



Member Schools

- Bensalem Baptist School, Bensalem, PA
- Beulah Baptist Christian Day School, Philadelphia, PA
- Blair Christian Academy, Philadelphia, PA
- Calvary Temple Christian Academy, Philadelphia, PA
- Camden Forward School, Camden, NJ
- Cedar Grove Christian Academy, Philadelphia, PA
- Christopher Dock Mennonite High School, Telford, PA
- City Center Academy, Philadelphia, PA
- Concord Christian Academy, Wilmington, DE
- Cornerstone Christian Academy, Philadelphia, PA
- Delaware County Christian School, Newtown Square, PA
- Frederick Douglass Christian School, Chester, PA
- Hunting Park Christian Academy, Philadelphia, PA
- International Christian High School, Philadelphia, PA
- Lehigh Christian Academy, Philadelphia, PA
- Logan Hope School, Philadelphia, PA
- Open Door Christian Academy, Fort Washington, PA
- Penn Christian Academy, Norristown, PA
- Philadelphia Mennonite High School, Philadelphia, PA
- Philadelphia-Montgomery Christian Academy, Erdenheim, PA
- Spruce Hill Christian School, Philadelphia, PA
- The Christian Academy, Brookhaven, PA
- Timothy Academy, Philadelphia, PA
- Urban Promise Academy, Camden, NJ

Since 1996, Jubilee has distributed \$1,800,000 to fund 1,600 scholarships for low-income urban children in Philadelphia, Camden, Chester and Norristown.

We sustain a scholarship endowment fund and are supported by 447 donors, including 39 businesses, 19 foundations, and 14 churches.

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Get Involved with Jubilee

Visit a school...

We are setting up visits to give sponsors a chance to interact with students and see the amazing work of our network of 24 Christian schools. Check out the event calendar in this issue for the next visit's date and location, and email Claire Margheim, Project and Communications Manager, at cmargheim@jubileefund.org to sign up for a visit.



"How powerful it is to see a school where students feel safe, supported and challenged."

Jan Wright, donor and retired teacher, after a visit to International Christian High School

Are you a supporter or friend of Jubilee looking for more ways to get involved with our organization? We encourage you to attend one of our school visits or consider our different giving levels.

Give a gift...

\$1 a day (or \$30 a month), we will combine your donation with 2 other donors' in support of an inner-city student at a Christian school.



\$100 a month, you can support an inner-city student at a Christian school.

\$6,000 a year, you can support a whole row of 5 students for a year.



\$24,000 a year, you can support a whole class of 20 students for one year.

Go to jubileefund.org/contribute for more information.



Jubilee Journal

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Gaining Momentum

Jubilee expands its reach to impact more inner-city youth than ever before.

Jubilee has hit historic milestones this year. We are excited to announce that we have new office space! We moved to Manayunk, Philadelphia, in December 2012 and have offices at 3901B Main Street. Gaining this space has significantly impacted our office morale. The productive atmosphere of our office is tangible. We won't forget our humble roots in Jim Petty's basement, but we are embracing this location change as a physical symbol of our institutional advancement—of our leaps and bounds this year.

We doubled our income for the 2012 calendar year, going from \$281,000 in 2011 to \$630,000 in 2012, including \$50,000 for scholarship endowment. For the current fiscal year, our total scholarship income to date has increased \$100,000 from last year's. This growth means we were and will be able to award more scholarships, as well as give out higher scholarships to the families who desperately need them.

However, our donors' dollars not only allow more low-income students access to high-quality education; they also give our member schools the freedom to use their resources on staff and educational development, resulting in strong academic results. Seventy-four percent of our students are performing at grade level, and over 90 percent of our graduates enroll in college.

In a recent letter from Penn Christian Academy, business manager Allan McKeown, wrote, "The Children's Jubilee Fund is an amazing blessing to our school and families. We cannot begin to express how much this program means to our school." Jubilee is thankful for our donors who give so that schools like Penn Christian Academy can succeed.

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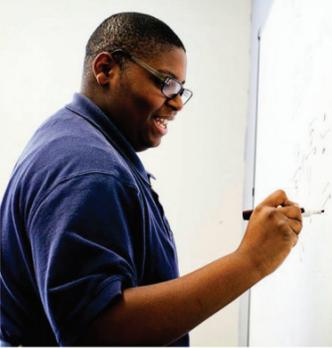
The average educational cost for a public school student is **\$14,000**, whereas the average Jubilee scholarship is **\$1,500** per year.

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(top to bottom) 2012 graduates; Josh Joseph Class of 2015; the Robotics Team (1st place for Inspire Award, NJ First Robotics Competition and 2nd place Design Award) in their first year competing



Event Calendar

May School Visit
 May 8, 2013
 UrbanPromise Academy and Camden Forward School
 27 N. 36th Street, Camden, NJ 08105

Jubilee Board Meeting
 June 8, 2013

Fall Benefit Concert
 Stay tuned for more information.

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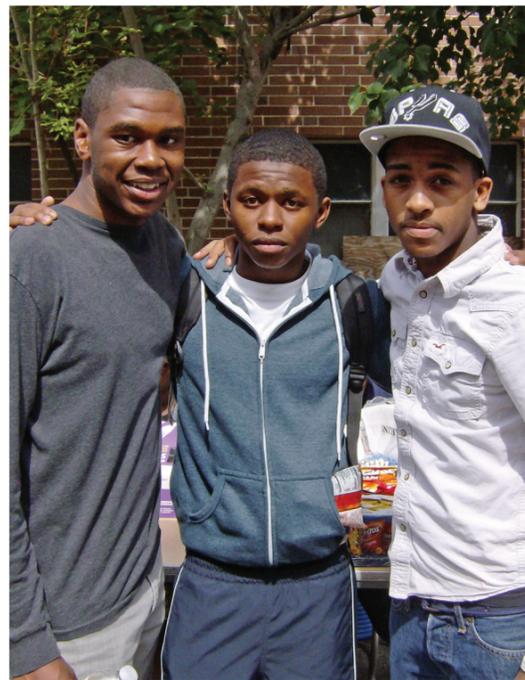
UrbanPromise Academy:

Jubilee Member School Provides a Safe Haven in Camden, NJ

In 1988, local missionaries started a summer camp in Camden, New Jersey.

This camp grew to become a successful, international organization, UrbanPromise, and now encompasses two schools, after-school programs, job training and more. One such program is the UrbanPromise Academy (UPA).

Founded in 1997, UPA is a Christian high school serving 42 students that face severe educational and environmental challenges.



Dhanté (middle) with two fellow PMHS students.

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Allan McKeown, Business Manager,
Penn Christian Academy

Gaining Momentum

(continued from page 1) Beyond these financial and academic achievements, Jubilee has made strategic organizational changes. We hired a new staff member, Claire Margheim, to handle events and communications, and our board approved a strategic plan. This plan lays out our identity and purpose, vision and history, case for support, and values. Jubilee's staff and board now have a unified understanding and a shared vocabulary about our organization that can be used to define and promote Jubilee's mission.

With these changes, you may wonder, "Who is the Jubilee of 2013?" Maybe you are a long-time donor, and you have been following us from the early days when Jubilee awarded 25 scholarships to the five original member schools. Or maybe you heard about us through a friend, a scholarship student, or at one of our events.

Whatever your connection to Jubilee, we want to present to you our vision for the organization you support. We want to show you not only what our donations have achieved, but what they can achieve.

In our strategic plan, Jubilee lays out our goal of filling the available seats in our member schools with low-income urban youth who desperately deserve school choice. Our vision is to become the Philadelphia region's faith-based, resource "superhighway" linking the suburban and urban community of businesses, individuals, churches, and foundations with our region's under-resourced community of low-income families.

Imagine what our inner-city communities could look like if all families—poor and privileged—could choose which school to send their children; if thousands of students could experience a safe, Christ-centered environment that's conducive to education and produces intrinsic academic motivation. We could see renewal in our inner-city. We could see a change in the course of a child's life; a rise in the education-level of a community; and ultimately the equipping of a future workforce living out God's will in their lives.

This is the Jubilee of 2013. An organization fueled by our potential—by the changes we can make with both the continued and increased support of donors like you.

This vision has led us to focus on reaching out to businesses and encouraging them to redirect their PA tax liability into scholarships for students through the Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit Program (OSTC). There's a large amount of untapped resources in OSTC, with \$37 million in tax credits still available and up to \$400,000 in credits available per business.

Our **Companies for Kids** campaign is the largest step in realizing our long-term goal: increasing our funding so that our member schools can educate as many as possible of the 100,000 children in the Philadelphia region's failing schools. ■

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James C. Baird, Chairman
Founding Principal Compass
Ion Advisors, LLC



Children's Jubilee Launches Companies for Kids

Jubilee has launched our 2013 campaign: Companies for Kids, focused on encouraging local businesses to redirect their state business taxes into scholarships through the Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit Program (OSTC).

Jubilee has already seen how state tax credit programs can impact students from donations we have received through the already-successful Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program (EITC). We have 19 business donors who give through both EITC and OSTC, and our total tax credit contributions for this fiscal year are \$193,800—the most we have ever received.

Our businesses' donations over the past four years have supported 291 scholarships—lives that wouldn't be impacted if these programs didn't exist.

And that's our dream: to use the OSTC program to gain scholarships to fill the 1,700 empty seats in our member schools.

So why should businesses give through OSTC? As James Baird, Chairman and Founding

Principal of Compass Ion Advisors, LLC, put it, "Because of the OSTC program, we can make a significant donation to Jubilee with next to no out-of-pocket expense. This is great news for everyone involved."

Compass Ion became a Jubilee donor through a personal connection with executive director Jim Petty, as did many of our business donors. These personal connections are an important outreach tool. Our staff, board, donors, schools, and partners are a community. We wouldn't have it any other way.

Yet, some businesses have sought out Jubilee intentionally. Philadelphia Insurance Companies and United Health Services, Inc. found Jubilee through our website and redirected a combined total of \$45,000 in tax dollars this year. They both gave because they liked that Jubilee had an approved school network to use the funds.

Jubilee is thankful for these business donors, and we look forward to connecting with more businesses in the coming months. ■

Visit jubileefund.org/ostc to find out more.

Lives Changed

Dhanté: School Bully to Non-Violence Award Winner

by Patricia Van Antwerpen

One of the greatest rewards for Jubilee is seeing a student's life changed. Take Dhanté, who was kicked out of eleven public schools before attending Philadelphia Mennonite High School (PMHS), where he was sent as a last resort.

Dhanté received a surprise at PMHS. "When I first came here, students didn't like me too much," he said. "At public school, people thought I was tough, so I tried to run my class (at PMHS) the same way I did there." This behavior soon alienated him from most of the staff and his classmates.

Principal Dr. Barbara Moses finally said he would have to leave. "But Dhanté begged not to go," she said.

Dr. Moses offered him the option of studying conflict resolution and anger management, and if he turned around his behavior, he could stay. It took many faculty members' dedication, but "I started to change my attitude," Dhanté said.

Dhanté also developed his talent for piano and began playing for chapel and concerts. Dr. Moses' lessons allowed him to see music as a healthier emotional expression, and he eventually won the school award for non-violence.

"At first, I was playing because it made me feel good," he said. "But Dr. Moses told me that for your talent to be a gift, it has to be a blessing to everybody. When I'm playing now, I think maybe somebody had a bad day and will feel better because of my music."

Dhanté' now feels a calling to become a music therapist. "I want to help people," he said. ■

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74% percent of our students are performing at grade level and over 90% of our graduates enroll in college.



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Thank You to Retired Board Chair Rex Anderson

Jubilee would like to thank Rex Anderson for 15 years of fruitful board service. Rex became involved with Jubilee after visiting Timothy Christian Academy (TCA) and being moved by both the needs of the north Philadelphia children where the school is located, and the safe, nurturing schooling the students were receiving at TCA. In 1995, he began participating in discussions with business leaders about the need for a mission dedicated to connecting inner-city families to the scholarship resources they needed to enroll their children in Christian schools. When Jubilee was organized in 1996, Rex served as the chair of the first board. During Rex's term of service, Jim Petty was called to become the first executive director and Jubilee grew to distribute \$350,000 a year to 24 schools and 283 students. Rex is an elder at Christ the King Presbyterian Church and also serves on the board for Westminster Theological Seminary.

Thank-You Poster presented to Rex Anderson (left) by Jubilee for his board service and support of TCA.



Maria Arroyo
Class of 2013

In 2007, UrbanPromise Academy received national recognition on ABC's 20/20 with Diane Sawyer for its unique and varied educational model. UPA has a ratio of 1 teacher to 15 students and has a family-learning style environment. For example, speakers lead weekly lectures where students ask and answer questions and participate in small groups. Also, about 25% of learning occurs outside the classroom. Students participate in extracurricular activities, like Urban BoatWorks, which teaches youth to build wooden paddleboats and canoes.

Academy Principal Demetrius Marlowe says students also benefit from multiple service opportunities. "I find it most rewarding to observe our students come together as a community in support of others," he said.

Learn more at
urbanpromiseusa.org/