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Boston's Cathedral High School Announces Three Gifts Totaling \$9.75 Million

Gifts are the largest in the history of the school

(Boston – October 6, 2022) – With gratitude to the [Adopt-A-Student Foundation](#) (AASF), [Cathedral High School](#) (CHS) an independent, 7th through 12th grade, Catholic, college preparatory school in Boston's historic South End, is proud to announce it is the recipient of three extraordinary gifts from Genevieve Murphy, Steve and Lisa Hyde and an anonymous donor. The Adopt-A-Student Foundation is a Massachusetts charitable trust organized to further student success by providing financial assistance to Cathedral High School scholars.

Genevieve L. Murphy, wife of proud CHS alumnus James D. "JD" Murphy '66, who passed away in 2018, has made an unprecedented gift of \$5M in scholarship to aid Cathedral's mission to deliver a rigorous and holistic education that is available for all families, regardless of ability to pay. Strong in her faith and Catholic beliefs, Murphy is a passionate advocate for Catholic education and the pivotal impact it can have on students.

"Over the years, JD and I have had the honor of being a part of Cathedral's life-changing mission. Sharing the legacy of my husband, who was afforded a Cathedral education, is one way my family can recognize

the generosity that we have received throughout our lives and pass on the values and work ethic that JD always stood for,” said Genevieve Murphy. “The students are truly remarkable, and I have seen how investing in Cathedral scholars has transformed not only their lives but their families’ lives as well.”

A gift of \$1.5M, designated for student scholarships, was made from Steve and Lisa Hyde, who reside in Lakewood Ranch, Florida and Wilmington, Delaware. This is the largest gift received from a new donor in over a decade. The Hydes immediately fell in love with the mission of Cathedral and the CHS scholars through a relationship with school President, Dan Carmody.

“I was inspired by my father, Lawrence, who was committed to making a deep philanthropic impact and I’ve made it my goal to follow in his footsteps. He succeeded in life because someone gave him the chance he needed; now we hope to do that for others at Cathedral High School,” said Steve Hyde.

In addition to these amazing donations, Cathedral High School is delighted to report an anonymous \$3.25M gift has been made to AASF and will be directed towards student scholarships. The donor acknowledges their investment is helping Cathedral further their mission which fosters a rich culture of inclusion, opportunity, acceptance and empowerment. This is the largest one-time gift that CHS has received from a foundation.

“I am incredibly grateful to these donors for their phenomenal generosity and their belief in Cathedral. Their commitment and passion for helping underserved families will change the lives of countless students who will now have access to a transformational education. Their humbleness and quiet desire to provide an ambitious future for deserving young students is inspiring,” said Carmody. “By alleviating the financial burden so many families face, we’ve created a school that is rich in talent and accessible for all families. Our unwavering commitment to equity and opportunity has been the foundation of our community since our inception nearly a century ago, and these selfless donors have amplified this powerful mission.”

Cathedral High School is coed and serves grades 7-12. While the annual cost to educate one student is \$20,000, the average financial aid award is approximately \$18,000 per family. For more information, please visit www.cathedralhighschool.net.

About Cathedral High School

Cathedral High School is a Catholic, urban, and coeducational college preparatory school committed to excellence and social justice. Within an environment that encourages our scholars to reach their full potential, Cathedral students are expected to make lasting and powerful impacts in their local, national and global communities. Our mission, since our establishment in 1926, is to deliver a rigorous and holistic education that is available for all families, regardless of ability to pay. Rooted in Gospel values that include compassion, respect and service, we embrace the rich diversity of our community and foster a culture of inclusion, opportunity, acceptance and empowerment. For more information, visit cathedralhighschool.net or visit our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages.

About Adopt-A-Student Foundation

The Adopt-A-Student Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable non-profit organization established to ensure that students of all economic, educational, and faith backgrounds have access to a quality, values-based college preparatory education by providing financial assistance to Cathedral High School for its

general educational mission including but not limited to scholarships, educational programs and professional development for teachers and staff. Since 1926, Cathedral High School has helped open the doors of educational opportunity to generations of Boston's youth. Tuition covers less than 10 percent of the school's costs, so Cathedral relies on the philanthropic community to provide financial assistance to 100 percent of students.

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