



“BE THE CHANGE” MATCH CHALLENGE

Bring Light to Dark Times

Donate now, reduce your state income tax and invest in our children’s future! Take advantage of a limited time, 1-for-1 matching gift benefiting St. Francis de Sales High School!

Looking for a way to decrease your Illinois state income tax liability? What if you could decrease what you owe to the state and potentially increase your state tax refund, while also helping fund scholarships for students to attend St. Francis de Sales High School?

This year, as a global pandemic has created so many uncertainties in our society, you can still invest in a brighter future for children in our school. By contributing through the **Illinois Invest in Kids** program you can make the lifelong advantage of a St. Francis de Sales High School education possible.

Thanks to the generosity of a key donor, donations made between now and May 1, 2022 will be matched 1:1 (up to \$70,000), doubling the impact of your donation! Donations must be processed through Empower Illinois.

If you have been fortunate enough to have not felt the financial strain this pandemic has caused, please consider sharing that good fortune and supporting the tax credit scholarship program. **With your donation and the matched funds, you can help us reach our goal of providing much-needed scholarships to the 57 children currently on the St. Francis de Sales waiting list.** Your donation will help ensure that these children receive a quality, faith-based education in a loving and supportive environment during these most uncertain times.

HERE’S HOW IT WORKS:

The Garcia family makes \$75,000/year and has an Illinois state tax liability of \$3,750.

The Garcias make a \$5,000 charitable donation to the Illinois state tax credit program through Empower Illinois and receive 75 percent of their donation as a credit on their state income tax return, or \$3,750, virtually eliminating what they owe to the state and potentially increasing their state refund. Their donation provides \$10,000 in scholarship support (after the \$5,000 1-for-1 match). For a net donation of \$1,250 (\$5,000 donation less the \$3,750 in state tax credit), the Garcias have provided two students with \$5,000 scholarships each to attend St. Francis de Sales High School. Gifts can be accepted via cash or donation of stocks and bonds. Click [here](#) for step-by-step instructions on how to donate today!

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