



ANNUAL REPORT 2008

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“ *Teachers have commented that when they have a Carson Scholar in their classroom, over the course of the next year, the grade point average of the entire class goes up.* ”

Candy Carson
Co-Founder, Carson Scholars Fund

Carson Scholars Fund, Inc., aims to recognize and reward students in grades 4-11 who have earned the highest level of academic achievement. Emphasis is placed on students' performance and desire to maintain a strong academic record, as well as humanitarian qualities that have a positive impact on society.



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“ *By investing in children's minds, we are rewarding today's role models and preparing tomorrow's leaders. Children's minds are, indeed, a priceless asset.* ”

Dr. Ben Carson
Co-Founder, Carson Scholars Fund

ABOUT DR. BEN CARSON



Ben Carson, M.D., has dedicated his life to inspiring others to excel by using their Godgiven talents. He was born in Detroit, where his childhood journey was filled with poverty. He struggled with poor grades and a violent temper. After his mother, who only had a third-grade education, challenged him to strive for excellence, he rose from the bottom to the top of his class. His achievements earned him academic scholarships to college and medical school.

In 1984 he became the nation's youngest Director of Pediatric Neurosurgery when he was appointed the position at Johns Hopkins Medical Institution in Baltimore, Maryland. Today, in addition to his neurosurgery post, he is also a professor of Oncology, Pediatrics and Plastic Surgery at Johns Hopkins. In May of 2008, Dr. Carson became the inaugural recipient of a professorship dedicated in his name. To date, Dr. Carson holds more than 50 honorary doctorate degrees.

Dr. Carson's remarkable story is told in his first non-medical book, *Gifted Hands*. *THINK BIG*, his second book, encourages others to develop their intellectual potential. His third book, *The Big*

Picture, offers an up-close look at a professional surgeon's life and his unique perspective on priorities, race, society, success and living out a life of faith in a complex world.

Dr. Carson's fourth book, *Take the Risk* was released. In it Dr. Carson discusses learning to identify, choose and live with acceptable risk. He travels globally to share his knowledge and philosophy, with the hope of inspiring people of all ages and educational backgrounds to be and do their best in life.

In February, 2008, Dr. Carson was presented with the Ford's Theatre Lincoln Medal by President Bush at the White House. In June, 2008, he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by the President, which is the highest civilian honor in the land.

HISTORY OF THE CARSON SCHOLARS FUND

The vision for the Carson Scholars Fund came from Dr. Benjamin S. Carson and his wife, Candy, who had long noted that many school display cases were filled with large trophies paying tribute to their teams' sports achievements, while honor students traditionally received a simple pin or certificate. Then, after reading a research study which said that students in the United States ranked number 21 out of 22 countries in science and math, the Carsons felt alarmed and compelled to take action. They knew the solution would be to start by rearranging priorities in order to elevate academic performance to the level it deserves. Further research concluded that if children are taught early to excel, they stay motivated and have a higher chance of educational success later in life. Thus, the vision was born.

In 1994, the Carson Scholars Fund, Inc., a non-profit, 501(c)(3) charitable organization was launched. Its mission was unique—offering college scholarship awards to students based on high academic achievement and humanitarianism, regardless of financial need and other factors. Students could be nominated starting as early as elementary school and the minimum grade point average to be nominated is a 3.75.

The Fund began offering \$1,000 scholarship awards to children in elementary, middle, and high schools. Students were nominated by their schools and were able to reapply as long as they consistently maintained high academic standards. Scholarship awards are invested in a trust until the students attend a four-year college or university. Today, more than 3,400 scholarship awards have been given, and the Fund's efforts have expanded into 26 states. To date, 741 scholars have graduated and utilized their scholarship reward to attend colleges and universities across the United States.

In his autobiography, *Gifted Hands*, Dr. Carson wrote about how his life was changed once he embraced reading. For this reason, The Ben Carson Reading Room Project was launched in 2000. The purpose is to encourage independent reading in a friendly atmosphere where students, faculty and the community can come together and enjoy reading.



Each room is stocked with books and colorfully decorated with graphics representing Dr. Carson's "THINK BIG" philosophy. Students earn points for reading and trade these in for prizes for improvements in reading levels, number of books read or number of minutes read.

Since its inception, the Ben Carson Reading Room project has grown to 42 havens in 6 states, each uniquely designed to entice and encourage children to learn to love reading, thus increasing their comprehension and test scores.

The Carson Scholars Fund remains dedicated to its aim to impact the nation in a positive way by cultivating future leaders who are not only intellectually talented but ethically sound. The Carsons' ultimate dream is to have a Carson Scholar and recognition trophy in every school in the United States.

"I was just in the Carson Reading Room this morning volunteering. As a high school English teacher, I recognize the critical value of reading, not to mention the sheer pleasure of it. The fifth graders came in, knew exactly where to look for books that they wanted to read, and just settled in. What a wonderful way to start their day."

Kelly Klinefelter Lee, Swansfield Elementary School Volunteer



BEN CARSON READING PROJECT

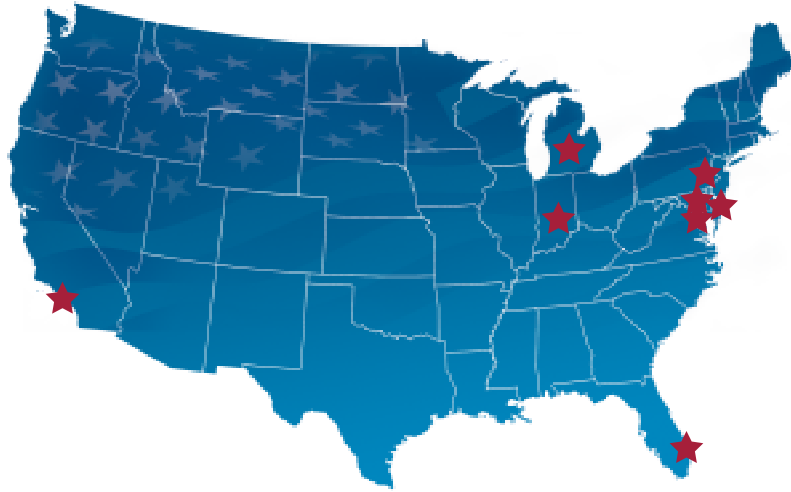
The Ben Carson Reading Project is the second focus of the Carson Scholars Fund. The program was launched in 2000 by Dr. and Mrs. Carson with the hope of inspiring children to read for pleasure. Because reading was the catalyst for Dr. Carson's success, they hoped children would grow to love reading and learning and experience academic success at a young age. Each Reading Room is designed to encourage independent reading and to provide a relaxed atmosphere where students, faculty and community members can come together and enjoy reading in a nurturing environment. The rooms are colorfully decorated and books are organized according to reading level to facilitate independent choices. Students are encouraged to read and rewards can be earned for improvements in reading levels, number of books read or number of minutes read.

2ND ANNUAL BEN CARSON READING DAY

The 2nd Annual Ben Carson Reading Day was held on Monday, November 12, 2007. The event, held in conjunction with American Education Week is designed to raise awareness of the importance of reading.

This year's event featured a visit to Graceland-O'Donnell Heights Elementary/Middle School in Baltimore City by children's author, Robyn Ringgold (*My Mom Hugs Trees*); US Army Master Sergeant, Paul Blitz; and Mrs. Candy Carson. Dr. Carson's mother, Sonya, also attended the event and encouraged the students to read daily and to do their best academically. Other Reading Rooms participated by holding special celebrations with many rooms featuring parents, and business and community leaders as special guest readers. Baltimore Mayor, Sheila Dixon and St. Louis Mayor, Francis Slay supported the effort in their cities by proclaiming November 12th as Ben Carson Reading Day.





THE CARSON SCHOLARS FUND ENDOWMENT INITIATIVE

Our endowments are the backbone of our scholarship program. These committed donors had the vision to fund a Carson Scholarship at the school of their choice in perpetuity. Whether you want to provide for your alma mater, support the area where you are doing business or donate towards your neighborhood school, an endowment is a lasting gift. By endowing, you are providing unending academic and character recognition and spawning youth leaders for generations to come. And since the donor can name the endowment, it can leave a lasting impression in the community of your business or loved one. The Carson Scholars Fund Endowment Initiative is quickly spreading. As of June 30, 2008, our endowed areas included:

Archmere Academy Endowment

Delaware

Donner Foundation Endowment

Washington DC

Ephrata Comm. Hospital Medical & Dental Staff Endowment

Ephrata, Pennsylvania

Essex-Middle River-White Marsh Chamber of Commerce

Baltimore County, Maryland

Guckert Family Scholarship Endowment

Sparks, Maryland

Haugh Family Endowment/Boys Latin

Baltimore, Maryland

Haugh Family Endowment, Maryland

Baltimore, Maryland

Heritage Foundation Endowment

Washington, DC

Howard County General Hospital Endowment

Howard County, Maryland

Indianapolis Colts

Indianapolis, Indiana

Indianapolis Colts/Crispus Attucks Medical Magnet HS

Indianapolis, Indiana

Indianapolis Colts/Clarence Farrington ES

Indianapolis, Indiana

Indianapolis Colts/ Willard J. Gambold MS

Indianapolis, Indiana

Tony Dungy/Northwest HS Endowment

Indianapolis, Indiana

Jay and Carol Jean Young Foundation

In Memory of Columbine Victims, Maryland

Joseph W. Sullivan Memorial Endowment

Maryland

Joseph Stewart Endowment/ Dudley ES

Battle Creek, Michigan

Konterra Endowment

Prince Georges County, Maryland

Magothy River Middle School Endowment #1

Anne Arundel County, Maryland

Magothy River Middle School Endowment #2

Anne Arundel County, Maryland

Mount Moriah Lodge #116 Endowment

Baltimore County, Maryland

Mount Moriah Lodge Charitable Foundation Endowment

Baltimore County, Maryland

Nanticoke Rotary/ In Memory of Harold T. Holland

Delaware

Otto Haas Charitable Trust

Pennsylvania

Richard Herron Endowment

Laguna Beach, California

Robert Heysel, M.D. Memorial Scholarship Fund Endowment

Delaware

Rodel Endowment

Delaware

Rosalia Costa-Clarke Endowment

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Seena Lubcher Endowment

Baltimore, Maryland

St. Edmond's Academy Endowment/Betty Metrisko

Delaware

The William and Patricia LaMothe Endowment

Battle Creek, Michigan

The Emmert Hobbs Foundation Endowment

Harford County, Maryland

The Gerry Sandusky & Family Endowment

Cooper City, Florida

The Herman & Walter Samuelson Foundation Endowment

Baltimore County, Maryland

The Michel and David Modell Fund for Education Endowment

Baltimore, Maryland

Petrie Endowment

Anne Arundel County, Maryland

As of December 2008, Carson Scholars have attended over One Hundred and Eighty Four Colleges and Universities across the country using over One Million Dollars of Carson Scholarships for tuition.

OUR IMPACT

In 1996, the first year that scholarships were awarded, 25 deserving students were recognized as scholars. Through the generosity of our donors and partners, we are now able to award nearly 600 scholarships annually. In total, we have awarded over 3,400 scholarships across the country. 433 students have won multiple times. Our scholars come from all across the country, and our award winners currently represent 26 states. Carson scholarship winners have attended 184 colleges and universities, and have received over \$1,000,000 in scholarship funds to help finance their education.

The Ben Carson Reading Project has also enjoyed similar success. Through successful partnerships with individuals and corporations, over \$500,000 have been invested into creating and maintaining Ben Carson Reading Rooms. A total of 42 reading rooms have been established in schools across the country. These rooms have enabled all the students in each school to discover the pleasure in independent reading by providing a warm and inviting atmosphere for educational discovery. Students earn motivational rewards for the number of books or minutes read, as well as for improvement in reading levels.



THE FACTS

- 3,400 Total Scholarships Awarded
- 26 States with a Carson Scholar
- Over \$1 Million Dollars of Scholarships Paid Out to Colleges to Date
- 433 Repeat Scholars
- 100% of Students Volunteer in their Communities
- 42 Schools have a Ben Carson Reading Room
- 184 Colleges have a Carson Scholar Attending
- \$500,000 Invested in Ben Carson Reading Rooms
- Over 9.5 Million minutes read in Ben Carson Reading Rooms last year.*

**in document rooms measuring minutes only*

ATLANTA, GA



Scholars pose with Dr. and Mrs. Ben Carson, Dr. Robert Michael Franklin, President of Morehouse College and Michael Pitts, APS.

The 2008 Atlanta Carson Scholars Awards Ceremony was held in the Bank of America auditorium on the campus of Morehouse College. President Dr. Robert Michael Franklin spoke about the importance of education and 2004 Carson Scholar Jordon Nesmith inspired the audience and incoming freshmen. This ceremony revealed strong community support from administrators and educators from the Atlanta Public School System: Mayor Evelyn Wynn-Dixon and several staff of the nearby community of Riverdale, Sheriff Ira Edwards from Athens, GA, and local businessmen Christopher Kunney and Mike Mosquito. Thirty-eight awardees proudly marched in to Rimsky-Korsakoffs' "Procession of the Nobles." Michael Pitts, Executive Director of School Reforms for the Atlanta Public Schools participated in the medal ceremony. Featured Speaker Dr. Ben Carson regaled the audience with his views on the impact of education in our society.

BATTLE CREEK, MI



2008 Carson Scholars with Dr. and Mrs. Ben Carson, Tim Knowlton and Kathleen Wilson-Thompson with Kellogg Company and Superintendent Dr. Charles E. Coleman

The 2008 Carson Scholars Reception was held at McCamly Plaza Hotel where more than 400 people joined the festivities. Remarks from Dr. G. Edward Haring, President of Kellogg Community College, and Dr. Coleman, Superintendent, began the program. Local TV personality, Colleen Chen, emceed the program. Two three-time Carson winners, Amalia Miralrio and Whittney Fields shared what the Carson Scholars award means to them and their future. Ms. Kathleen Wilson-Thompson of the Kellogg Company, introduced Dr. Ben Carson who spoke to the need for encouraging our youth to be the best they can be academically. Other community leaders in attendance were Sterling Sperin, CEO & President of W.K. Kellogg Foundation, Erik Stewart, President of Stewart Industries and son of Joseph and Clara Stewart, and Tim Knowlton, Vice President of Corporate Social Responsibility, Kellogg Company. Battle Creek Carson Scholars has been funded from inception due to the tremendous generosity of the Kellogg Company Corporate Social Responsibility Fund.

Battle Creek Public Schools are working to permanently endow all 14 district schools with assistance from the Battle Creek Community Foundation.

CONNECTICUT



New Haven students being honored are, l. to r., Darcy Yankowich (grade 10); Nyghel Byrd (grade 10); Dimas Brown (grade 5); and Cody Barlo (grade 4). Back row, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Reginald Mayo; Candy Carson, Dr. Ben Carson; Chris Alexander and Bruce Alexander

Bruce Alexander, of Yale's Office of New Haven and State Affairs, and his wife Chris played a huge part in the realization of the Connecticut chapter. Mayor of New Haven, Mr. John De Stefano, Jr. and Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Reginald Mayo were present for the 2008 Carson Scholar honoree breakfast at the Dixwell-Yale University Community Learning Center. A reception followed with remarks from Dr. Mayo, and Dr. Carson rounded out the program with a photography session commemorating the event with the four Carson Scholar awardees. Special thanks to Claudia Merson and the Yale Office of New Haven and State Affairs, Christine Alexander, and the Yale College Class of 1951 for supporting the rising stars in New Haven.

DELAWARE

The magnificent new Roselle Center for the Arts on the campus of the University of Delaware was the perfect backdrop for recognizing the thirty Carson Scholars from Delaware. Two-time Carson Scholar Daniel McFadden Jr. opened with the pledge and 2008 winner Angela Hui was exceptional on piano. Next, four-time winner Alan Michael Hall inspired the audience with his profound remarks. Dr. Dan Rich, Provost of the University of Delaware shared exciting innovations in education and both Dr. and Mrs. Ben Carson had inspiring words for the scholars and their families in the "First State." Special thanks to Fred Sears and the Delaware Community Foundation, Christopher and Devon Daniels, Steve and Nancy Silver, and Mr. and Mrs. John Hollis for their support.

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INDIANAPOLIS, IN



Indianapolis Colts Head Coach Tony Dungy, Superintendent of IPS Dr. Eugene White and the 2008 Carson Scholars from Indiana!

The Indianapolis Carson Scholar Awards Dinner took place at the historical Conrad Hotel where 22 gifted young students from Indianapolis were recognized in the presence of their teachers, parents and community at the 2nd Annual Indianapolis Scholar Awards dinner. The Indianapolis Public Schools delivered a strong showing of support spearheaded by Dr. Jacqueline Greenwood. Dr. Carson sent his recorded inspiration via video to the talented group. Head Coach Tony Dungy, who has been a stalwart supporter and cornerstone to this entire endeavor, delivered a memorable motivational speech to the audience. Special thanks to Stephanie Mathes, Nicole Duncan and the entire Indianapolis Colts organization.

ST. LOUIS, MO

The St. Louis chapter was established in 2007 with the simultaneous openings of 7 Ben Carson Reading Rooms. In 2008, the first Carson Scholar recipient from St. Louis, N'Dea Collins-Whitfield, an 8th grader at Carr Lane Visual and Performing Arts Middle School, was honored at St. Louis School of Medicine.

PITTSBURGH, PA



The inspired audience at the 2008 Pittsburgh Carson Scholars Awards Banquet

The 4th Annual Pittsburgh Carson Scholars Luncheon honored 100 scholars at the Omni William Penn in downtown Pittsburgh. Students and their families met Steelers' great, Jerome Bettis, "The Bus", who had taken time out of his grueling schedule to encourage these future leaders! Jerome has been a staunch advocate and supporter of Carson Scholars since its inception along with Dr. and Mrs. Al Costa, convincing many Steelers' participation in all the fundraisers for scholarships.

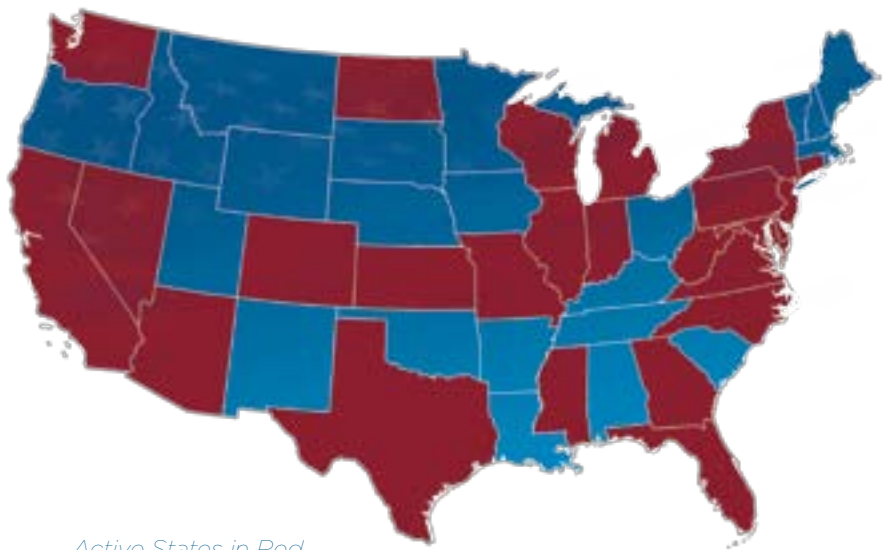
Many thanks to sponsors and supporters Jerome and Trameka Bettis Emcee, Sally Wiggin - Channel 4, Costa Land Company, SW Jack Drilling, Urban Settlement Services, LLC., S&T Bank, Dr. Gerald Loyacona, Dr. Herbert Bazron, Jr. MD, Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, Mr. Tom Kehoe, Ms. Joann Clark-Davis, Ms. Theresa Rooco, Holliday Fenoglio Fowler, L.P., Mr. & Mrs. Bob & Kathryn Nusbaum, Ron Richards Photography, Pittsburgh Steelers, Michele Rosenthal, Kendall Simmons and Celesta Henry, and Theresa Varley.

WHO RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIPS?

- 41% Elementary School Students
- 35% Middle School Students
- 24% High School Students

26 STATES & GROWING

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| Arizona | Nevada |
| California | North Carolina |
| Colorado | North Dakota |
| Connecticut | New Jersey |
| Delaware | New York |
| Florida | Ohio |
| Georgia | Pennsylvania |
| Illinois | Texas |
| Indiana | Virginia |
| Kansas | Washington |
| Maryland | Washington, DC |
| Michigan | West Virginia |
| Mississippi | Wisconsin |
| Missouri | |



Active States in Red

Meet just a few of our 2008 Carson Scholars. These students exemplify not only academic excellence, but strong humanitarian qualities. These ambassadors represent the “best and the brightest” of our young people.



MICHAEL BROWN *Two Time Carson Scholar!*

Grade 7 | Lincoln Jr. - Sr. High School | Ellwood City, Pennsylvania

Michael is a two-time Carson Scholar winner with a 4.0 grade point average. Michael's teacher describes him as a determined and hard working student. "As a result, his motivation and work-ethic has driven others to achieve beyond expectations." Michael enjoys playing the drums, learning, and spending time with friends. One of Michael's role models is Jacques-Yves Cousteau. Cousteau's work as a researcher, explorer, and ecologist has inspired Michael to want to become a marine biologist.



GERRY CAMARENA

Grade 9 | Baltimore Polytechnic Institute | Baltimore, Maryland

Gerry is a 2008 Carson Scholar and currently a 9th grader in the Ingenuity Program at Baltimore Polytechnic Institute. This past year, Gerry was honored as Arbutus Middle School's "Student of the Year." Gerry is fluent in Spanish and is beginning his third year in French. He recently competed in the Le Grand Concours, an Annual National French Contest, where he placed 4th in the state and 5th in the country. Gerry is in the All County Honors Orchestra and was First Chair in the Honors Orchestra for violin. In his spare time, Gerry has participated in Project Clean Stream, served Thanksgiving meals to the elderly, collected toys for Toys-for-Tots, participated in a food drive and is a Boy Scout. One day Gerry hopes to become an aerospace engineer.



CAITLYN CARD

Grade 4 | Valley View Elementary School | Battle Creek, Michigan

Caitlyn is a 2008 Carson Scholar who has a passion for reading. She enjoys reading history books and exploring the fantasy genre. One of her favorites is The Chronicles of Narnia. Caitlyn is very active in her community and enjoys helping others. Frequently she can be found spending time with people in nursing homes. She enjoys talking to the residents and listening as they reminisce about their pasts. Recently, Caitlyn has become involved with the Humane Society. While she will be the first to admit the work is hard, in the end it is rewarded when you get nuzzled by a four-legged furry friend. When Caitlyn grows up she would like to continue to serve others by becoming a minister or doctor.



JOHN DOMONKOS *Six Time Carson Scholar!*

Grade 10 | Perry Hall High School | Perry Hall, Maryland

John is a record six-time Carson Scholar recipient who has a long list of academic, extracurricular, and community accomplishments. Currently, John is enrolled in all Gifted and Talented classes and carries a 4.0 average. John embodies what it truly means to be a Carson Scholar. His teachers describe him as self-motivated, responsible, and hard working. Outside of the classroom, John participates in soccer, baseball and indoor track. He is also a member of the Tri-M Music Honor Society which participates in community service projects throughout the year. In the future, John hopes to become an engineer.



ROBERT HAWTHORNE

Grade 9 | Crispus Attucks Medical Magnet High School | Indianapolis, Indiana

Robert is a 2008 Carson Scholar who is very involved in his community. Robert serves as a volunteer wrestling coach for an inner-city program and he also participates in the “Angel Tree” and “Angels in the Hood” programs. For the past seven years, Robert has enjoyed playing the trombone and other musical instruments. Robert’s teachers describe him as dedicated, enthusiastic, and passionate about learning. These qualities will serve him well as he pursues his dream of becoming a neurologist.



NIA MCCOLLUM-MUHAMMAD

Grade 5 | Powhatan Elementary School | Baltimore, Maryland

Nia is a 2008 Carson Scholar recipient who loves to read, write, and draw. Nia is an inquisitive student and is described by her teacher as “always on a quest for new information.” Throughout her academic career, Nia has received numerous awards including: Honor Roll, Citizenship, and Perfect Attendance. When Nia grows up she would like to become a veterinarian and hopes to author and illustrate a book.



KELIA MORRIS

Grade 4 | Family Foundation Academy | New Castle, Delaware

Kelia is a 2008 Carson Scholar and is described by her teachers as a voracious reader. Her in-depth reading allows her to contribute during class which challenges and motivates her peers to achieve greater heights. Kelia has been trained to serve as a peer mediator and is often selected to alleviate conflicts that arise between fellow classmates. Every week, Kelia can be found mentoring first grade students in reading. Kelia enjoys art, math and singing in her church choir. When Kelia grows up, she would like to become a doctor.



DARCY YANKOWICH

Grade 10 | Hill Regional Career High School | New Haven, Connecticut

Darcy is a 2008 Carson Scholar recipient who is very involved in her community. Last summer, Darcy volunteered over 270 hours at the Derby Recreation Camp in Derby, Connecticut. Darcy’s work ethic and enthusiasm transcends into her academic life. Throughout middle school, Darcy earned high honors and was chosen as the Valedictorian of her school. In her spare time, Darcy enjoys reading, playing sports, and spending time with friends and family. Darcy aspires to become an anesthesiologist.

The Carson Scholars Fund awards \$1,000 college scholarships to students in grades 4-11 who excel academically and are dedicated to serving their communities. Scholarships are awarded solely on the basis of academic achievement and humanitarian qualities, without regard to financial need or ethnicity.



LEGENDS: Oriole Brooks Robinson, Redskin Doug Williams, Neuro-golfer Ben Carson (above) Former Raven Mike McCrary wins 1st place at his 2nd golf tourney of the day! (right)



Batman (Michael Keaton) and the Smyths (above) "The Bus" (Jerome Bettis) takes careful aim



HITTING NEW HEIGHTS! 2ND ANNUAL BEN CARSON CELEBRITY CLASSIC IS A RECORD BREAKER!

The 2nd Annual Ben Carson Celebrity Golf Tournament to benefit young scholars was held at Hayfields Country Club in Hunt Valley, Maryland in June of 2008. The two-day event began with a Pairings Party on Sunday evening featuring exciting auction items and a dramatic team pairing presentation.

On Monday, one-hundred golfers stepped into their new golf shoes (courtesy of the Carson Scholars Fund) and teed it up with their favorite celebrity. A Florida scramble was the ideal format for the fun seekers. The field was well represented with athletic talent from former Orioles Brooks Robinson, Rick Dempsey and Al Bumby... not to be outdone by veteran NFL players Doug Williams, Chris Doleman, Michael McCrary, Brad Jackson, Kyle Richardson and Chris Warren. Add to that popular broadcasters, golf pro's and an admired neurosurgeon and you can see why this tournament was our most successful event ever!

Special thanks to all of our sponsors and these top donors for making it a reality:

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DONORS RIGHT ON "CUE" AS THEY WIELD THEIR STICKS IN A 9-BALL TOURNAMENT TO BENEFIT SCHOLARS.

The 1st celebrity pool tournament benefiting Carson Scholars hosted not only famed actor, Michael Keaton (of Batman movies) and Jerome Bettis (Pittsburgh Steelers legendary football player "The Bus"), as celebrity guests, but also saw Ravens veteran, Mike McCrary, former Ravens/Steelers veteran Cordell Stewart and several other Orioles and Ravens players testing their pool skills at "Suicide 9-ball" in a tournament to end all tournaments. The lightning fast games gave players the opportunity to challenge all the celebrities in an even more exciting post-tournament "meeting of the sticks." Ben Carson's "gifted hands" were a definite force to be reckoned with on the pool table. Trick shooter "The Striking Viking" deftly placed ten balls in all the pockets with only one shot, and shared several other awesome displays of her expertise. The night was made possible through the support of the local Baltimore business community and the exceptional efforts of Dr. Al Costa.

THE 12TH ANNUAL CARSON SCHOLARS FUND AWARDS BANQUET



The 12th Annual Carson Scholars Awards Banquet was hosted by legendary newscaster and board member, Sam Donaldson, on April 27, 2008. More than 350 students processed into the grand ballroom at Martin's West as Carson Scholar Awardees!!!!

Jerome and Trameka Bettis were honored with the Generous Heart Award for their support of the Pittsburgh Chapter and their extensive community service. The Power of Excellence Award was presented to Bill Perez, President and CEO of the Wm. Wrigley Jr. Company for his impressive leadership skills and desire to give back. Chairman and CEO of Parade Publications, Walter Anderson was the ideal choice for the Sonya Award for his lifetime of perseverance leading to success. This year, the newly established Leadership Award recognized Sports Commentator James Brown (JB) for being a positive role model in the community.

Four-time Carson Scholar winner Andrew Greene provided keyboard music during the luncheon, and scholars Matthew Reeds, Juliet Lloyd and Maurice Harried all participated in the ceremony. Over 1,500 guests were present to support high academic achievement as realized in the scholars. Dr. Benjamin Carson gave the keynote address and shared his life's lessons with the audience.

In 2008, there were 600 scholars recognized nationally at 8 separate award ceremonies.



CARSON SCHOLARS FUND, INC.
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
JUNE 30, 2008

Assets

ASSETS

Cash - operating	\$586,329
Cash - reserved for scholarship commitments	546,997
Cash - chapters	495,889
Investments - reserved for scholarship commitments	2,438,697
Investments - operating	894,161
Accounts receivable, net	114,320
Fixed assets, net	2,892
Other assets	<u>53,692</u>
 TOTAL ASSETS	 <u>\$5,132,977</u>

Liabilities and Net Assets

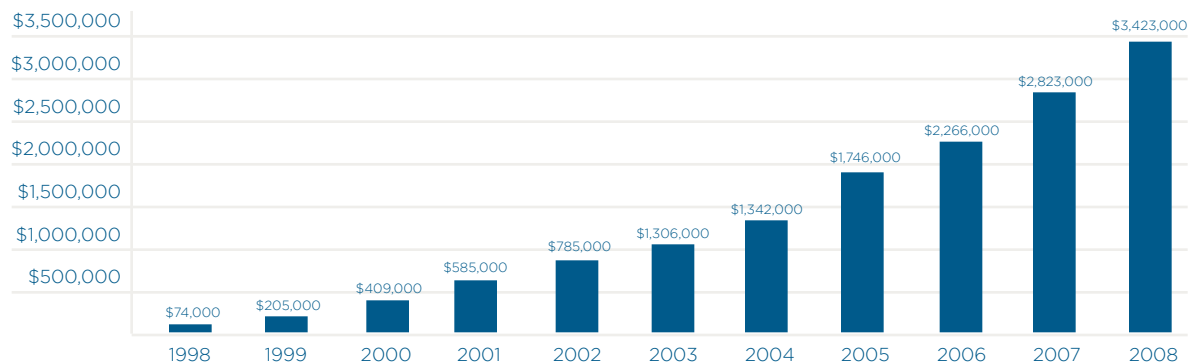
LIABILITIES

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$48,979
Scholarship commitments	<u>2,975,063</u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES	 <u>\$3,024,042</u>

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	\$1,304,786
Temporarily restricted	<u>804,149</u>
 TOTAL NET ASSETS	 <u>\$2,108,935</u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	 <u>\$5,132,977</u>

Cumulative Awards



CARSON SCHOLARS FUND, INC.
 STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

Statement of Activities and Functional Expenses

REVENUE

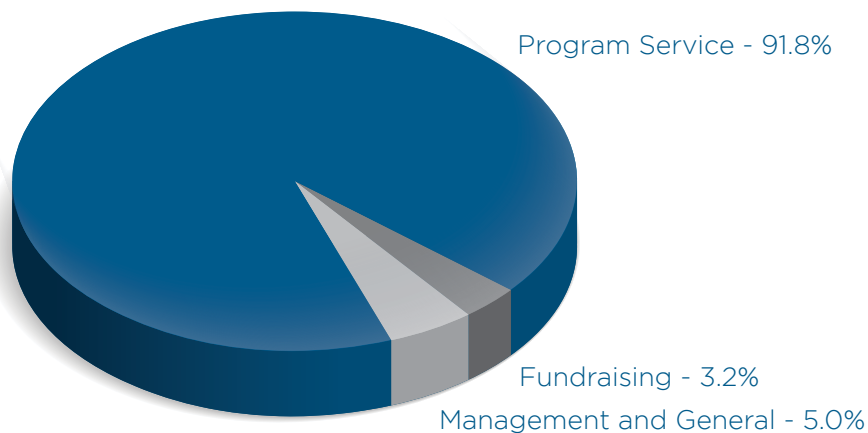
Public support	\$648,362
Other activities	587,182
Other income	45,082
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>\$1,280,626</u>

FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

Program service	\$1,213,772
Management and general	66,838
Fundraising	42,670
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>1,323,276</u>

Change in Net Assets	(42,650)
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	<u>\$2,108,935</u>

Programs/Operational Expenses



THE CASON SCHOLARS FUND IS GRATEFUL TO THE FOLLOWING
INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS FOR THEIR FINANCIAL SUPPORT
FROM JULY 1, 2007 - JUNE 30, 2008

\$20,000 AND OVER

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Baltimore Community Foundation
Dr. & Mrs. Benjamin Carson, Sr.
Dr. & Mrs. Alfonso Costa
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Ford Motor Company
Intel Americas
Amie & Tony James
Mr. Ray Kelley
Kellogg Company
Mad Hatter's Charity Foundation, Inc.
Mr. & Mrs. David Modell
S&T Wealth Management Group
Garry Sandusky and Family

\$10,000-\$19,999

Bank of America
Battle Creek Community Foundation
Battle Creek Public Schools
Mr. & Mrs. David Bower
Clarian Health
Doctors Community Hospital
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Foundation
Emmert Hobbs Foundation
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North Carroll Community School, Inc.
Mrs. Catherine B. Reynolds
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Union Pacific Corporation
Mr. & Mrs. Lee Warner
YMCA of Central Maryland

\$5,000-\$9,999

Mr. & Mrs. Walter Anderson
Mr. & Mrs. Roger Bennett
Delaware Community Foundation
Financial Advantage, Inc.
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The Carsons with scholar, Tyler Krus and White House Fellow, Wes Moore at the 3rd Annual Senior Send-off and Alumni Reception.

A CHESS MATCH TO REMEMBER

Maurice Ashley, the first and only African American to attain the title of International Chess Grand Master, challenged 24 students, aged 9 -14 from the Baltimore School System simultaneously at the historic main branch of the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

The rules were laid out... no one was to move a piece until he stood before them. Almost as soon as the challenger made their move, Maurice countered it, and moved on to the next player. And so he began his treks around the inside of the configuration. The last two students "standing" were 11-year-old Justice Hartley, a Carson Scholar from Graceland Park/O'Donnell Heights Elementary school, and a 12-year Kayla Johnson from Mount Royal Elementary Middle school.

THE 3RD ANNUAL SENIOR SEND-OFF RECEPTION

Annually in July, the Carson Scholars Fund hosts a reception for the Carson Scholars that are headed to college. The Mt. Washington Conference Center was packed with scholars and families for the inspirational night. Special insights were shared by former scholars Eric Davidson, who is now working as a civil engineer, and Tyler Krus, president of his class at Johns Hopkins University, triple majoring in Physics, Math and Economics. White House Fellow, Wes Moore shared his perspectives on how to be a success, and the final panel including Dr. Ben Carson fielded questions on college life and beyond. Carson Scholar Pervinca Rista, a senior at Peabody Institute, serenaded the group on her violin.

"Dr. Carson inspired me to achieve ever since I read his autobiography, THINK BIG, in elementary school. Now that I am going to MIT and having won the Carson Scholars Award, I feel that he has given me the strength to come this far."

Ziwei Hao, Biology Major, MIT

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