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Lutheran SGO of Indiana Celebrates 10 years of Changing Lives through Scholarships

Thank You Event Planned at the Indiana Statehouse on January 24

January 23, 2023 —The Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization of Indiana, one of 5 SGO organizations in Indiana authorized to manage the SGO Tax Credit for nonpublic K-12 schools, announces the celebration of its 10th Anniversary.

“As the attached Impact Report illustrates,” notes Karl Davis, board chair, “we have been changing the lives of families since 2012. The 54 schools in our family of schools range from Kendallville to Evansville and from Aurora to Gary, have awarded over \$24,000,000 to fund over 20,000 scholarships students since 2012.” You can view and download the Impact Report at <https://www.lutheransgo.org/downloads/impact-report-2022.pdf>.

To say thank you to state legislators for their support of School Choice, the Lutheran SGO is hosting a lunch on Tuesday, January 24 that will have available students, families, and teachers from our recent contest and a unique gift for each of the 150 legislators.

In the Fall of 2022, The Lutheran SGO held a contest of “Why I Love My School” with over 200 entries of essays, videos, pictures, and slideshows. The winning entries, divided between grades K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12; from towns across Indiana, including Lafayette, Seymour, Fort Wayne, Indianapolis, and Columbus; can be viewed at our website <https://www.lutheransgo.org/share/>.

As Governor Eric Holcomb wrote in a letter to the Lutheran SGO, “Your dedication to your impactful mission of making a quality education a reality for Hoosier families is to be commended... thank you to the many faculty members and staff in your school network for your continued efforts in supporting our students. Your commitment to their continued growth and development should be recognized and celebrated. Congratulations on 10 years and I wish you continued success!”

For more information please contact Jon Dize, administrator, at 260-203-4509.

The SGO Program: The SGO Program allows individuals and businesses to reduce or eliminate their state taxes by funding Scholarships for families wanting a quality, Christian education. There are five main SGO organizations in Indiana authorized to administer the SGO program. We work with various Lutheran and other Christian schools and have a General Fund for those wanting to support families regardless of the school. Each non-public school chooses the SGO organization that donors will use to facilitate gifts.

The Lutheran SGO is a separately incorporated, 501(c)3 charitable organization and is approved by the Internal Revenue Service to receive tax-advantaged contributions. We are also recognized as a “scholarship granting organization” under Indiana Code 20-51-1-7 for “school scholarship programs” certified by the Indiana Department of Education under Indiana Code 20-51-3-1. We are authorized to make application on behalf of the donor with the Indiana Department of Revenue for a tax credit for this contribution under Indiana Code 6-3.1-30.5.

Who we Work With: The Lutheran SGO is open to any accredited Christian school with the ability to award SGO Scholarships in Indiana that shares our Christian faith and values. See our list of participating schools at <https://www.lutheransgo.org/our-schools/index.php>. You can also see our list of FAQs at <https://www.lutheransgo.org/downloads/LSGO-Donation-FAQ-2023.pdf>.



2012–2022 IN REVIEW

The true Impact of donor support of The Lutheran SGO of Indiana

"We support this program because I believe that it is imperative that parents have a choice in schools for their children!"
 — Kyle Skaggs, Color Master Incorporated

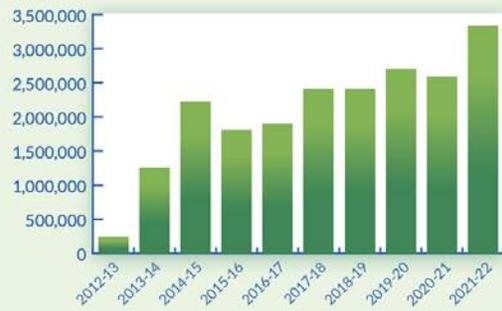
Over 20,000 students received awards in 10 years!



"Our family has been incredibly blessed by the generosity of the Lutheran SGO donors. As a single income family of nine, we would not be able to afford the kind of beautiful, character-focused, Christ-centered education we desire for our children if it were not for the assistance we have received."

— Rev. Matt and Jenna Wietfeldt and family

Over \$24,000,000 in scholarships awarded in 10 years!



"Student scholarships through the SGO make all the difference for families who are seeking an educational option that provides a safe, rigorous, faith-based education for their child. These scholarships make Christian education accessible to every family who desires this choice."

This year we are blessed to welcome the largest freshman class in 4 years. School Choice and scholarships through the Lutheran SGO have helped make that possible."

— Jacob Pennekamp, Head of School, Concordia Lutheran High School

Making the Dream of a Christian Education a Reality for Families through Scholarships.