

FUTURES IN EDUCATION ENDOWMENT FUND FOR BROOKLYN AND QUEENS

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What is FIEEF?

The Futures In Education Endowment Fund is a non-profit organization. Its mission is to support those who want a Catholic education in Brooklyn and Queens

Dear Friends,

I am extremely excited to work with all of the dedicated Board members, staff, partners and supporters of the Futures in Education Endowment Fund and the Futures Foundation to change the lives of children through the gift of education.

I have spent my career working in human services, and prior to joining the Futures organizations, I worked at Boys Town in New York, an affiliate of the original Father Flanagan's Boys home, which provides for more than 450 of New York's neediest children and families annually. I have seen first-hand the value that a strong, values-based, and academically-solid education has on the life of a child, and it is an honor for me now to have the opportunity to help bring this type of life-changing education to children and families in Brooklyn and Queens who do not have the resources to obtain it on their own.

I decided to join the Futures in Education team primarily because I was so impressed by the dedication and commitment of their board members and donors. Everyone whom I have met at Futures in Education believes whole-heartedly in the value of these programs, and willingly and generously gives of their time, talent and treasure to support the cause of education for the neediest students in Brooklyn and Queens.

I am thrilled to be part of such a dedicated team, and would love to hear from everyone who believes that the key to success is the highest quality of education, moral and spiritual development.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anthony F. DiLauro". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Anthony F. DiLauro, MSW
Executive Director
Futures in Education Endowment Fund
Future in Education Foundation



FIEEF Endowment Welcomes its New Executive Director

After a thorough search, the respective Boards of the Futures in Education Endowment Fund and Futures in Education Foundation have hired Anthony F. DiLauro, MSW, to serve as Executive Director of both organizations, starting July 6, 2009.

Mr. DiLauro comes to Futures after serving for nine years at Boys Town, New York in a number of capacities, most recently, as its Executive Director for five years. During his tenure at Boys Town, Mr. DiLauro led the organization, which provides the highest quality care for 470 of New York's neediest children and families. Mr. DiLauro explained that during his tenure, Boys Town has helped more than 4,500 teens and youth, many from broken homes or with criminal backgrounds, to change their lives completely. He noted with pride that of the youths who participate in the Treatment Family Services Program, more than 90% are not arrested again, and almost 45% go on to attend four-year colleges. As Executive Director, he also started the In-Home Service Program to work with families in their own homes to give parents the skills to work with their children to help keep families together. He also noted proudly that many of the teens who have gone through the Boys Town program still contact him to this day.

Mr. DiLauro has a Bachelors of Art degree in psychology from Southern Connecticut State University and a Masters in Social Work from the University of Connecticut. Mr. DiLauro is married, and has two young daughters, Nicole and Ashley. He, his wife Carrie, and the girls live in Norwalk, Connecticut.

The Boards of the Futures Endowment Fund and the Futures Foundation welcome Mr. DiLauro and wish him every success as he continues the work of these organizations to assure that the gift of education is possible for every student in Brooklyn and Queens.



Sacred Heart Students Tops in History!

Eight graders James Gunkel and Neil Carouso from Sacred Heart School in Bayside, Queens, have reason to be happy. Their six minute documentary video, "Jacob Riis - Muckraker Photojournalist," took third place in the New York State History Competition, held in Cooperstown, New York, on May 1, 2009.

Their teacher, Ms. Maryann Cooke, encouraged all of her students to enter the annual competition, sponsored by the New York State Historical Association. James and Neil decided to create a documentary on Jacob Riis, after having been introduced to his work briefly in their history class. They interviewed Carl Ballenas of the Richmond Hill Historical Society, and Gina Gunkel, James' mother, a professional photographer who has an extensive collection of the types of cameras and photographic equipment available during the turn of the century when Riis was active.

The New York City Regional contest was held on March 29 at the Museum of the City of New York, and the Sacred Heart team placed second – automatically qualifying them for the trip to Cooperstown to compete in the statewide competition against 420 middle and high school students from every region of New York. This time, they placed third – high enough for bragging rights, and their names on the National History Day website – but not high enough to advance automatically to the National History Day competition at the University of Maryland, to compete with history scholars from throughout the country.

Hats off to James and Neil – we're proud of you!



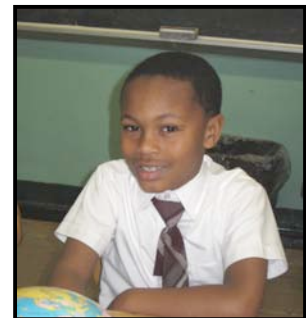
James Gunkel (left), Ms. Maryanne Cooke (center) and Neil Carouso (right).

Ronan Tynan Concert at St. Sebastian's Church

Save the date! Our beloved former Executive Director, Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Hardiman, has arranged to have the Irish tenor, Ronan Tynan, perform a concert at St. Sebastian's Church, in Woodside, Queens. The concert will benefit St. Sebastian's parish (where Msgr. Hardiman is the pastor), as well as the Futures Endowment Fund and the Futures Foundation. The concert will take place on Sunday, October 4, 2009, at 4:00 p.m. Tickets for the concert are \$50 and \$75. Tickets for the concert plus a reception with Mr. Tynan are \$100 (\$125 for the first three rows). For reservations, call St. Sebastian's rectory at 718-429-4442.

Did You Know...

- Thanks to the efforts of the Endowment Fund, 273 children received need-based scholarships giving them the opportunity to attend Catholic School last year.
- More than 99% of students who attend Catholic high schools graduate within four years, and 98% go on to attend college. Of New York City public school students, only 55.4% graduate within four years, and 45% go on to college.
- The New York City public schools spend an average of \$15,144 to educate an elementary school student; the amount spent on elementary school students in the Brooklyn Diocese averages \$4,167 per student.



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