

St. Mary's School for the Deaf 2023 Annual Appeal

Since its inception in 1853, St. Mary's School for the Deaf (SMSD) has been the primary source of quality education utilizing the full spectrum of communication modes. *For 170 years, SMSD has been changing the lives of children just like Briona.*

Throughout its history, SMSD has benefited from the support of numerous local businesses, foundations, and community members just like you. Your support has allowed us to fulfill our mission together.

St. Mary's School for the Deaf is committed to providing equitable access to exemplary educational programs that prepare Deaf students to be self-directed, lifelong learners, who are productive members of society. We



Briona Zupa | SMSD Class of 2023

"I am a Graduate of SMSD. I started there when I was only 3 years old. SMSD is incredibly important to me because this special place is what I called my second home. It was easy for me to feel comfortable in a place where I could communicate and enjoy myself. SMSD offers an opportunity for kids like me to participate in programs that they can't find anywhere else."
Julia Bronneberg

are a fully accredited, non-profit, Child First school. **Students ages 0-21 come from all eight counties of Western New York to receive an opportunity they cannot receive elsewhere.**

Together with SMSD's Foundation (also known as the **Foundation for Deaf Education or FDE**) we strive to improve the quality of life for our students and fund programs and activities not covered by legislative appropriation, as well as promote public awareness of our school and Deaf Culture. We inspire ALL to achieve their goals despite their physical and cognitive challenges.

Our students overcome tremendous challenges to reach their full potential and are prepared to be leaders of the next generation. **Donations to our Annual Appeal** allow our faculty and staff to continue to provide the kind of support and resources that meet the lifelong needs of the deaf, hard-of-hearing community of Western New York.

LET'S MAKE AN IMPACT TOGETHER!

OUR GOAL THIS YEAR IS TO RAISE \$100,000. The Foundation (FDE) supports non-state funded programs and provides at minimum \$1000 per year, per student. Your donation allows us to continue to offer enhanced academic, athletic and recreational programs to each of our students.

THANK YOU from the Stakeholders, Staff, Students, and Families of St. Mary's School for the Deaf.

I would like to make a tax-deductible donation to the Foundation for Deaf Education

\$ _____ **Amount**

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Foundation for Deaf Education – Attention: Kelly DeDario | 2253 Main Street – Buffalo, NY 14214

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