for the graduation of 39 Risen Christ students at Incarnation / Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, one of our five founding parishes.*

## Student Outcomes & Achievements



Since 2016, 15 Risen Christ graduates have earned Presidential Scholarships at DeLaSalle High School.



Since 2015, the Flaherty Family Foundation has granted 27 high-potential Risen Christ graduates with four-year scholarships to local Catholic high schools.



GHR Foundation supports Risen Christ with funding for student scholarships, assessments, professional development, the City Connects program and more.



Two-thirds of Risen Christ's graduates have been accepted into private high schools since 2016.



Risen Christ is the only Catholic dual immersion school in Minnesota. English Language Learners at Risen Christ significantly outperform their peers in Minneapolis public schools and across the state of Minnesota.



Risen Christ is a founding member of the Two-Way Immersion Network for Catholic Schools, a national network of 22 schools grounded in research and leadership by the Roche Center for Catholic Education at Boston College.

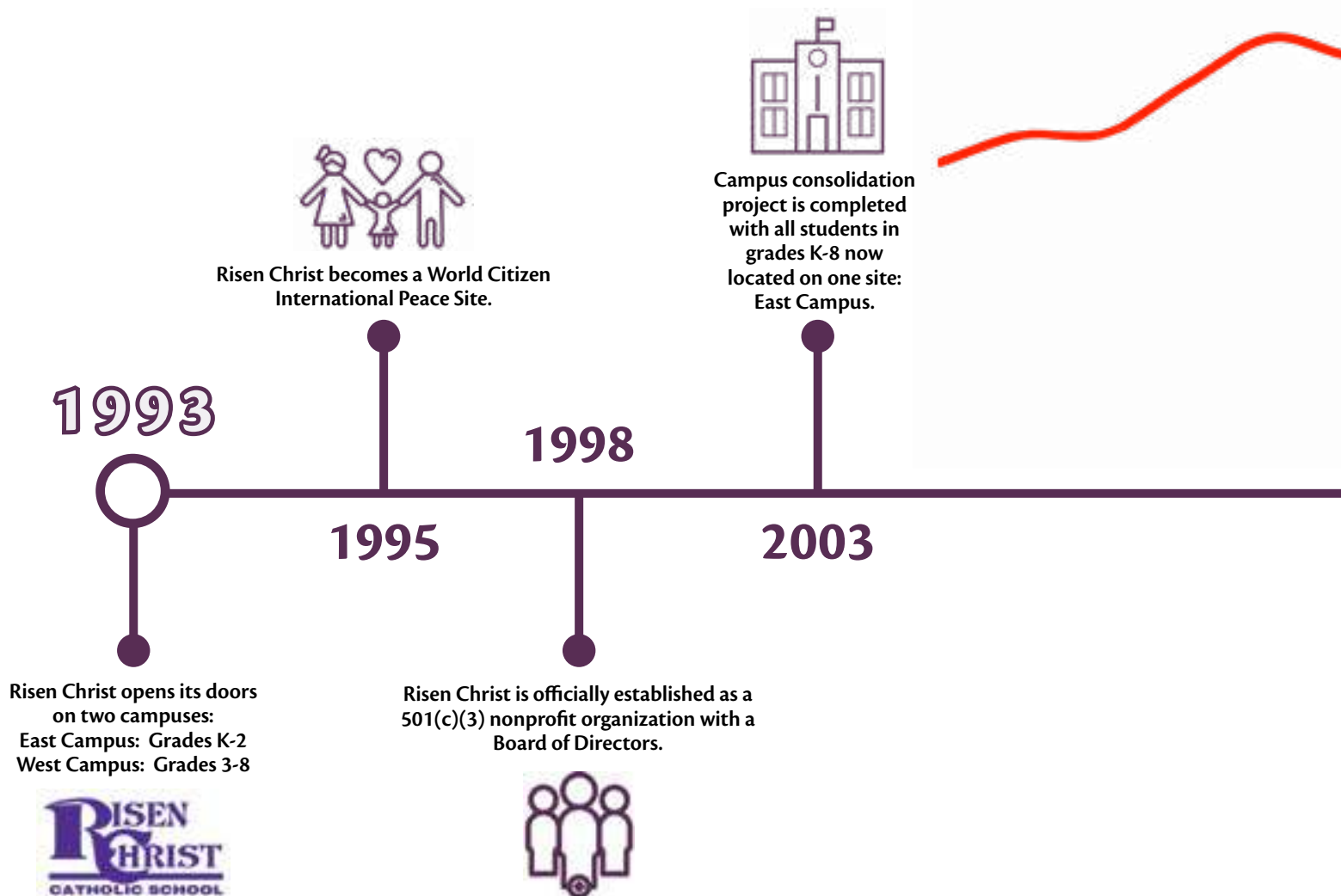


The Countdown to College initiative at St. Mary's University has accepted 17 Risen Christ students since 2016, supporting them through high school as they prepare to become first generation college students.



# FULFILLING *the* PROMISE

A CAMPAIGN FOR RISEN CHRIST

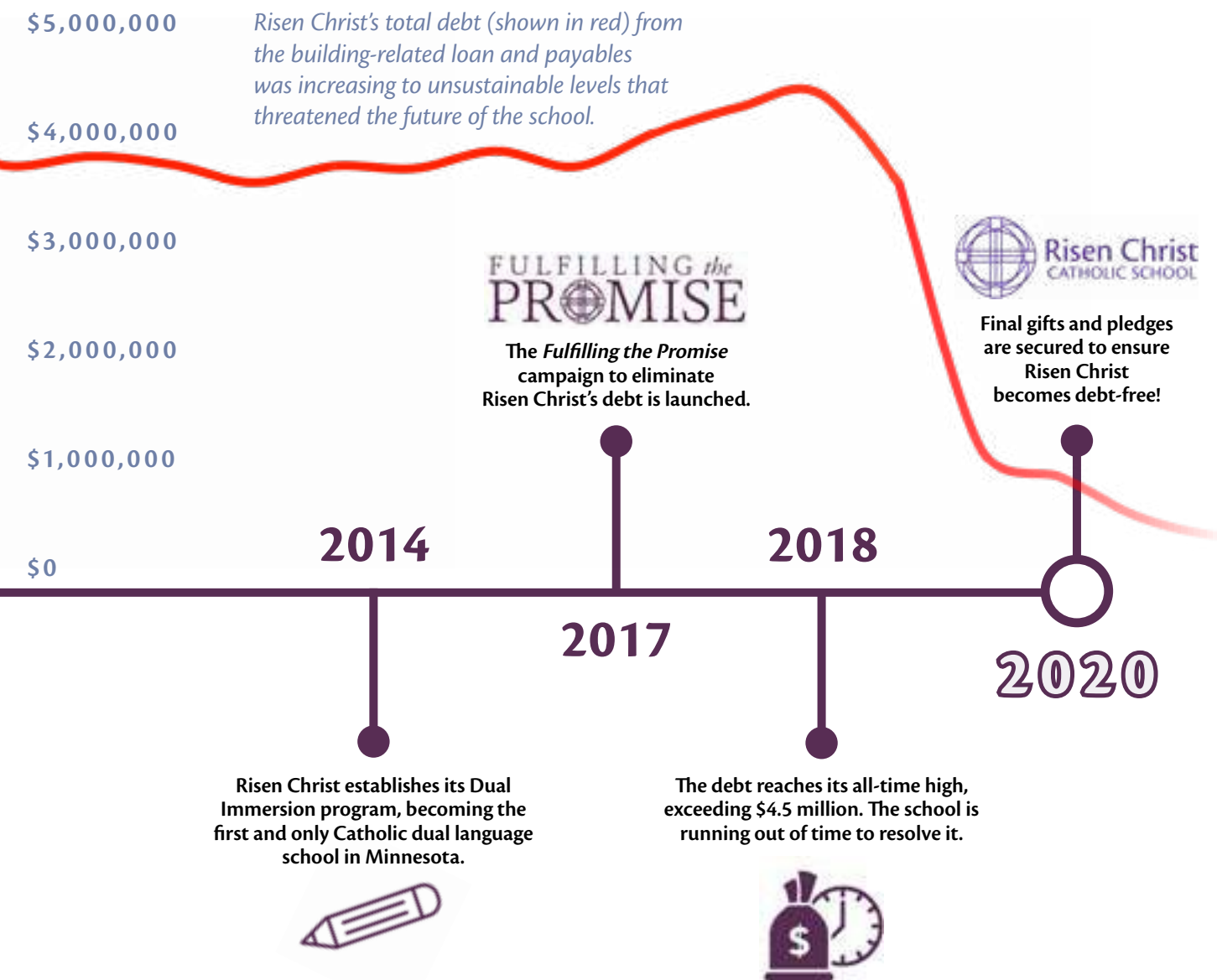


## Fulfilling the Promise — *Together!*

In 2017, we kicked off our *Fulfilling the Promise* capital campaign, an ambitious and critical effort to eliminate Risen Christ's long-standing debt. The challenge was daunting. At its peak, the debt exceeded a staggering \$4.5 million, threatening the survival of our school. GHR Foundation, recognizing Risen Christ's importance in the community, was one of several key partners to step forward to support the campaign. Through this extraordinary effort, our debt balance will reach \$0 by the 2023 fiscal year as generous donors fulfill their pledges. In fact, Risen Christ's current debt balance as of December 2021 is \$380,227, and we are \$216,773 ahead of our payment schedule!

The entire Risen Christ community would like to express overwhelming gratitude to the 225 remarkable donors like you who helped make our dream to eliminate debt become a reality.

*May God bless you all!*



## Fulfilling the Promise • Campaign Leadership

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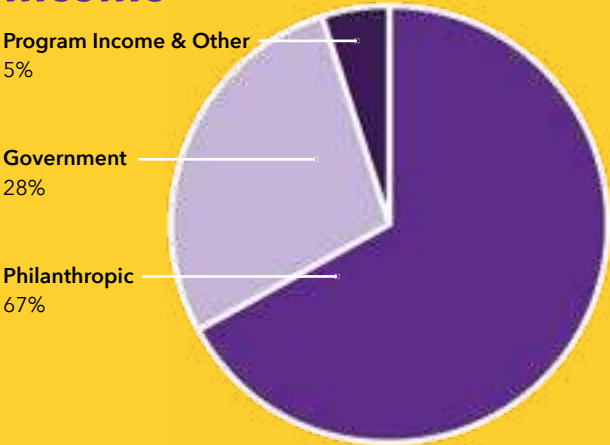


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# Financials

Ending June 30, 2021

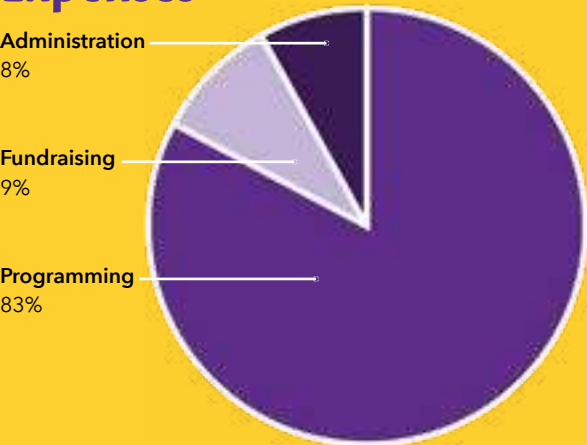
## Income



### INCOME

Philanthropic:	\$ 2,202,490
Government:	\$ 917,326
Program Income and Other:	\$ 183,787
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$ 3,303,604</b>

## Expenses



### EXPENSES

Programming	\$ 2,536,719
Fundraising	\$ 271,499
Administration	\$ 232,475
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$ 3,040,693</b>
<b>NET SURPLUS</b>	<b>\$ 262,911</b>

These financial figures represent, in a simplified manner, the inflow and outflow of cash during the fiscal year July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021. Risen Christ conducts an annual audit of its financial statements. To request a copy of our audited financial statements or for more information, please contact Steve Blessing, Director of Finance and Operations, at [sblessing@risenchristschool.org](mailto:sblessing@risenchristschool.org) or call (612) 234-8534.



# ALUMNI SNAPSHOTS



## LaCora Bradford Kesti '02

In February 2021, LaCora became the Director of Community Impact at the [Women's Foundation of Minnesota](#) (WFMN). As a Minneapolis native and resident with extensive experience in the nonprofit field, LaCora provides WFMN with leadership and management of the foundation's grantmaking, evaluation and field building programs to advance gender and racial equality. In addition to her role at WFMN, LaCora also serves on the Board of Hope Community in the Phillips neighborhood of south Minneapolis where she grew up while attending Risen Christ with her siblings.

## Nolan Singroy '08

When Nolan, a software engineer, traveled to Guyana, South America to see his grandfather, he was dismayed by what he witnessed when visiting a beach his family has enjoyed for decades: tons of trash. Inspired to do something about it, Nolan and a couple other entrepreneurial friends applied their technology and business skills to co-found [Forever Ware](#), a company that provides restaurants with reusable, stainless steel take-home containers to combat the waste created from single-use plastics. Their idea is catching on fast and was recently featured in the [Minneapolis Star Tribune](#).



## Rachel Clubb '00

Rachel's late grandfather, Fr. Ron Clubb, was the first Canonical Administrator of Risen Christ when he served as pastor of Holy Name Catholic Church. Today, Rachel is a leader on the Parish Council at the Church of St. Leonard of Port Maurice (a sister parish of Holy Name) which is historically significant for serving the Catholic African American community of Minneapolis. Rachel is a successful Finance Manager for a large local auto dealership chain – no easy feat working in the male-dominated auto industry. She takes pride in helping customers with complex credit histories achieve their dream of owning a vehicle.





# Volunteers

2020-2021

Volunteers have been the lifeblood of Risen Christ since our founding in 1993. It should come as no surprise that the COVID-19 pandemic (while limiting many activities) did not hold back some of our most dedicated volunteers from staying involved! We are deeply grateful for the patience, creativity and commitment our volunteers demonstrated as the pandemic has altered or paused many of our activities. Below are words of gratitude from Ed Ogrin, one of our longest-tenured volunteers, making a difference with Risen Christ students by serving as virtual math tutor via Zoom:

*"Virtual tutoring has allowed me to continue with my most enjoyable volunteer activity during retirement: engaging middle school students at Risen Christ with their math skills. The school is fortunate to have competent resources to initiate and administer a successful virtual tutoring program. My student is very capable with computer knowledge, and we are able to establish a meaningful interchange to promote learning between us. Each session ends with a heartfelt, 'Thank you.'"*

**— Ed Ogrin, Math Tutor (16<sup>th</sup> year)**

We offer our heartfelt gratitude to the amazing individuals, community organizations, schools and parishes who helped us endure the challenges presented over the 2020-2021 school year by sharing their time and talent.

**Thank You!**



In the top screenshot, clockwise from the upper-left are Virtual Math Tutors Ed Ogrin, David Nasset and Tom Foley. In the bottom screenshot, Virtual Math Tutor Marilyn Doyle gets a thumbs-up from Ruby after a successful virtual session.



Long-time volunteer Jerry Finnerty poses for a picture with 6th grader, Leilani during our Volunteer Appreciation Lunch held outside on a beautiful day in May 2020.





*St. Thomas Academy Cadets led a Thanksgiving Food Drive supporting Risen Christ families in need.*

**80 VOLUNTEERS**  
**1,214 HOURS**

Using the Independent Sector value of volunteer time in Minnesota (\$28.54 per hour) this equals **\$34,648** of donated time and talent!

## VOLUNTEERS

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**2020  
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During Catholic Schools Week in February 2020, our 4th graders assisted Bishop Andrew Cozzens with Mass on, "Celebrating Vocations Day." Mass was streamed to the rest of the school via Facebook Live to keep everyone socially distanced and to adhere with our COVID safety protocols. At the end of Mass, Bishop Cozzens visited all classrooms so students could receive the Eucharist or a blessing.

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## IN MEMORIAM

### David Ramos '16

*On August 25, 2020, the Risen Christ community lost a rising star in David Ramos, Class of 2016 and Cristo Rey Class of 2020. We continue to mourn David's unexpected and tragic death due to complications of Dengue and Leukemia. David recently traveled to Mexico during a gap year to pursue his dream of becoming a professional soccer player before going to college.*



*David was a leader in the classroom, on the soccer field and beyond, working at Bell Bank as a student at Cristo Rey. "David worked with our wealth management team and also assisted with marketing," said Kathleen Strombeck, a Risen Christ board member and Senior Vice President at Bell Bank. She added, "David was beloved at Bell Bank as a young man who was kind, passionate about soccer and a very hard worker."*

*In the words of Jim Nelson, David's former teacher at Risen Christ who is now at Cristo Rey, "David was funny and charismatic. He was always smiling and willing to encourage others."*

*David's older sister Andrea is a 2013 Risen Christ graduate and his younger brother Samuel graduated from Risen Christ in June 2020.*

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### Lucy Klos

*On March 20, 2021 Risen Christ lost one of its most steadfast and generous friends when Lucy Klos passed away.*

*Since Risen Christ's formation in the 1990s, Lucy had been a champion for the children. Lucy served as a member of the Risen Christ Board of Directors and introduced countless volunteers and donors to Risen Christ over the span of several decades, particularly through her involvement at the Church of St. Patrick in Edina.*

*Fortunately, prior to Lucy's passing, we were honored to*



*present our annual Circle of Light Award to Lucy and her family by hosting a small virtual ceremony over Zoom. Lucy was joined by several generations of her family, a few close friends and school leaders during this special event.*

*Our Circle of Light award is given annually to individuals or organizations whose dedication, long-time support, visionary leadership and generosity have made Risen Christ the hallmark of hope and opportunity for the children we serve today.*

*While our hearts are heavy knowing she is no longer with us in person, Lucy's legacy endures through the countless students she impacted through her leadership, generosity and friendship.*

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## HONORING MARY IN THE MONTH OF MAY

At Risen Christ, the Catholic tradition of honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary in the month of May continues. Throughout one stunning day in May 2020, teachers brought their students to the statue of Mary in the garden outside of the Church of the Holy Name, leaving written prayers at her feet, crowning her with beautiful flowers, reciting the rosary and more.

As a Catholic school we're grateful for the opportunity to celebrate our faith through special occasions like these throughout the year.

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*In April 2021, our 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala was hosted virtually for a second year due to the pandemic. The stars of the show were (clockwise from upper-right) Maddie, Isabel, Camila, Astrid, Jennifer and Jacqueline, who sang a beautiful version of "Sing." Click on the image and enjoy the performance!*



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### "Always Here for our Community"

The film opened with **Cesar Morales '10**, co-owner of La Poblana on Lake Street, with his younger brother Samuel, a middle school student at Risen Christ. Cesar recounted in stark detail the events of the Lake Street riots that impacted his family and their business. The film highlights Risen Christ's response to the needs of students and families affected by COVID-19 and the social unrest following the murder of George Floyd.



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