



THE JOSEPH FUND  
OF CAMDEN

# 2024 IMPACT REPORT



*Empowering Camden's youth through education.*

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# Letter from Our Chair

As I reflect on the past year, I am filled with immense gratitude and pride. 2024 was a year of incredible milestones for the Joseph Fund of Camden—one defined by record-breaking generosity, unwavering community support, and, most importantly, the life-changing impact of education.

Thanks to your support, we were able to provide tuition assistance and enrichment opportunities for more children than ever before. Sixty bright and eager young learners participated in our summer enrichment program, more than 160 students in kindergarten through eighth grade received the foundation they need to succeed, and ten high school students at Camden Catholic and Gloucester Catholic were given the opportunity to continue their academic journeys. Beyond the numbers, the true measure of our success lies in the smiles, the dreams, and the boundless potential of these children who now have the opportunity to break free from the cycle of poverty through education.



**Patty Savage**

This year, we also had the privilege of bringing some of our supporters into the schools we fund, witnessing firsthand the joy and transformation that your generosity makes possible. Seeing these children thrive—knowing that their future is brighter because of the opportunities you've helped create—reinforces the power of our mission.

As we look ahead to 2025, we are more inspired than ever to build on this momentum. A new venue for our annual Back to School Night, new opportunities for giving, and the continued promise of education as a catalyst for change remind us that our work is far from finished. Every dollar raised, every hour volunteered, and every act of kindness brings us one step closer to breaking the chains of generational poverty.

On behalf of the Joseph Fund Board of Directors, our dedicated team, and the families we serve, thank you for being an integral part of this journey. Your generosity is more than just a gift—it is an investment in a brighter, more hopeful future for the children of Camden.

With deepest gratitude,

**Patty Savage**

Chair, The Joseph Fund of Camden

# 2024 at a Glance



**229**

scholars received a safe, high-quality education



**\$500k+**

raised to empower Camden children



**131**

donors united to disrupt the cycle of poverty



**120**

literacy kits provided by Global Furniture Group



**54**

backpacks filled with school supplies for the year



**10.16.24**

The highest impact night in our community's history



# Board of Trustees

## 2024-2025



Patricia Savage, *Chair*

James Wujcik, *Past Chair*

Chris Campbell, *Secretary*

Also Pictured:

Brian Riggs, *Executive Director*

Parker Weisman, *Associate Director*

Tricia Dain

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Robert Hoey

Edward Hutchinson

Kyle Jamaitis

David Johnson

Robert Kennedy

Brian Lynn

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Gerard Toscani



# Overall Impact

The Procacci Family Summer Enrichment Program is a two-month, curriculum-based summer program that serves as a gateway for Pre-K and K students to begin their educational journeys. We are proud to partner with the Procacci Family and the St. Joseph Child Development Center to provide year-round stability to the families we support.



*Since 2021, over 150 students have been able to participate in our very own Summer Enrichment Program thanks to more than \$200,000 in support.*







Catholic  
Partnership  
Schools  
Educating Camden's Children

*Holy Name*

*Sacred Heart*

*St. Cecilia*

*St. Joseph*

*Pro-Cathedral*



**Over the last four years, we have provided tuition assistance to more than 200 Camden-based families.**

**We have contributed over \$250,000 in support to welcome 250+ Joseph Fund Scholars to receive a high-quality, values-based education.**



Through generous support, 14 students from Camden Catholic and Gloucester Catholic High Schools received \$3,000 in tuition assistance. This investment in their education not only eases financial burdens but also empowers them to excel academically and grow as future leaders.



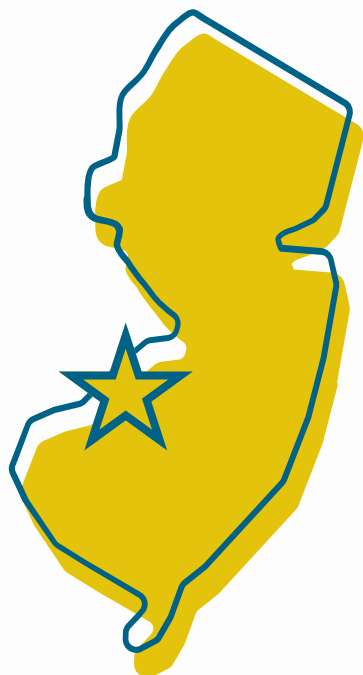
“ I am eternally grateful for every opportunity I receive, but especially this one. My mom and I thank you from the bottom of our hearts. ”  
Diego Torres, GCHS '27  
Current Joseph Fund Scholar



Dauda Fofana  
Class of 2028



Gloria Perez-Castillo  
Class of 2028



Adrianna Plaza  
Class of 2027



Patience Smith  
Class of 2028



Daniel Bailey  
*Class of 2028*



Gary Connelly  
*Class of 2028*



Ruth Cutuli  
*Class of 2028*



Jah'dir Edwards  
*Class of 2027*



Fernando Jardon-  
Morales  
*Class of 2027*



Zy'air Mercado  
*Class of 2028*



Edward Pineiro  
*Class of 2028*



Mirlenis  
Rodriguez  
*Class of 2026*



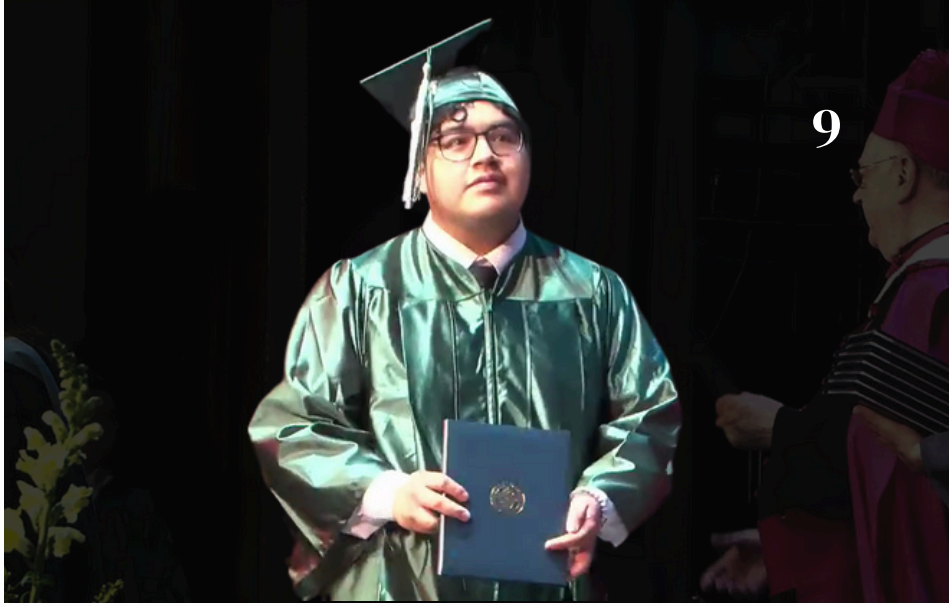
Diego Torres  
*Class of 2027*



Jaelyn Vazquez  
*Class of 2027*

*Since 2021, 39 high school students have been able to lay the groundwork for the rest of their lives thanks to \$135,000 of our support.*





# CONGRATS

TO OUR JOSEPH FUND GRADUATES!



# CAMDEN CATHOLIC CLASS OF 2024





# AMANDA

Rowan College at Burlington County

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# ARMANI

Graduated with Honors

Montclair State University's Accelerated Master's Program

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# AXEL

HVAC Training

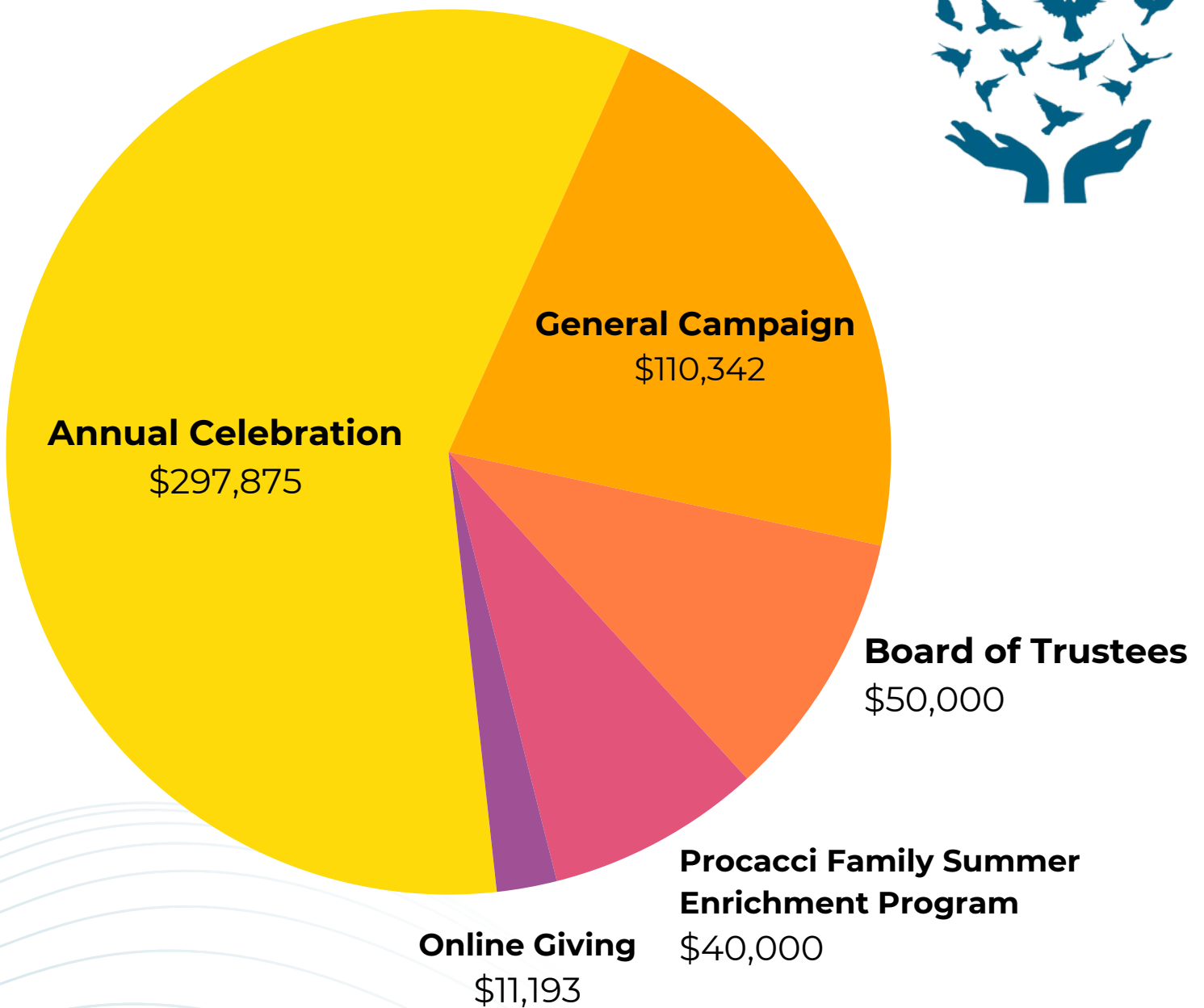
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# MARBELYS

Lincoln Tech

# Giving Report

Our focus on transforming lives begins with an investment in the education of our youth. The Joseph Fund would like to thank our community for continuing to uphold Father Bob's mission to empower Camden for generations to come.



# 2024 Highlights

**\$50,000** match from the Bernard Foundation

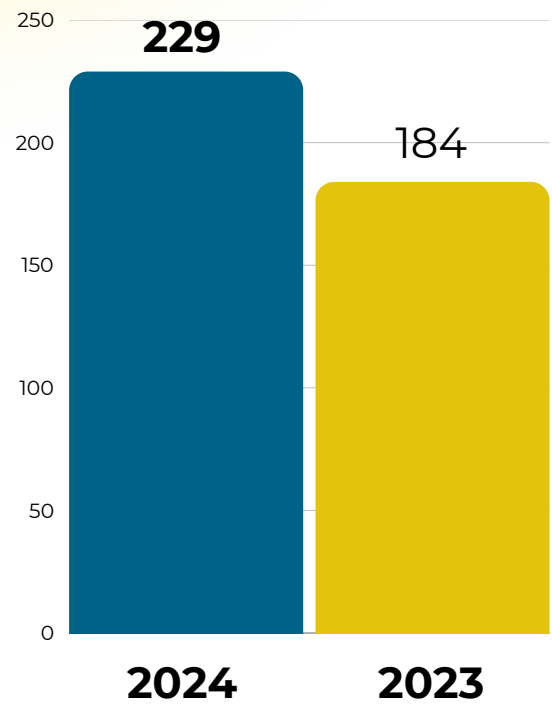
**\$40,000** Summer Enrichment support from Procacci Family

**120** literacy kits provided by Global Furniture Group

### Total Funds Raised



### Scholars Empowered



*“Camden’s progress reflects the power of investing in people. Safer streets, thriving students, and revitalized spaces remind us that progress isn’t a destination—it’s a journey we achieve together.”*

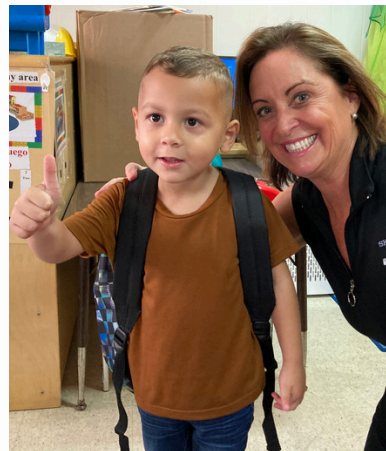
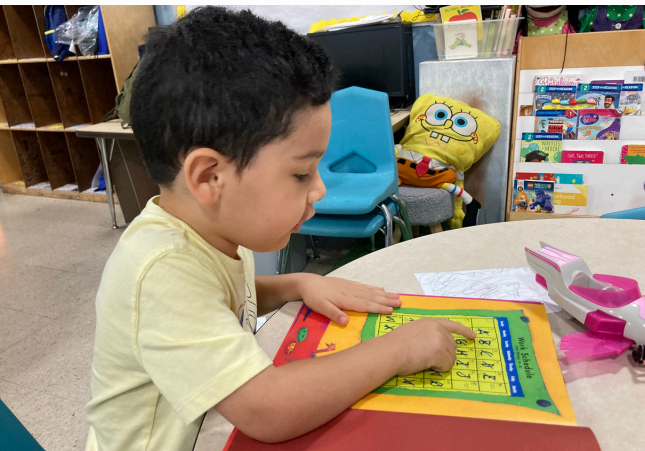
*- Steven Mack, Pastor*

*[Camden Invincible- a city of promise on the rise](#)*

*The Joseph Fund is proud to be part of Camden’s revitalization.*



# Gatherings for Good







# Sips for Scholarships






# \$150,000 Raised in Historic Night

## October 16, 2024



The Joseph Fund is honored to have welcomed our community back to Moorestown's Main Street for our 2024 Annual Fundraiser and Celebration. The halls of the Community House were bursting with excitement, from old friends gathering in the Club Room to special (mini) guests awaiting their debut upstairs. Delicious short rib quesadillas and Mexican cheese cigars whizzed by on platters, hinting at the Hispanic flair to be revealed at dinner.

Soon after, the Ballroom doors opened to start our program. Our community members were able to sit and speak with the parents of our guests of honor: the Catholic Partnership Schools Mini Choir. These elementary school students sported smiles and sweet dance moves to kick off a heartwarming evening. Singing in both English and Spanish, it was wonderful to see the fruits of a supportive environment that allows our Scholars to find their lifelong passions. We are grateful to their teachers for cultivating a deep love of singing and taking care of our students after the school day has ended.



I like that we go on field trips, and I like my school because my teachers are very nice.

— Quincy

*Catholic Partnership Schools*



A tough act to follow up, Gisell Cornish and Licelot Rodriguez discussed the powerful difference the Procacci Family Summer Enrichment Program is having in Camden. They shared immense gratitude for being able to deliver crucial educational services and opportunities to our Joseph Fund Scholars year-round. They highlighted not just the importance for the students, but also for the hardworking parents who would otherwise need childcare services during the summer months to keep their jobs. With our third summer behind us, this is just the beginning for the life-changing program.

A familiar face then took the stage. Erianny Reyes, a 2019 Camden Catholic graduate, returned to share how far she has been able to go thanks in part to the support of The Joseph Fund. After completing her undergraduate degree at Villanova University, she is now pursuing her Doctor of Physical Therapy with the goal of working at Our Lady of Lourdes in Camden to “give back to the community that has raised [her].” Erianny is grateful to have so many educators, advisors, and Joseph Fund supporters as part of her family.

The night was already a beautiful tribute to The Joseph Fund’s impact on so many children (and now adults) in Camden. However, **The Ralph L. & Florence A. Bernard Foundation** had a surprise in store. The fundraising thermometer was back, but this time, the Bernard Foundation pledged to donate an additional **\$50,000** once the threshold was reached!

What happened next was a first in our history. Over \$100,000 was raised before the match was even factored in! In a stunning display of altruism, our community broke a record for the most fundraised in a single night. **In total, the Celebration raised \$300,000 in scholarships for current and future Joseph Fund Scholars.** The future is bright in Camden thanks to Erianny, Principal Kyle, Licelot, Gisell, and every member of The Joseph Fund family.

**“[Our teachers] have high expectations for our students, but most of all, they provide a safe, loving, calm, structured environment so that our children can learn. And this would not be possible without you.”**

**– Kyle Orosz**





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# Catching Up with Our Scholars



**L-R:** Patience (2028), Parker Weisman (Associate Director), Dauda (2028), Adrianna (2027)  
**Not pictured:** Gloria (2028)

On November 15th, Camden Catholic High School held its annual breakfast honoring scholarship recipients. This special event provides an opportunity for students and donors to connect, fostering meaningful conversations and deeper understanding.

Featured above are this year's Joseph Fund Scholars, whose scholarships are made possible by the generous contributions of the Procacci family and the support of the whole Joseph Fund Family. With these students all being underclassmen, it was wonderful to hear about their ambitions for the rest of their high school careers.





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