

Lourdes Foundation History Highlights

1972

- 15 people concerned about the future of LHS begin meeting to develop a strategy to secure the future of LHS.

1973

- The Lourdes Development Fund was established.

1980

- 10 scholarships were given to LHS students at \$50 each – Total amount awarded \$500.
- The first Aquila was published in Spring 1980 with 4 pages
- LFI and LHS/RCS share development director

1987

- The Round Table program was established.
- Annual Appeal total \$28,000 – 100% restricted scholarship funds

1989

- Lourdes Development Fund begins ownership and operation of Circus World Bingo.
- First LFI Board Retreat
- Round Table members total 57

1992

- Lourdes Development Fund purchases the block north of LHS.
- Lourdes Development Fund becomes a completely volunteer organization with the exception of one paid support staff position.

1995

- Endowment reaches 1 million.

1996

- Endowment reaches 2 million.
- The name Lourdes Development Fund is changed to Lourdes Foundation, Inc. to ease confusion between RCS & LFI development efforts.
- Eagle Open Golf tournament becomes an LHS Alumni event instead of an LFI event.
- Strategic Planning Board retreat takes place

1998

- Lourdes Foundation starts a future expansion fund for Lourdes High School as temporarily restricted funds. The balance as of June 30, 1998 is started with \$52,896

1999

- Houses on the block north of LHS are razed. Parking Lot area is paved for a parking lot. Big Top event begins
- \$62,500 added to Future Expansion of Lourdes High School temp restricted funds

Ourdes Foundation History Highlights

2000

- LHS Alumni Association started.
- LFI Future Expansion temporarily restricted funds totals \$121,430
- 3 year contract with Mayo is signed for parking spots on land.

2001

- Ourdes Foundation hires person as administrative assistant for donor relations.
- Distinguished Alumni Speaker series begins.

2003

- Endowment reaches 3 million.
- 44 named scholarships in place - \$41,320 awarded in LFI scholarships
- Parking lot revenue from Mayo parking contract tops \$30,400. Remaining parking lot is opened up for student parking and revenue continues to be donated to LHS (totaling \$17,325)

2004

- 50+ named scholarships in place - \$71,165 given out in scholarships to LHS students
- Staff Enrichment Initiative launched allowing one LHS staff to travel to Assisi, Italy on pilgrimage expense free
- Annual Appeal brings in \$49,308 –
- \$19,072 (39%) unrestricted/\$30,236 (61% restricted)
- Mayo renews parking contract but for less spaces. Income is \$16,050 with remaining spots to student parking –total donation to LHS \$29,580.

2005

- Ourdes Foundation gives \$100,000 to “LHS-BOF” (now LBOF campaign) for new LHS building campaign.

2006

- Assets reach 4.2 million
- Circus World Bingo discontinues operations. CWB closing results in \$76,420.21 donation of contingency fund to LHS
- New LFI website launched
- Mayo Parking lot usage/revenue decreased to \$20,232 – LHS usage/contribution increased to \$29,925.

2007

- LFI sponsors first Hall of Fame event – clears \$962 with 180 attending.
- LFI discontinues sharing of Bill Lower/Development Director with RCS (\$15,000 annually to LHS)
- LFI notifies LHS that with the loss of CWB income, LFI will discontinue \$30,000/annual gift to LHS & RCS operations
- Mayo decreases parking lot rental to 31 parking spots needed. This allows LHS to utilize more of the parking lot for student parking, increasing LFI’s donation to LHS to \$32,200/annually through student parking passes.
- Foundation hires first paid Executive Director
- LFI moves into combined offices with RCS/LBOF

Lourdes Foundation History Highlights

2008

- Round Table program reaches 100
- LFI pledges \$1 million dollars to new school contingent on sale of parking lot land.
- 91 tuition assistance scholarships totaling \$101,000 were given out to Lourdes families to continue the Catholic education tradition. As of June 30, 2008, the Lourdes Foundation has disbursed \$764,427 in scholarships to 851 individual students.
- Lourdes Foundation works in cooperation with Vanselow Fish Fry Committee
- Mayo renews parking contract for one year for 31 spaces resulting in \$9300. Remaining student parking, resulting in \$30,047 gift to LHS.

2010

- Annual Appeal reaches \$211,616 - \$68,810 (33%) in unrestricted/ \$142,806(67%) in restricted
- Round Table reaches 124 members
- LFI Sports Hall of Fame event clears \$4200 with 340 in attendance
- Staff Enrichment Initiative increased – LFI Board votes to sponsor two faculty to Assisi, Italy (up from one previously) allowing two LHS staff to travel to Assisi, Italy on pilgrimage

2011

- LFI increases pledge to LBOF to \$2,695,000 contingent on sale of parking lot land.
- Mayo agrees to buy LHS school & LFI parking lot for \$9 million total.
- Assets reach \$5,456,890 as of June 30, 2011
- Since its inception 37 years ago, the Lourdes Foundation has helped 1,192 students with \$1,335,783 in tuition assistance and have supported Lourdes High School with contributions of over \$3,015,000 in facility improvements, curriculum enhancements, alumni events, class reunions, and programs at LHS
- The current Aquila newsmagazine is published twice yearly and is mailed to over 9,000 homes. The Feb 2011 issue contained 36 pages.
- Round Table program renamed to *Lourdes Foundation Legacy Society* to create more interest in planned giving program
- Lourdes Foundation future expansion fund totals \$121,630