



*Raising scholarship dollars for today's students  
and endowing scholarships for the future.*

**“My child, some day you will touch the stars”**

**TRINIDAD GUTIERREZ**

These words are the vision for our school as we encourage every child to reach beyond where they are to where they could be. Since 1995, we have promised the families who entrusted their children's education to us that we would provide an education and an environment built on high expectations for academic achievement.



I ENTERED LFDCS IN SECOND GRADE AND LEARNED THE IMPORTANCE OF HARD WORK. I HAVE HAD THE GREAT BENEFIT OF EXCELLENT TEACHERS WHO CONTINUED TO ENCOURAGE ME AND OF GREAT OPPORTUNITIES - SUCH AS A SEVENTH GRADE VISIT TO ST. MARK'S THAT OPENED MY EYES TO OPTIONS FOR HIGH SCHOOL. I WOULD LIKE TO ACHIEVE SUCCESS AS A VIDEO GAME DESIGNER.

*KEVIN, LFDCS CLASS OF 2015  
ATTENDING GLASTONBURY ABC,  
GLASTONBURY, CT*

Lawrence Family Development Charter School was founded in 1995 by visionary board leaders of Lawrence Family Development & Education Fund, Inc., its Executive Director, Patricia Foley Karl and a group of Latino parents—new immigrants seeking a school that would value their heritage and fulfill the promises of achievement and success in their new country—the United States of America.

Without significant financial assistance to match financial aid offered by high schools our students cannot say “yes” to the admissions they have earned. Our goal is to raise scholarship dollars to make this possible and keep the doors open for our graduates.

Scholarship funds are essential to bridging the gap in financial aid and the cost of tuition which is far beyond the capacity of our families to afford. Your gift will help to build that bridge, making possible the opportunity of rigorous studies and a certain path to higher education.

Students who enroll at LFDCS represent the demographics of a community with serious economic, environmental and educational poverty. A two-year kindergarten program instills the readiness skills and language base to grow and excel in a rigorous standards-based curriculum through grade 8. Our eighth graders are prepared for high school admission to excellent private, independent and religious-based secondary schools with strong college preparatory programs.

Each year 100% of our eighth graders take on the challenge of applying to selective secondary schools with more than 70% earning admission to a path that will allow them to reach for their dreams and realize the full promise of their potential. With 93% of our students' families at or below the federal poverty level, our students need more than good grades and high test scores to accept admission and move forward on a surer path toward higher education and a positive future.



I HAVE BEEN AT LFDCS SINCE KINDERGARTEN AND EACH YEAR HAS HELPED ME GROW TO THE PERSON I AM TODAY. MY EXPERIENCES HAVE BEEN ENRICHED BY ATTENDING MUSICALS SUCH AS “A CHRISTMAS CAROL,” VISITING SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND SPENDING A SUMMER AT GOVERNOR'S IN THE GOV PLUS PROGRAM. IN MY FUTURE I WANT TO HELP PEOPLE AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THEIR LIVES.

*KASSANDRA, LFDCS CLASS OF 2015  
ATTENDING LAWRENCE  
ACADEMY, GROTON*



LFDCS HAS GIVEN ME OPPORTUNITIES THAT HAVE ENRICHED MY LIFE AND HELPED ME MAKE CHOICES. PARTICIPATING IN SPRING CONCERTS AND EARNING THE PRESIDENTIAL AWARD HAVE BEEN SPECIAL. BEING ABLE TO VISIT MANY EXCEPTIONAL SCHOOLS, ATTENDING GOV PLUS AND THE NDIGNITE PROGRAM PUT ME ON THE CAMPUSES OF GOVERNOR'S ACADEMY AND UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME - EXPERIENCES THAT WIDEN THE WORLD. I WANT TO EXPLORE DIFFERENT SUBJECTS AND HAVE OPTIONS FOR MY COLLEGE CAREER AND BE SUCCESSFUL AND HAPPY.

*GREGMARI, LFDCS CLASS OF 2015  
ATTENDING NORTHFIELD MT. HERMON*



MY MOTHER AND MY TEACHERS ALWAYS ENCOURAGED ME TO DO MY BEST AND SAID THAT “HARD WORK ALWAYS PAYS OFF.” THIS PAST YEAR MY HARD WORK PAID OFF BY ACHIEVING A 3.7 AVERAGE FOR THE FIRST TIME AND ACCEPTANCE AT CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL. MY GOAL IS TO BECOME A MECHANICAL AND TECHNICAL ENGINEER.”

*CARLOS, LFDCS CLASS OF 2015  
ATTENDING CENTRAL CATHOLIC  
HIGH SCHOOL*



## **Patricia Foley Karl Direct Scholarship Fund**

*OPENING DOORS FOR OUR CURRENT STUDENTS*

In June of each year approximately 50 students will graduate, and at least 40 students will have earned admission to selective secondary schools. Twenty-five or more graduates need \$2,000-\$4,000 for each year of high school or \$8,000-\$16,000 set aside in scholarships to ensure not only that they can enroll but also that they can remain at that school until they graduate.

An average of \$10,000 for students or \$250,000 is the real need of annual scholarships at Lawrence Family Development Charter School.



## **Patricia Foley Karl Scholarship Endowment Fund**

*INVESTING FUNDS—INVESTING IN STUDENTS*

The initial goal of the PFK Scholarship Endowment Fund is to raise one million dollars over ten years—\$100,000 each year in corporate, individual and foundation contributions. Gifts of all sizes will help build this fund, particularly pledges that can contribute annually.

Funds are held at ECCF, the Essex County Community Foundation and invested creating an endowment for perpetuity—ensuring scholarship support for students not yet born.

For more information about the “Reach for the Stars” Campaign, please click [here](#).

*Gifts of stocks, estate, insurance benefits and bequests will be deeply appreciated.*

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