

## Be An **ANGEL** Sponsor-A-Student

Help Build A Path  
To Success for children  
in need by selecting  
from a variety of  
donation options and  
sponsoring a student.  
Indicate the pledge  
amount and frequency  
of donation that is  
right for you and know  
you are giving a child  
**wings for education.**



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Charge my  Visa  Mastercard

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**Make checks payable to:**

Guardian Angel Society

**Online donations at:**

[www.guardianangelsoc.org](http://www.guardianangelsoc.org)

## History

Nearly two decades ago, Father Joseph Champlin realized that too many children in need were not graduating from high school. He desperately wanted to find a way to stop the cycle of poverty for these kids by helping them to receive a quality education based on a strong set of values. In 1997, he started the Guardian Angel Society to raise funds for tuition assistance to allow children to attend Cathedral School and to provide mentor relationships for the young children so they would enjoy academic success.

He wanted these children to experience school in more than just classrooms. He wanted them to know school as an oasis and an island of calm where they feel loved and accepted. Father Champlin knew that only when children feel safe, appreciated, and are given the tools, can they begin to learn.

In 2006, the Cathedral School closed and in September 2006, Cathedral School and Our Lady of Pompei School merged to form Cathedral Academy at Pompei (CAP) at the Our Lady of Pompei School building. What exists today is just what Father Champlin envisioned, hoped and prayed for until his passing in January of 2008. CAP is a sanctuary for so many children. From there, many students choose to continue on to Bishop Grimes, Bishop Ludden or Christian Brothers Academy. Father ensured scholarships would be available to those families in need through to the kids' high school graduation.

After Father Champlin's death, a retreat was held in November, 2009 to discuss the reorganization of the Society. This group included long-time Development Director, Kathy Fedrizzi and the trusted Advisory Committee that Father Champlin personally organized before his passing. From this pivotal meeting, a volunteer, working board of directors was established in May 2010 and the organization continues today to operate with a small 1.5 full-time-equivalent paid staff and many volunteers.



Father Champlin's  
**Guardian ANGEL Society**  
wings for education

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Father Champlin's Guardian Angel Society  
**Sponsor-A-Student**  
Program



Help give  
Father's kids  
**wings for  
education.**



“True abundance comes from giving back. I am living proof of that.”

## You Can Make a Difference in the Life of a Child

Yes, you can help give an at-risk student in our community a chance for success. Sponsoring a student can fulfill a child's dreams and, in many cases, enable the first in a family to achieve high school graduation.

Lawrence Denson, Cathedral School (now known as Cathedral Academy at Pompei or CAP) class of 1997, Christian Brothers Academy (CBA) class of 2004 and University of Notre Dame class of 2008, was one of the first students to receive support from the Guardian Angel Society. He received tuition assistance but he also received something more: mentoring support and someone believing in his dreams to become a financial whiz. Immediately upon graduation from Notre Dame, Lawrence was employed by Goldman Sachs and now runs his own business.

Father Champlin's Guardian Angel Society has helped hundreds of kids like Lawrence who said, “I cannot help but reflect on how it took just one organization believing in a child's desire to be better, to change my life.”

Annual tuition for elementary school exceeds \$4,000 and high school tuition is much higher.

# Giving Wings for education

Kids and volunteers speak for themselves.

“Without you, many of our students would not get the great education we deserve.”  
– Katrina (3rd grade)

“I am not hesitant to follow my dreams, with the help of the Guardian Angel Society giving me a little push.”  
– JaQuay (12th grade)

“I commit my time to helping the youth in our community because they are our future.”  
– Bruce LaGrow (volunteer mentor)

“Watching a CAP graduation, although their children were not mine, I felt a sense of pride knowing that I helped in a small way for them to reach that moment.”  
– LeeAnn Kline (volunteer)

Guardian Angel Society 2012 graduation rate: 92%  
Syracuse public schools 2012 graduation rate: 48%



100% of families receiving support pay a portion of their child's tuition. The amount is proportionate to their income level.



## Our Kids

Since 1997, Father Champlin's Guardian Angel Society has been building paths to success for low income students, regardless of race or religion, to high school graduation and beyond. The Guardian Angel Society is committed to providing wings for education to students in need who attend CAP elementary school and continue on to Bishop Grimes Prep, Bishop Ludden Junior/Senior High School or CBA.

Guardian Angel Society kids represent a very diverse population but all hail from the Syracuse metropolitan area. Despite the extreme challenges their families face, they strongly desire the children to receive a quality education and build strong values.

Studies show that with intervention these “at risk” students stay in school, are much more likely to acquire necessary work-related skills and have opportunities for a college education.

As these kids become contributing members, the entire community benefits.

Make a difference in the life of a child. Sponsor a student today.

The average annual income of families receiving support is \$39,000. The lowest annual income for 2012 was \$6,000.