

THANK YOU!

First thing is first, Thank you for your generosity. The families have tremendous gratitude for your charity. It was a pleasure speaking to our families earlier on the phone to give them such wonderful, unexpected news.

The first family has three girls at St. Martin's. Both parents are from Haiti and highly value education and their family. We have found families/individuals to help them with their tuition for the three girls. The parents are committed to providing and sacrificing for their daughters education. the three girls are the kindest, most hardworking girls that you will meet. Their grades are 7th, 3rd and kindergarten.

The second family is very special to our school community. They have five children. Two have graduated from St. Martin's and three are current students. The parents moved here from Guatemala due to unrest in the government. They have a strong and joyful faith. Unfortunately, dad died from cancer when the youngest girl was two years old. If you are having a bad or rough day, just bump into one of these children. They are the happiest, most joyful children. Mom is very gracious and accepts your gift with gratitude.

The third family is from El Salvador. Their oldest boy graduated from St. Martin's and attends Kellenberg. He works at Kellenberg to pay for his tuition. His sister is entering 8th grade at St. Martin's. She volunteers here over the summer, cleaning and painting and is learning carpentry. Good families have paid over 80% of the tuition. Mom insists on paying what she can. Maria cleans houses and dad does handy work. We love this family very much and it brings much happiness when I see the older boy on the Honor Roll List at Kellenberg High School.

The fourth family moved here from Haiti after the earthquake that devastated that island. They have five children. Parents were professionals in Haiti. When they moved here their certifications were not valid. Both the parents worked for the local school district, mom in the cafeteria and dad as lunch monitor. They are both going back to school and are bettering their English. Good families have helped with the tuition since they came here five years ago. Three of the children attend St. Martin's. As you can imagine, they are very happy and show much affection to each other and our school community.

The fifth family has six children. Five attend St. Martin's. This family also receives help to pay their tuition. The eldest boy is entering eighth grade. He finished 7th grade, number two out of 57 students. More important is that the children are raised to know that Heaven is more important Harvard. This family supports the atmosphere of virtue at St. Martin's

Again, thank you for supporting our families and the good work of the Marianist Mission at St. Martins!

John Holian