



Annual Report 2019-2020 Academic Year

**Developing
the
"Whole Student"
Academically,
Emotionally,
Socially,
and Physically...**

Excellence - Respect - Responsibility - Integrity - Community - Leadership

Fiscal Year 2019-2020 At a Glance

Dear Friends of Trinity Academy,

Inspiring Hope – that is what happens every day at Trinity Academy. This year, our amazing little school faced one of the biggest roadblocks it has ever had to face, the COVID-19 crisis. On March 13, 2020, Trinity was forced to close its physical doors and send its forty students and staff home for an uncertain period. When the crisis persisted, it was also forced to cancel its annual signature fundraiser, The Excellence Gala, which provides over 20 percent of its annual operating funds. There were several weeks that went by when many of us questioned how Trinity could continue operationally and financially, and at the same time make sure its beloved students were thriving. Well, here is to the miracles...

- Trinity's forty students were able to learn online via Google Classroom for 5 hours a day with their teachers and were also able to attend a virtual 4- week summer school session to ensure they would be ready for the next academic year. All of this could never have been accomplished without such a dedicated teaching staff!

- Throughout the remaining months of the school year, Trinity was awarded several new grants and its faithful donor base continued to amaze us with their generosity. This allowed Trinity to continue operating as a school, as well as ensure that our students were thriving and growing. We stepped away at the end of our fiscal year on June 30, 2020 with over a \$50,000 net income!

- On June 6, 2020, Trinity sent off 11 of its graduating fourth graders to middle school. Over 90% of them will be attending our affiliated Nativity Miguel model middle schools, Grace Academy and Covenant Preparatory School. Our shared mission will ensure that our graduates will continue to be provided the best academics and enrichment possible to reach for their future dreams.

- After many discussions with the Trinity Academy staff, as well as the staff of Trinity Episcopal Church, Covenant Preparatory School, and Grace Academy, we have determined that our school year will begin remotely on Monday, August 31 due to concerns regarding COVID-19, and plan to re-open Monday, October 5th, for in-person classes. This, by no means, was an easy decision, but we felt it was in the best interest of our students, our families, and our staff to go about re-opening in this manner. Much like the spring, our virtual days will consist of a 10 am-3pm, Monday-Friday schedule, with live classes throughout the day. This will include all academics as well as gym, art, yoga, and social/emotional learning. Trinity Academy is confident that students will have all the materials at home that they need to be successful on this platform, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in October!

We wish to express our deepest appreciation to you – donors, sponsors, volunteers, and friends -- along with our teachers, staff, parents, and Board of Trustees who give so freely of themselves in support of our mission and existence. Thank you for giving us the gift of a future full of hope!

Sincerely,



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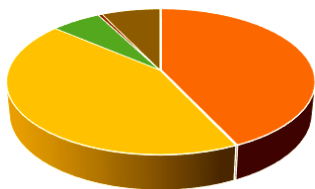
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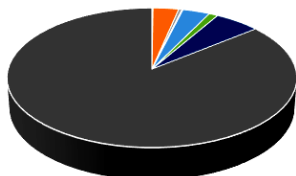
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2019-2020 INCOME



- Direct Public Grants 43.0%
- Direct Public Support 43.2%
- Indirect Public Support 6.1%
- Other .5%
- Special Events Income 7.2%

2019-2020 Expenses



- Business Expenses .13%
- Contract Services 3.21%
- Facilities and Equipment .41%
- Fundraising .13%
- Operations 3.14%
- Other Types of Expenses 1.12%
- Programs 5.72%
- Travel & Meetings 0.00%
- Staff Expenses 85.86%



FINANCIAL SUMMARY

INCOME 2019-2020

Direct Public Grants	\$ 221,273.13
Direct Public Support	\$ 222,801.78
Indirect Public Support	\$ 31,544.00
Special Events Income	\$ 37,000.00
Other	\$ 2,620.00

TOTAL INCOME \$515,149.91

EXPENSES 2019-2020

Business Expenses	\$ 619.84
Contract Services	\$ 14,944.85
Facilities & Equipment	\$ 1,891.28
Fundraising	\$ 613.50
Operations	\$ 15,845.57
Other Expenses	\$ 5,226.36
Staff Expenses	\$ 399,282.82
Programs	\$ 26,589.71

TOTAL EXPENSES \$465,013.93

THE 2019-2020 ACADEMIC YEAR & WHERE WE ARE NOW...



While the 2019-2020 academic year was not a traditional one here at Trinity, it was certainly a successful one. Just as the rest of the world, Trinity closed its doors in mid-March due to COVID-19. However, learning and support did not stop there. Thanks to an incredibly dedicated staff, all remaining food/snacks were handed out to each family. Chromebooks were distributed to students so they could continue with their school year virtually, using Google Classroom and Google Meet. Monday-Friday, 10am-3pm, teachers held both live classes and recorded video lessons to accommodate all students, focusing mainly on math and reading. Students were surprisingly quick to adapt to a very unfamiliar way of learning, and even though they showed up to class in pajamas, they always came with a smile.

Our talented staff even found ways to hold live art classes, gym classes, and yoga classes to encourage the well-rounded education that Trinity promotes. Additionally, our guidance counselor held group sessions each week for any students who wanted to join, and many special guest readers made virtual appearances. Sure, it was not the same, but students appreciated the consistent routine.

On June 6th, our amazing 4th grade class graduated, in person, at Trinity Academy. It was an outdoor ceremony with guests appropriately spread out, a quintet, and so much gratitude. All 13 graduates accepted diplomas, final report cards, and some special gifts, including an original t-shirt with our friendly mascot, Flash the Trinity Dragon. What a treat to see these accomplished students -- most of whom have been with us since 2nd grade -- one last time before they head off to their respective middle schools. We are happy to report that over 90% of this year's graduates will be attending Grace Academy and Covenant Preparatory School, two affiliated Nativity Miguel middle schools in Hartford.

With the generous help of our donors as well as funding provided by several foundation grants, we were also able to provide grocery store gift cards throughout this time and into the summer for our most food insecure families. Especially without the comfort of their children being fed during normal school days, this act was very welcome and genuinely appreciated. A handful of our families faced job furloughs or were not able to work from home because of the lack of childcare.

This unprecedented year truly could not have been possible without the love and support of our families, our teaching and administrative staff as well as our amazing donors and sponsors. It is no surprise that Community is one of Trinity Academy's Core Values. As many parents had said during these wild weeks: It really does take a village!

Sincerely,

Allison Bernhard
Principal



The Bright Smiles Our
Teachers See Everyday
On-Line!



Our Graduating 4th Graders!



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Tarapi

Sending out a big "Congratulations" to two of our alumni, Tarapi and Tarapu, on their graduation from our sister middle school, Grace Academy. Although the girls are twins, they have chosen to attend different schools for high school. In the fall, Tarapi will be attending The Hotchkiss School in Salisbury, CT and Tarapu will be attending The Westminster School in Simsbury, CT - both on full scholarships! Their older sister, Shui Se, also a Grace Academy alum, is a rising Junior at The Westminster School. We are so proud of them! We know they will be a success in whatever they endeavor.



Tarapu

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