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MAKING AN IMPACT AT NO COST

"Support a cause I care about instead of paying my taxes? This can't be real!"

You wouldn't be alone if you had this thought upon learning about the state of Ohio's new Scholarship Granting Organization Tax Credit Program.

We thought the same thing.

But with tax season now behind us, over 200 donors have received a dollar-for-dollar matching tax credit, up to \$750 per individual, from the state of Ohio while helping students from economically-disadvantaged communities receive a life-changing education at quality Christian schools.

Now, let's spread the word.

ABOUT OUR SCHOOLS



Harambee Christian School is a high-performing private Christian school serving students in grades Pre K - 8th Grade. 80% of students qualify for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch.



Akili Christian High School is a quality private high school serving students holistically, with an emphasis on providing multiple career pathways. Akili serves many Harambee alumni and students from other low-income neighborhoods.

A YEARS WORTH OF GIVING IN TWO WEEKS

Donors showed up in a big way with only two weeks to spare before the year-end.

In December 2022, The Columbus Opportunity Scholarship Fund became one of the first active Scholarship Granting Organizations (SGOs) in Ohio. COSF was granted official non-profit status and certification with the Attorney General just two weeks before the year's end, which left little time for donors to take advantage of this incredible opportunity. Additionally, it took time to help donors establish a brand new category for charitable giving, previously nonexistent.

Given the challenges, we are thrilled with the results.

THE IMPACT

200+ DONORS

\$150,000+ RAISED

200 STUDENTS IMPACTED

DONOR EXPERIENCE



Alan Burkholder
CPA & Finance Director

The educational quality provided by these schools is excellent. Growing up in an educator's home, I've been cognizant of the need for excellence in education; these schools are scratching the itch. It's easy to participate; just follow the instructions, get your receipt, and attach it to your Ohio tax return. This is a great way to direct some of your Ohio Income Tax to students in need and know it will be used well. If you have Ohio tax liability, why not direct it to a good cause?



It is hard to imagine a cause with greater downstream social impact than providing quality, Christ-centered education in our neighborhoods most ravaged by poverty. The ability to contribute generously to this crucial work is enhanced greatly by an astounding provision in the tax code, redirecting up to \$750 per person of our own tax dollars to a pre-approved list of eligible schools. My husband and I were able to give a combined \$1,500 last December on top of our normal charitable contributions, which we refunded to our savings account after our tax refund in February. If that isn't a win for the kingdom and for our most vulnerable, I don't know what is.



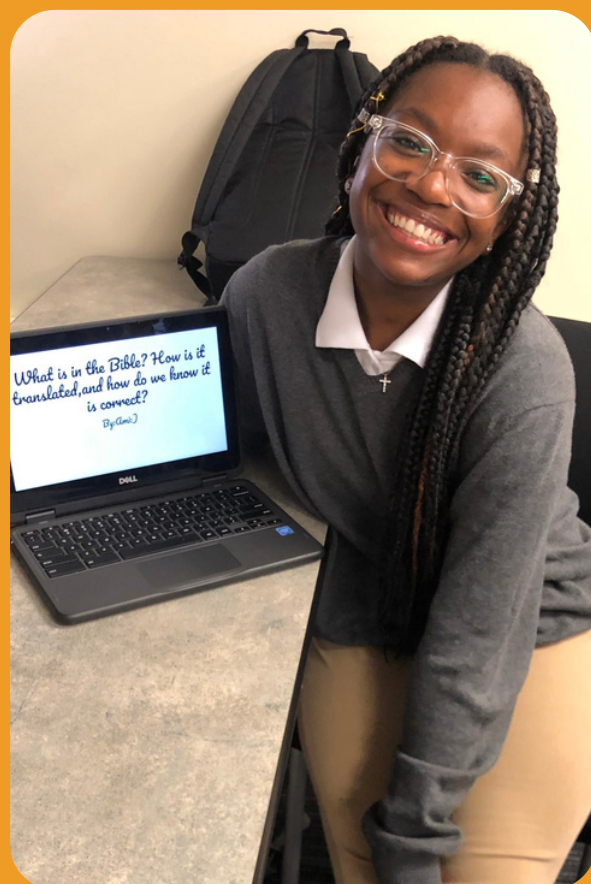
Rachel Smith
Home Church Leader

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

If you participated in the SGO Tax Credit opportunity in 2022, thank you. We hope you will continue to benefit in 2023 and beyond.

Now that you've experienced the process for yourself, would you help us maximize this incredible opportunity by recruiting a friend to join you in making a 2023 contribution?

Even more, would you consider sharing this opportunity with your church community? Your workplace? Your neighbors? Together, we have the opportunity to provide exponential impact to Columbus students in need.



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