





"The person who has the most to do with your success is you."

— DR. BEN CARSON, CO-FOUNDER



History of the Carson Scholars Fund

The Carson Scholars Fund, Inc. was founded in 1994 to address the education crisis in the United States. When retired world-renowned Johns Hopkins Pediatric Neurosurgeon Benjamin S. Carson, M.D. and his wife, Candy, read a research study about education in the United States, they were alarmed by the findings. The study showed that our nation's students ranked #21 out of 22 countries; next to the bottom of the list in science and math. Furthermore, the Carsons observed that many school display cases were filled with large trophies paying tribute to their sports teams' achievements, while honor students were largely overlooked.

Dr. and Mrs. Carson felt compelled to take action. They believed that if children could be taught early to excel, they would stay motivated and have a higher chance of educational success later in life. The Carson Scholars Fund was built on these principles.



In 1996, the first Carson Scholarships were awarded. Students in grades 4-11 who exemplify academic excellence and humanitarian qualities are nominated by their teachers. Winners receive a \$1,000 scholarship to be invested toward their college education, along with a recognition package and an invitation to attend an awards banquet. Carson Scholars become role models and leaders at their schools. Carson Scholars are encouraged to reapply annually and renew their status.



In his autobiography Gifted Hands, Dr. Carson wrote about how his life was changed once he embraced reading. So as the Carson Scholars Fund grew, the Carsons established a second program – The Ben Carson Reading Project. This initiative, which started in 2000, provides funding and support to schools to build and maintain Ben Carson Reading Rooms - warm, inviting rooms where kids can escape into the world of books. Each room is colorfully decorated, promotes Dr. Carson's THINK BIG philosophy and fosters an encouraging attitude towards learning.





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★ ORGANIZATION



Dear Dedicated Friends,

What an exciting year for the Carson Scholars Fund. After two decades, Ben and Candy Carson are still inspiring us to "THINK BIG" and believe me, we are. We continue to grow by leaps and bounds. We have significantly expanded our operations on the West Coast. Our impact is being felt in all 50 States. This year alone, we recognized 526 new Carson Scholars and awarded over a half a million dollars in scholarships. I want to suggest a new slogan: "Once a Carson Scholar, Always a Carson Scholar." We are so proud of the

thousands of Carson Scholar alumni who are rising leaders within their professions and communities. These individuals make our work possible. They generously give back of their time, talent and resources. In this 20th anniversary year, we will be creating even more fantastic opportunities for our alumni to become involved.

I also want to thank the hundreds of volunteers who believe in our mission and who work with our local school partners. Carson Reading Rooms are springing up all over the country. Wouldn't it be wonderful if every elementary school had a copy of Dr. Carson's new book: *Anything is Possible: The Ben Carson Story* to bring hope and inspiration to our youngest readers? Let's make this happen. In closing, I want to remind you that the best is yet to come. The results of the landmark 10 year longitudinal study of the scholarship program are almost ready to be released. Be prepared to be amazed.

It is my honor to serve as the interim President of the Carson Scholars Fund. I want to invite each and every one of you to take time this year to celebrate our 20 years of excellence.

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Interim President

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"To me, this award means I am one step closer to reaching my goals and following my dreams."

- ISABELLA ZINTEL, SANTA MARGARITA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, GRADE 9



★ THE YEAR IN REVIEW

July 2014 Reached \$3.7 Million **Scholarship Payout Milestone**

Over \$3.7 million in scholarship funds were paid out on behalf of our scholars to over 500 colleges and universities.

September 2014 Insider Series, San Diego, CA

The Bridges Golf Club hosted an afternoon with Ben Carson. M.D. Education was discussed and guests signed on to support program expansion on the west coast.

October 2014 **Driving for Dreams Golf Event** at Caves Valley

Golf enthusiasts participated in an exclusive day on the greens at Maryland's premier golf club to benefit the scholarship program. October 2014 The 11th Annual Reading **Room Workshop**

Reading Room Coordinators across the country collaborated to encourage independent reading. Author Dara Feldman shared ways to transform schools into environments that embrace the love of learning.







"I think one of the keys to leadership is recognizing that everybody has gifts and talents. A good leader will learn how to harness those gifts toward the same goal."

- DR. BEN CARSON



December 2014 **Pittsburgh Steelers Charity Auction and Cocktail Event**

Thanks to Jerome Bettis and the Steelers for their role in the 11th Annual Fundraiser held at the famed Andy Warhol Museum. This magical night hosted by Dr. Alfonso Costa helped to provide scholarships to the entire Pittsburgh area.

December 2014 **Giving Tuesday**

Thanks to our remarkable donors, CSF was able to fundraise \$30,648 and surpass our goal. With the generous match from Joyce and Aubrey Chernick, our one day total on December 2, 2014 was \$61,296!

February 2015 CSF/Paley "Children: Our Future Stars" Palm Beach, FL

The Carson Scholars Fund partnered with the Paley Foundation to host a black tie fundraiser held at the Breakers hotel. The evening included an electrifying performance from Grammy Award Winner Gloria Gaynor of 'I Will Survive.'

June 2015 **Volunteer Picnic**

Fort McHenry was a fitting spot to recognize the important contributions of our dedicated volunteers.

CARSON SCHOLARS PROGRAM





"I have been able to share my story with many others and prove that anything is possible if you believe in yourself."

— ALISSA JACKSON, **CHEROKEE HIGH SCHOOL GRADE 11**





6,700

scholarships awarded



2,000+

scholars recognized multiple times



\$6.7 MILLION

scholarships granted



3,600+

scholar alumni



\$3.7 MILLION

paid out to colleges



states with scholars



4 TIMES MORE

the rate of Carson Scholars volunteerism vs. their peers nationally



colleges have (or have had) a Carson Scholar attending



Thank you to our donors who had the vision to fund a Named Scholarship. By doing so, you are providing unending academic and character recognition for generations to come.

California

Richard Herron Endowment at Serra Catholic School Richard Herron Endowment at Saint Anne School

Betty Metrinko Memorial Endowment at St. Edmond's Academy Michele Rollins Endowment at Archmere Academy Nanticoke Rotary in Memory of Harold T. Holland Endowment Endowment at Delmarva Christian High School Rodel Endowment

The Bill Frey Family Endowment at:

Alva Elementary School

Colonial Elementary School

Diplomat Elementary School

Dr. Carrie D. Robinson Littleton Elementary School

Gateway Elementary School

Heights Elementary School

Lehigh Elementary School

North Fort Myers Academy for the Arts

Pine Island Elementary School

River Hall Elementary School

San Carlos Park Elementary School

Skyline Elementary School

Sunshine Elementary School

Tropic Isles Elementary School

Villas Elementary School

Bill Frey and John Sheppard Endowment at Orange River Elementary School Endowment in memory of John Riley Boldebook

Franklin Park Magnet School Endowment in Honor of Paul and Aline Flynn Gerry Sandusky & Family Endowment at Cooper City High School

Israelson Family Foundation Endowment

John and Aliese Price Foundation Endowment at Orangewood Elementary School John and Ellen Sheppard Endowment at Edison Park Creative and

Expressive Arts School

Sanibel Endowment in honor of Robert and Linda Taylor

Dungy Family Endowment at Northwest High School

Eli Lilly Foundation Endowment at Clarence Farrington Elementary School

Indiana University School of Medicine Endowment at

Charles Tindley Accelerated School

Indiana University School of Medicine Endowment at

Washington Community School

Indianapolis Colts Endowment at Crispus Attucks Medical Magnet High School Indianapolis Colts Endowment at Shortridge Magnet High School for

Law & Public Policy

Indianapolis Colts Statewide Endowment

The Patrick Wargo and Julienne Turner Endowment

Washington, DC

Donner Foundation Endowment Heritage Foundation Endowment

Emmert Hobbs Foundation Endowment at Hall's Cross Roads Elementary School Essex-Middle River-White Marsh Chamber of Commerce Endowment

Guckert Family Scholarship Endowment at Sparks Elementary School

Haugh Family Endowment at Baltimore Polytechnic Institute

Haugh Family Endowment at McDonogh Upper School

Haugh Family Endowment at The Boys Latin School of Maryland

Herman & Walter Samuelson Foundation Endowment at Pikesville High School

Herman & Walter Samuelson Foundation Endowment at Pikesville Middle School

Herman & Walter Samuelson Foundation Endowment at Summit Park

Howard County General Hospital Endowment - Howard County, MD

Jay and Carol Jean Young Foundation in Memory of Columbine Victims

Joseph W. Sullivan Memorial Endowment

Konterra Endowment at Martin Luther King, Jr. or

Dwight D. Eisenhower Middle School

Magothy River Middle School Endowment #1

Magothy River Middle School Endowment #2

Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School Endowment

Michel and David Modell Fund for Education Endowment at

Baltimore School for the Arts

Mount Moriah Lodge # 116 Foundation Endowment at Towson High School

Mount Moriah Lodge Charitable Fund Endowment at Dulaney High School Petrie Endowment at Freetown Elementary School

Seena Lubcher Endowment at Wellwood International School

Joseph Stewart Endowment at Dudley Elementary School LaMothe Endowment at Urbandale Elementary School

North Carolina

The Piedmont Triad North Carolina Endowment

Pescio Family Endowment at Elko County High School

Carson - Reibesell Endowment at Oneonta High School Carson - Reibesell Endowment for Penn Yan School District

Rose Aspiring Minds Endowment #1 – Versailles, Fort Recovery and St. Henry High Schools

Rose Aspiring Minds Endowment #2 – Versailles, Fort Recovery and St. Henry High Schools

Pennsylvania

Ephrata Community Hospital Medical & Dental Staff Endowment

Otto Haas Trust Endowment - Philadelphia, PA

Maureen Yaw Endowment - Pittsburgh, PA

Rosalia Costa-Clarke Endowment - Pittsburgh, PA

Thomas R. Donahue Family Endowment at Central Catholic High School

Thomas R. Donahue Family Endowment at Christ the Divine Teacher Catholic Academy

Tennessee

Hillsboro Middle School Endowment Coopertown Middle School Endowment

Doug and Katherine Horan Endowment at Roosevelt Elementary School

The Giving Tuesday Endowment

★ SCHOLAR SPOTLIGHTS



"It has
helped with
self-esteem
and lets me
know that I
have achieved
something
not many
others have."

— TRAVIS STEINER
OASIS MIDDLE SCHOOL
GRADE 7

Victoria Dorsett 2015 Carson Scholar Grade 11 Pittsburgh Barack Obama Academy of International Studies Pittsburgh, PA

Victoria Dorsett hopes to become a mechanical or automotive engineer, where she can start her own car line and design cars. In Victoria's spare time, she likes to draw, paint, act, sing and write short stories. She is very active in the Debate Club, One Acts Club, the Tennis Team and gymnastics. Victoria also gives back to her community by volunteering at Lights Camera Action, the children's program at her church. Every Sunday, she teaches Bible stories and helps children understand how the stories connect to their everyday life. This process requires mentoring and Victoria sees the children like her siblings, where she is a big sister figure.

Kylie Miller 2015 Carson Scholar Grade 5 San Carlos Park Elementary School Fort Myers, FL

Kylie's dream is to inspire people to be better and to help the earth become a better place. Kylie loves to travel, go to new places, try new things and learn about different cultures. Kylie is active in the Drama Club, the school's chorus, Mickey's Chorus, the school News Crew, the Sea Camp and the Lighthouse Team. She has received many honors at school such as the Principal's Leadership Award, Outstanding Music Student award, was nominated to serve on the student leadership team called the Lighthouse Committee and is a National Honor Society member. Kylie volunteers with the Girl Scouts of Gulf Coast Florida and her church.

Jonathan Dryja Six-time Carson Scholar Grade 11 Marriotts Ridge High School Marriottsville, MD

Jonathan is an active member of the athletics program at school, where he plays ice hockey, tennis and soccer. In addition to his athletic abilities, Jonathan plays the French horn in the school band and is a member of the Future Business Leaders of America and the Young Republicans Club. When entering the workforce, Jonathan hopes to use his leadership experience as the president of his high school class and translate it over to a career in marketing or entrepreneurship.

★ ALUMNI SPOTLIGHTS



Rubén Vega Pérez **Two-time Carson Scholar** Yale University

Rubén Vega Pérez was originally awarded the scholarship in 2012 at Southwest High School in San Diego, CA. He is a rising junior at Yale University majoring in ethics, politics and economics. Along with focusing on economics, he is pursuing the premedical track and has already been selected for the FlexMed early acceptance program at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mt. Sinai upon his graduation from Yale. Rubén is very involved on campus. He is a member of many groups and committees, interns at the Equity, Research and Innovation Center at Yale School of Medicine and works as a summer counselor for a freshman mentoring program.

Morgan Greene 2012 Carson Scholar **University of Miami**

Morgan Greene was named a Carson Scholar as an eleventh grade student at Baltimore Polytechnic Institute in Baltimore, Maryland. Morgan currently attends the University of Miami, majoring in immunology with a minor in chemistry, and hopes to begin working towards her M.D. or Ph.D. by the time she graduates in 2017. Morgan enjoys reading and has become an active member in her school community. She is a member of a number of organizations, including the Yellow Rose Society, the Microbiology and Immunology clubs and the American Medical Student Association.

David Cattano Four-time Carson Scholar Virginia Tech

David Cattano is a four-time Carson Scholar who graduated from Broadneck Senior High School in 2012. David attends Virginia Tech, where he is majoring in aerospace and ocean engineering. He is a member of the Corps of Cadets and Navy ROTC. In the fall, David will serve as the commander of his company in the Navy ROTC, where he will be in charge of other fellow shipmen. He enjoys learning about aviation and one day hopes to commission into the United States Navy as a naval aviator.

"I am honored and have gained a higher degree of confidence."

 ALEXANDRA O'BRIEN, **ALEXANDER W.** DREYFOOS JR. SCHOOL OF THE ARTS, **GRADE 11**





California (West Coast)

2015 Scholarships Awarded in California: 53
Total West Coast Scholars: 268
\$119,766 paid out to colleges on behalf of
West Coast/California scholars
The awards banquet was held in Dana Point, CA
at the Laguna Hills Marriott and sponsored by
Union Bank.

Connecticut (New England)

2015 Scholarships Awarded in Connecticut: 3 Total New England Scholars: 63 \$49,024 paid out to colleges on behalf of New England scholars Scholars attended the Maryland Ceremony

Delaware

2015 Scholarships Awarded in Delaware: 11 Total Delaware Scholars: 241 \$151,060 paid out to colleges on behalf of Delaware scholars Scholars attended the Maryland Ceremony

Florida

2015 Scholarships Awarded in Florida: 63
Total Florida Scholars: 394
\$25,519 paid out to colleges on behalf
of Florida scholars
Brian Colleran, NBC2 news anchor, once
again emceed the banquet held at Harborside
Convention Center in Fort Myers, FL.

Georgia (Atlanta)

2015 Scholarships Awarded in Georgia: 44
Total Georgia Scholars: 507
\$245,444 paid out to colleges on behalf of
Georgia and Tennessee scholars
Scholars attended the ceremony at the
University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (UTC).

Illinois (Chicago) Midwest

2015 Scholarships Awarded in Illinois: 53
Total Midwest Scholars: 175 (120 Illinois)
\$52,821 paid out to colleges on behalf
of Midwest/Chicago area scholars
The awards banquet was held at the Oak Lawn
Hilton in Chicago, where Dr. Sandy Goldberg
from News5 emceed the event for the third
straight year. Advocate Christ Medical Center
was the title sponsor.

Indiana (Indianapolis)

2015 Scholarships Awarded in Indiana: 9 Total Indiana Scholars: 293 \$129,692 paid out to colleges on behalf of Indianapolis scholars Scholars attended the Chicago Banquet.



Maryland (Headquarters)

2015 Scholarships Awarded in Maryland: 178 Total Mid-Atlantic Scholars: 3,658 (3,172 Maryland) \$2,435,892 paid out to colleges on behalf of Maryland/Mid-Atlantic scholars Jennifer Gilbert, WBFF-TV news anchor, kicked off the banquet as Master of Ceremonies. Adult honorees included Nobel Prize recipient Dr. Peter Agre, Dr. Donlin Long, Grammy Award Winning Musician Wynton Marsalis and Toby Orenstein.

Michigan (Battle Creek)

2015 Scholarships Awarded in Michigan: 27 Total Michigan Scholars: 346 \$94,844 paid out to colleges on behalf of Michigan scholars

The awards ceremony was held at Battle Creek Central High School, where La June Montgomery Tabron, CEO and president of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation spoke.

Pennsylvania (Greater Philadelphia and Pittsburgh)

2015 Scholarships in Pennsylvania: 98 Total Pennsylvania Scholars: 1,033 \$542,544 paid out to colleges on behalf of Pennsylvania scholars The awards ceremony, held at Heinz Field, was emceed by Sally Wiggin, the host of "Chronicle" on WTAE-TV. The Spirit of Achievement Award was given to the Honorable Thomas M. Piccione.

Tennessee (Chattanooga)

2015 Scholarships Awarded in Tennessee: 44 Total Tennessee Scholars: 507 \$245,444 paid out to colleges on behalf of Georgia and Tennessee scholars The awards banquet was held at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (UTC), where David Carroll of WRCB-TV emceed the event and Chancellor of UTC, Dr. Steve Angle, gave words of wisdom to scholars.

Washington, DC

2015 Scholarships Awarded in DC: 5 Total Washington, DC Scholars: 135 \$79,067 paid out to colleges on behalf of DC Metro scholars Scholars attended the Maryland Ceremony.



★ THE BEN CARSON READING ROOM PROJECT

"When children open up a book, they open up a world of possibilities."

— CANDY CARSON

The Ben Carson Reading Project was created to encourage young students to discover the pleasure to be found in books. Ben Carson Reading Rooms are a cheerful and relaxing environment for leisure reading. Each room is decorated with eye catching artwork reinforcing Dr. Carson's THINK BIG philosophy. Schools with Ben Carson Reading Rooms document increased levels in learning, improvements in vocabulary and reading test scores and generally accomplish in their lives.

Harry F. Duncan Foundation

Morningside K-8 Academy Miami, FL



Kolmar School Oak Lawn, IL

Sward School Oak Lawn, IL

Country Club Optimist Club

Starr King K-8 Carmichael, CA

Richard Lumsden Foundation

Abraham Lincoln Elementary School Sacramento, CA

John Bidwell **Elementary School** Sacramento, CA

John Sloat Elementary School Sacramento, CA

John Still K-8 School Sacramento, CA

Susan B. Anthony **Elementary School** Sacramento, CA

The Deaver Phoenix **Foundation**

Northfield Elementary School Murfreesboro, TN

Reeves-Rogers Elementary School Murfreesboro, TN



Ware Elementary School Longview, TX

In Memory of **Dean T. Wickstrom**

Allison Elementary School Pomona, CA

Hillendale Country Club Ladies Book Club

Edmondson Heights Elementary School Baltimore, MD

The SEED School of Maryland Baltimore, MD

Harford United Charities, Inc.

Prospect Mill Elementary School Bel Air, MD

Caring Members of the Community

Maxfield Elementary School Gorman, TX

Palm Beach County Chapter of the CSF

Allamanda Elementary School Palm Beach Gardens, FL

Dr. and Mrs. Donald Janower

Durfee Elementary Middle School Detroit, MI

Plymouth Educational Center Detroit, MI



Ascension School New York, NY

The Phil Hardin Foundation & QSD Imagination Library

Quitman Upper Elementary School Quitman, MS

Did you know? With 132 Ben Carson Reading Rooms in 17 states and Washington, DC, over 66,000 high-interest books have been placed into students' hands.



Ben Carson Reading Day

It's hard to believe there was a time in history when children's books were scarce and children were not welcome in a public library. Fortunately, Miss Anne Carroll Moore and other library pioneers worked tirelessly to give children access to exciting books and to make libraries a welcoming place. This year's book selection of Miss Moore Thought Otherwise by Jan Pinborough chronicles the life of Anne Carroll Moore and her efforts to make books available to children. To celebrate this year's event, each reading room school received a DVD narration of Dr. Ben Carson reading the book while also sharing his early library experiences.

In addition, many Ben Carson Reading Room schools welcomed special guest readers and planned literacy-enriched activities. Special guest readers included: CSF Co-founder, Candy Carson; WBFF-TV news anchor, Jennifer Gilbert; former Maryland State Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Nancy Grasmick; former Miss Maryland, Marina Harrison Cooper and authors, Linda Brodine, Judith Slaughter and Ginger Wich.

Ben Carson Reading Day was sponsored by The Doris M. Carter Family Foundation.

* STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

"Being a Carson Scholar means a start towards my college education."

- BATTLE CREEK SCHOLAR

Statement of Financial Position for the Year Ending June 30, 2015

ASSETS

Assets	
Cash – operating	155,308
Cash – reserved for scholarship commitments	1,744,785
Cash – chapters	25,082
Investments – reserved for scholarship commitments	4,829,152
Investments – operating	1,696,872
Accounts receivable, net	81,280
Other assets	267,432
TOTAL ASSETS	\$8,799,911

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Lia	bi	liti	es

TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$3,984,603
Scholarship commitments	3,944,141
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	40,462
Liabiliacs	

Net Assets

TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$4,815,308
Temporarily restricted	2,847,441
Unrestricted	1,967,867

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS \$8,799,911



of every dollar raised goes to benefit young students

*Special events are presented net of expenses.

State of Activities and Functional Expenses for the Year **Ending June 30, 2015**

REVENUE

TOTAL REVENUE	\$2 404 881
Other income	169,647
Other activities	539,229
Public support	1,696,005

FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

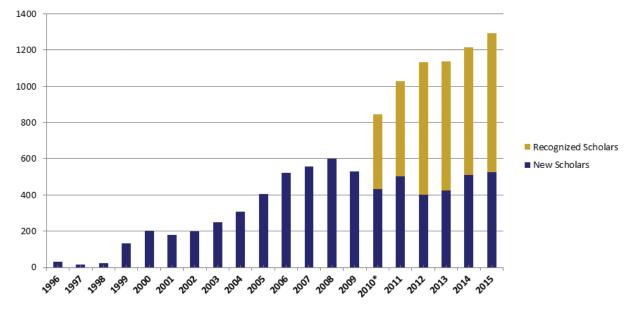
Program service Management and general Fundraising Special events expense*	1,757,200 94,516 55,496 84,025
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,991,237
Change in Net Assets Net Assets – Beginning of Year Net Assets – End of Year	413,644 4,401,664 \$4,815,308

^{*}Special events are presented net of expenses.

"Being a Carson Scholar means a lot. To me, it means that I've done great and that if I keep going, I will make it."

- JAINELL VARGAS, **VARSITY LAKES MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADE 6**

CUMULATIVE AWARDS



*Policy change: Existing scholars are able to renew their status.

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July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015

\$20,000 and Over

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\$1,000-\$4,999

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"Reading pushes us to use our imagination and makes us more creatively inclined."

- DR. BEN CARSON



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Seminole Feed

"Our Carson Scholar is intelligent, caring and motivated. She makes our school a better place. She is always looking to make others around her better as well as looking to improve the school and herself."

- CARRIE KIMES (TEACHER)

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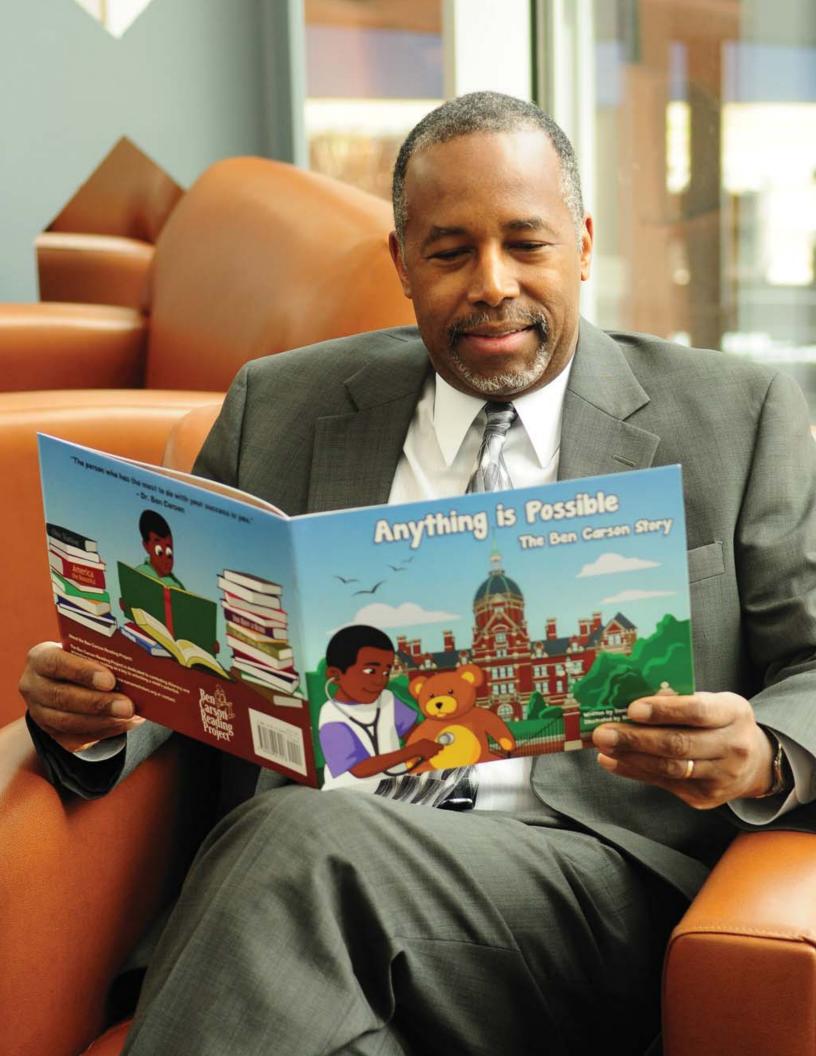
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