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# SAINT MARY MESSENGER

The Newsletter for Alumni, Parents and Friends of  
Saint Mary Interparochial School

## CELEBRATING THE CONTINUAL GROWTH OF OUR ST. MARY COMMUNITY



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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



*Dear Parents, Guardians, Alum, and Supporters of St. Mary Interparochial School,*

**Happy 2023!**

As we step into a new year together, I encourage you to reflect on all of the amazing things God continues to provide for us. One blessing

that I am always grateful for is the incredible and dedicated staff, students, and families at St. Mary Interparochial School. This community is so special! As I reflect on our school year so far, these last several months have been brimming with many exciting projects and immeasurable learning opportunities.

St. Mary Interparochial School created a K-8 STREAM Program, through the support of the Ambassador's Fund for Catholic Education grant, in August 2019. The STREAM program fosters the development of our students' problem-solving, critical-thinking, and collaborative learning skills through a strong faith-based lens. This year, through the support of another Ambassador's Fund for Catholic Education grant, we enhanced our educational programming to add the real-world element of Entrepreneurship. St. Mary Interparochial School is the only elementary school in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to offer this elective. Through this grant, 901 Education has partnered with our school to support St. Mary's with curriculum development, community outreach, and professional development for staff. So far into this new elective, students have been able to have authentic connections with

local nonprofits about their identified needs and the products that would support their missions as well as meet with community leaders in regards to their own businesses and entrepreneurial strategies.

In becoming a model for STREAM, St. Mary Interparochial School has begun the transition into a K-8 Innovation Hub, a place where schools and universities learn more about innovative and effective educational approaches. We recently hosted the principal from St. Patrick's School (Carlisle, PA), the Assistant Superintendents from Diocese of Harrisburg, and St. Mary's educators held training sessions for local Catholic schools in Philadelphia.

We were also very blessed to continue many valued St. Mary Interparochial School traditions, such as the annual Harvest Hoedown, "Black Sweater" Mass, All Saints Day pageant and luncheon, "Our Lady of Guadalupe" Mass, "Las Posadas", National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) Induction, and annual service-learning projects. Our school-wide Mindfulness initiative, now in its third year, has supported our students' physical health, mental health, and emotional regulation. With our continued partnership with Thomas Jefferson University, the new school tradition of a "Wellness Day" allowed for students to focus on building mindfulness through health, and the positive development of our students' bodies, minds, and hearts. We look forward to celebrating many more new and valued traditions throughout the remainder of the year!

I would be remiss if I did not mention how incredibly our music program has expanded this year. Our school choir has been a wonderful addition to our school and our community. Our students were invited to perform in two city-wide Archdiocesan events; The National Shrine of Saint Rita of Cascia's Lessons and Carols for Peace and the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Unity with a Purpose Interfaith Prayer Service at St. Philip Neri Church with Archbishop Nelson Perez. In addition to this, options for individual music lessons and band have begun as offerings for families interested.

St. Mary Interparochial School is proud to offer a well-rounded, high-quality Catholic education to families from various parishes and zip codes while remaining a crown jewel in the historic heart of Philadelphia. We have accomplished so much and continue to do so with your support. It is our sincere hope that you will continue to share your time, talent, and treasure with our children. My most sincere thanks to you for your investment in Saint Mary Interparochial School and the Christ-centered leaders you are helping to shape for today, and tomorrow!

Many blessings,

Mrs. Jayda Pugliese

## HISTORY OF SAINT MARY INTERPAROCHIAL SCHOOL

The rich academic and historic heritage of St. Mary Interparochial School dates to the early days of Philadelphia, as Catholics and Protestants engaged in a spirited debate over educational practices. Founded in 1782 by the Jesuit fathers of Old St. Joseph's Church, St. Mary is known as "The Mother School" of Catholic parochial education and is credited with influencing Catholic educational patterns in this country.

Situated near Independence Hall and other pivotal sites in old Philadelphia, it served children for more than a century before closing in 1902 after a devastating fire. St. Mary's reopened in 1968, again with a distinction: With students drawn from six different parishes, it was the first interparochial school in the nation. St. Mary Interparochial School serves over 250 children from all over the City of Philadelphia and its suburbs.



## FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT AND CHAIR



approach the second half of the year.

One item on the Board's agenda during the first half of the year was the school's application for the 2023 National Blue Ribbon Schools Program. Working with Principal Pugliese, former principal Jeanne Meredith, and other members of the faculty and administration, the Board has submitted the school's application for continued Blue Ribbon status. We are cautiously optimistic that the U.S. Department of Education will again recognize the school's position as a beacon for providing premier, faith-based education. The application reflects the uniqueness of our school, community, and curriculum.

Preparing the application filled me with pride in our school, a pride I know we all share within the St. Mary's Community. Some highlights I took particular pride in are as follows:

- The economic, racial, religious and social diversity of St. Mary's is reflected in 260 students from 27 zip codes and 32 parishes from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and the Dioceses of Camden and Trenton in New Jersey. Our reach is expansive, and our mission to provide top-notch education and to grow Christ-centered leaders of the 21st century is far-reaching indeed!

- St. Mary's has many unique and distinct learning opportunities for its student body. Chief among these is the school's STREAM program (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Art, Math), which implements learning modalities that significantly expand problem-solving, critical thinking and collaborative learning skills among students through project-based design thinking, and empathetic learning approaches so that students are better prepared with Christ-centered values. But that is not the only unique program offered by St. Mary's. Other programs include the Entrepreneurship program, servant leadership and mindfulness, and the morning check-in with homeroom teachers.
- St. Mary's is fully accredited by the Middle States Association and is consistently ranked in the highest quartile for standardized testing and the past two years has been recognized for having the highest Terra Nova scores of the Catholic schools in the City of Philadelphia.

It is no surprise then that students of St. Mary's are sought out by the area's most selective high schools, with the Class of 2022 awarded more than \$1,086,000 in scholarships. But impressive as that is, however, the true impact of a St. Mary's education is its ability to grow its students into compassionate, confident, and competent leaders. Christ-centered leaders of the 21st century, indeed!

We at the Board are doing our part to help provide the resources needed to fulfill the school's mission. The Finance Committee, led by Rich Autieri, continues to monitor and ensure the financial health of the school. The Advancement Committee, led by Susan Chernesky Koger, continues to serve as a tireless engine to provide the resources so that the school can continue to provide those great programs as described above. The Buildings and Grounds Committee, led by Jeanette Howell, continues to ensure that the physical plant needs of the schools are met. And the Catholic Identity Committee and Academic Committee, led by Jeanne Meredith and Alana Lee, respectively, continue to provide guidance in terms of these core facets of the St. Mary's education.

It has been an eventful and productive year, and there is still much to do. Rest assured, the Board will continue to do its part to support the St. Mary's mission.

Best regards,  
**Michael Detweiler, Esquire**  
*President and Chairman of the Board*

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# MIDDLE SCHOOL ENTREPRENEURIAL SERVICE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

St. Mary Interparochial School has created a sustainable K-8 STREAM Program through sizeable grant awarded by the Ambassador's Fund for Catholic Education. This STREAM program has fostered the development of our students' problem-solving, critical-thinking, and collaborative learning skills through a strong faith-based lens. Our vision is to enhance our educational programming to add the real-world element, entrepreneurship. Students are applying critical-thinking and collaborative learning skills through an entrepreneurial opportunity focused on service leadership using the design thinking model.

St. Mary Interparochial School students had the opportunity to collaborate with non-profit and industry leaders during their 1st Annual Entrepreneurship Project Plan Review at Thomas Jefferson University. This unique event engages students and professionals through meaningful conversation, prototyping challenges and project presentations. This is a midpoint stepping stone as students will now make their product come to life to benefit their non-profit partner based on the feedback they received.

Special thank you to the Ambassador's Fund for Catholic Education for sponsoring the event. Thomas Jefferson University once again connected us to amazing work study students and graciously donated space on campus to host the event. To our non-profit partners, including Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Philadelphia Region, The Monster Milers, Covenant House Pennsylvania, and PA National Guard Family Program, thank you for joining us!

We appreciate ALL of the guests who made the time to join us today. The students left feeling like they were really making a difference in their community and your support means the world!

(Repost from 901 Education) Now, they will take the constructive feedback from our partners back to the classroom to work on their final projects which they will present on June 7 at Jefferson University - East Falls Campus once again! Stay tuned for more details!





# NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK RECAP

## Sunday, January 29 - Saturday, February 4

St. Mary Interparochial School CSW 2023 - Celebrating Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) aim to transform our world. They are a call to action to end poverty and inequality, protect the planet, and ensure that all people enjoy health, justice and prosperity.

## Monday, January 30, 2023

"Celebrating Your Community" (SDG #16 - Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions)



### CSW and Sixth Grade NJHS Installation Mass

25 sixth grade students were inducted into our National Junior Honor Society at our Catholic Schools Week kick-off mass! Congratulations to our newest National Junior Honor Society Inductees. We are so proud of all that they accomplish each day!

### H&S Staff Appreciation Lunch

### "We the People" Assembly by Musicopia

Our students enjoyed Musicopia's "We the People" presentation! "We the People" is a musical journey through the US Constitution, the three branches of government, our 45 presidents, and a brief education on the founding fathers of the United States.

## Tuesday, January 31, 2023

"Celebrating Your Students" (SDG #4 - Quality Education)

### Student Appreciation Day

Thank you to our entire diverse student body who work hard to grow morally, academically and socially into passionate, confident, and Christ-centered leaders of the 21st century.

### 8th Grade Project Plan Review at Jefferson University

St. Mary Interparochial School students had the opportunity to collaborate with non-profit and industry leaders.

### Many Gifts, One Nation

With your support, we raised \$580 during our Catholic Schools Week Day of Giving! By making a gift to our school during Many Gifts, One Nation: A Day of Giving to Catholic Schools, you are helping to ensure that all families who choose a Catholic school education can continue to receive value, faith-filled and quality academic formation for their children.

## Wednesday, February 1, 2023

"Celebrating the Nation" (SDG #17 Partnerships for the Goal)

### Parent Appreciation Day

Thank you for your commitment to the sustainability of St. Mary Interparochial School. We are grateful for the opportunity to partner with you as we educate and prepare your child for the 21st Century.

### Open House

Over 20 current and prospective families joined us for our CSW open house! Tours are led by our 8th grade student ambassadors. Thank you to all who joined us!

### Shine Your Light Day

We celebrated Parent Appreciation Day with a CSW Shine Your Light Day, where parents and guardians were invited into their student's classrooms to share a special skill or talk about their profession. Thank you to all who joined us!



## Thursday, February 2, 2023

"Celebrating Vocations" (SDG #11 Sustainable Cities and Communities)



### First Responders Appreciation Day | First Responders Breakfast, Blessing and Q&A

To celebrate First Responders Appreciation Day, we invited local first responders to our First Responders Thank You Breakfast and Q&A! Thank you to all of our First Responders who serve our communities and our nation and keep us safe each day.

### Religion Bee Grades 5-8

Winner - Abigail Sullivan (Class of 2023)

## Friday, February 3, 2023

"Celebrating Faculty, Staff, and Volunteers" (SDG #3 Good Health and Well Being)

### Teacher and Staff Appreciation Day | Continental Breakfast for Faculty and Staff

Thank you for all that you do to enhance the lives of St. Mary students every day. You are a vital part of our school's success - we appreciate all that you do!

### St. Mary Wellness Day in partnership with Thomas Jefferson University

St. Mary Interparochial School, in partnership with Thomas Jefferson University, was excited to host our first-ever Wellness Day! On this day, students in grades 1-8 participated in a variety of health and wellness modules led by St. Mary staff and Thomas Jefferson University students, including a spiritual guided meditation, and time to enjoy the outdoors on the roof. This day was primarily shaped by St. Mary student focus group responses on how they would like to improve their day-to-day wellness.





## 16TH ANNUAL HARVEST HOEDOWN



With the support of our St. Mary Community, the 16th Annual Harvest Hoedown raised over \$30,000 in support of St. Mary STREAM Education Programs!

A special thank you to our Presenting Sponsors, Ann B. Zekauskas Family Foundation, Brauhaus Schmidt's, Campo's Cheesesteaks, Harman Deutsch Ohler Architecture, Organico Pizza, and Ralph and Barbara Novotney, as well as all of our sponsors for supporting the Harvest Hoedown. This fall fundraiser, which kicks-off our Annual Giving Campaign each year, supports St. Mary STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Art, and Math) Education Programs.

Thanks to our fantastic coordinators along with our parent volunteers and our alumni volunteers, we seamlessly welcomed back our vendors and guests to an in-person Hoedown hosted on Locust Street! Guests enjoyed our traditional Hoedown activities, including the Spooky Boo-tique, Hayride, and Moon Bounce, and more, along with delicious food provided by Brauhaus Schmidt's, Campo's Cheesesteaks, and Organico Pizza. Thank you to our food donors for providing us with such great food!

Thank you to all of our sponsors, parent volunteers, donors, classroom captains, teachers, staff, students, and Harvest Hoedown Committee for helping to make this a very special and successful Harvest Hoedown. We look forward to seeing everyone on Locust Street this upcoming October!



### SAVE THE DATE

21<sup>st</sup> Annual Walkathon

will be held on

**May 19, 2023**





## ALUMNI CIRCLE NEWS

### Are you a St. Mary Alum?

We'd love to hear from you and add you to our ever-growing Alumni Circle! This will give you the opportunity to connect with your own classmates, but will also give you the opportunity to meet and learn about individuals from other classes. Becoming part of our alumni group is a great way to connect to alumni, old and new.

We would like to foster our alumni relationship and make it even stronger by featuring St. Mary Alumni news on our social media platforms. As a new feature, we highlight St. Mary Alumni once a month through our Alumni Spotlight! Submit your Alumni Spotlight News by visiting [www.saintmarys.us/about/alumni-circle](http://www.saintmarys.us/about/alumni-circle). We can't wait to hear from you!

Stay tuned for future alumni news and events! To be added to our email list and distribution list, please email [alumni@saintmarys.us](mailto:alumni@saintmarys.us).



### Join the Alumni Circle!

*The Alumni Circle is an informal alumni community connecting former classmates and school in a fun and easy way.*

Email [alumni@saintmarys.us](mailto:alumni@saintmarys.us) and provide your name and graduation year





# STORM REPORT:

## STORM UPDATE 2021-2022

### Boys Varsity (from Kevin Barmann)

Congratulations to the Saint Mary Storm Boys Varsity Basketball team - 2022-2023 CYO Region 6 Champions! After their 54-32 Championship Win in the CYO Region 6 Final, they moved onto the Archdiocese CYO Tournament. Congratulations to the players and coaches on a spectacular season!

### Boys JV (from Brian Squilla)

The JV basketball team's season was grounded in learning and executing the fundamentals of team play. A great group of boys who got better throughout the season. They absorbed the pearls of wisdom of coaches Howie and John which led to some wins but most importantly, they learned the game of basketball as the season progressed. Congratulations to George Squilla (second time all star) and Gabriel Balchunas (first time all star) for making the CYO JV all star team.

### Girls JV (from Dan Connelly)

The JV Girls basketball team had a very successful 2022-2023 season. Most of the girls on the roster were playing organized basketball for the first time, so our focus was on basics and fundamentals. While the team started off slow, we showed significant improvement over the course of the season. Much of that improvement is attributable to our sixth graders who demonstrated leadership and set a positive example for the younger players. The season was highlighted by several close wins, first baskets, and strong team spirit from beginning to end! Go Storm!



### Girls Varsity (from Mike Shapson)

The Storm Girls Varsity Basketball team was able to pick up a few key victories late in the season in order to earn a first round bye in the Region 6 tournament. They advanced to the "final four" before losing a heartbreaker in the semi-final round. Season highlights include a few "blow-out" victories where the Storm controlled the game from start to finish and a couple of "nail bitters" where their tenacious pressing defense and timely shooting sparked last-second victories. Other highlights include the Storm's victory in the inaugural Region 6 / Region 3 Holiday Challenge, which saw the Storm score 6 points in the final minute to earn a one-point victory. Congratulations to our Eighth Graders, Payton Connelly (all-star), Julia Klein (first alternate all-star), Scarlet McDermott (all-star), and Jaquelyn Shapson (all-star). They have each been with the basketball team for all four years of their eligibility. Our other all-star is Emme Grandizio. They are now headed for postseason games in the Father Lambert Tournament and the Neumann-Goretti Tournament.





# GLOBAL PHILADELPHIA'S SDG MURAL ARTIST, ISABELLE CRESS

## Announcing Isabelle Cress, St. Mary Class of 2013, as our SDG Mural Artist!

This work of art will be one of a series of seventeen art installations based on the **United Nation's 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's)**. St. Mary Interparochial School is proud to partner with Global Philadelphia Association and Isabelle Cress to bring this work of art to our community!

Isabelle Cress '13 is an illustrator, creative writer and graphic designer from Philadelphia, PA. Isabelle graduated from St. Mary Interparochial School in 2013 and went on to graduate from the University of the Arts in 2021 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Illustration and a minor in Creative Writing. She's currently a graphic designer for the Museum of American Revolution while also freelancing in both the illustration and design fields. Her illustrations revolve around fantastical themes of storytelling, specifically supernatural, spiritual, and mythological.



Together with other nonprofits, including Mural Arts Philadelphia, the Global Philadelphia Association is sponsoring art representing all 17 SDGs. As part of its commitment to developing and sustaining partnerships locally and globally, Saint Mary has chosen to sponsor art for **SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals**.

This commissioned art piece will be installed for public viewing outdoors on the 5th Street side of Saint Mary's building and will highlight the concept of how local, national, and global partnerships are essential to achieving SDG 17. [Click here to learn more about Sustainable Development Goal 17.](#)

The artwork will be displayed on the building for approximately two years. At the end of this initial period of display, artwork for all 17 SDGs will be showcased at an exhibition sponsored by Global Philadelphia.

[Click here to learn more about the U.N.'s 17 Sustainable Development Goals](#)

[Click here to learn more about Global Philadelphia Association](#)

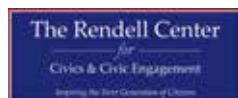
## SAVE THE DATE:

**SDG Mural Unveiling**

**May 19, 2023**

will be part of St. Mary's  
21st Annual Walkathon Celebration

## SAINT MARY INTERPAROCHIAL SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL AND BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS



# ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022


## THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE STUDENTS OF ST. MARY INTERPAROCHIAL SCHOOL!

It is with great honor, that we present the 2020-2021 Annual Report of Gifts. The following pages clearly demonstrate the overwhelming support from our greater school community in making a difference in the preparation of our Christ-centered leaders rooted in God's love. Thank you!



### SUMMARY OF GIFTS MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR 2021-2022

  
**TOTAL**  
**\$541,920**

  
**Annual Giving:**  
**\$54,907**

  
**Hoedown:**  
**\$30,264**

  
**Walkathon:**  
**\$53,000**

  
**Home and School Association:**  
**\$37,000**

  
**Grants and Special Government Programs:**  
**\$54,300**

  
**Financial Aid Grants:**  
**\$256,448**

### Excellent Record of Academic Achievement

2016 National Blue Ribbon School - Exemplary High Performing School and named a top school in the City of Philadelphia by [greatphillyschools.org](http://greatphillyschools.org), scoring a 10/10 based on academic performance, school safety, and student attendance.

### The Arts at St. Mary & Enrichment

Art Awareness Program ties our historical location and surrounding cultural landmarks fluidly within our academic program. Spanish, Art, Music, STREAM, and Physical Education instruction in all grades. Afterschool Enrichment programs are offered to all students.



### Christ-Centered Servant Leadership Entrepreneurship Program

• First elementary school in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to offer an Entrepreneurship course.

• Rooted in service learning, students are able to utilize STREAM-based skills through an authentic, real-world, empathetic approach.





## STORM Athletics

Competitive athletic teams for grades 5, 6, 7 and 8 are organized in basketball and volleyball. Cross country, Spring track, softball and baseball for grades K-8. Soccer for grades K-4.



## Strategic Planning for School Program Sustainability

Fiscally Independent Elementary School of the Archdiocese, St. Mary School Tuition Assistance and Scholarship Program offered to qualified families, Continuous investment in Staff and Faculty Professional Development, Board of Limited Jurisdiction

## ST. MARY AT A GLANCE – 2021-2022

### Demographics

Current enrollment	260 Students
Curriculum	Kindergarten – 8th Grade: Co-ed
Gender	143 Girls, 117 Boys
Tuition	\$5,925 \$7,590 Kindergarten (includes iPad for each K student)
Governance	Principal, Pastor Delegate and BLJ
Faculty/Student Ratio	23:1

### About Our Students

Catholic Children:	82% of the student body (Children enter from 29 parishes in Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Dioceses of Camden)
Ethnicity:	14% African-American; 5% Hispanic; 4% Asian; 65% Caucasian; 1% Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander; 11% Two or more races
Economics:	Title One School
After School Enrichment Programs:	50% of the student body (participate in our afterschool programs)
Financial Aid:	St. Mary students who qualify for tuition assistance will receive <b>over \$250,000 in EITC/OSTC funding</b> through BLOCS, Foundation of Catholic Education, and the Children's Scholarship Fund Philadelphia organizations; St. Mary Interparochial Tuition Assistance and Scholarship Program also awards students in need.
Achievements:	Class of 2022 received tuition assistance or scholarships to high school, totaling over \$1.1 Million, including two Xavier Scholarships to St. Joseph's Preparatory School, Academic Merit Scholarships, and one Josephine Connelly Award.

## Goals for 2021-2025

### CATHOLIC IDENTITY

**GOAL:** To create an expansive faith formation program that will engage all members of the school community and empower students and graduates to live out their Baptismal promises and to serve one another.

### ADVANCEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

**GOAL:** To fully develop the St. Mary Advancement Office and implement a comprehensive advancement plan.

### BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS RECOMMENDATIONS

**GOAL:** Address the needs of our physical plant, such that it can support our outstanding educational program.

### FINANCE RECOMMENDATIONS

**GOAL:** Mitigate income risk by increasing revenue through alternate forms of revenue generation.

### GOVERNANCE RECOMMENDATIONS

**GOAL:** Create structures and ongoing processes to ensure that the St. Mary Board of Limited Jurisdiction (BLJ) operates as a high-performing governance Board.

### ACADEMIC RECOMMENDATIONS

**GOAL:** To develop and implement an engaging, innovative, and rigorous curriculum that inspires faculty, staff, and students to attain exemplary outcomes that reflect global demands for the 21st century.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF GIFTS

Thank you to all the individuals and organizations who have generously invested in our students so that they may continue to receive an exceptional academic foundation and solid spiritual formation in the heart of historic Philadelphia.

Each year we strive to list each gift accurately, however, if there is a different way you would like to be acknowledged, please email Betty Montgomery at [emontgomery@saintmarys.us](mailto:emontgomery@saintmarys.us). Please provide the way in which you would like to be acknowledged.

### Annual Giving Campaign

#### Golden Giving Circle Anonymous Donor

#### Guadalupe Benefactors Circle (Gifts of \$5,000 to \$9,999) Brad Flaughter Rustin and Rebecca Ohler

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#### Magnolia Garden Circle (Gifts of \$150-\$249) Sheila Brown Theresa Burke Gina Daley Dennis and Bebe Daily Carol and Steve Ekdahl Sharon Griffin Michael Gehris Catherine Kahl Thomas and Catherine McCoy Ruth Spengler Richard Scott Triple Play Sports

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#### Annual Fund Katie Andrews Susan Brown Donna Long Gaeton Lucibello Kate McCoy Meghan McCluskey Bonnie Villari Nicolari A.F. Ottaviano Dominic and Lucy Spina Julie Stoiber Shahina Shah Stephanie Vogel

#### 19th Annual Walkathon Presenting Sponsor (\$1,000 Level) Ann B. Zekauskas Family Foundation Center City Orthodontics City Plumbing Grandizio Family Harman Deutsch Ohler Architecture Koger Family Ralph and Barbara Novotney Tigano Family

#### Cultural Champion (\$500 Level) Atkinson Family Augustine Family Barnosky Family Bhullar Family Bradford Family Cipparone Family Kristin Daly DeVlieger Hilser P.C. Ermilio Family Hilser Family KDI Office Technology Tierney Family Triple Play Sports



#### Arts and Hearts Sponsor (\$250 Level)

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#### Music to my Ears Sponsors (\$150 level)

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