

Ourdes 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 Ourdes 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

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

1992

- Ourdes Development Fund purchases the block north of LHS.
- Ourdes 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 Ourdes Development Fund is changed to Ourdes 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

- Ourdes Foundation starts a future expansion fund for Ourdes 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 Ourdes High School temp restricted funds

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.

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2001

- Lourdes 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.

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.
- Lourdes Foundation gives \$50,000 to “LHS-BOF” (now LBOF campaign) for new LHS building campaign October 15, 2007
- 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
- LFI assists alumni with 4 class reunions

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.

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- Lourdes Foundation works in cooperation with Vanselow Fish Fry Committee to raise money for Gary Vanselow Memorial Scholarship Fund.
- 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 properties for \$9 million total.
- LFI Assets reach \$5,456,890 as of June 30, 2011
- Lourdes Foundation Board Retreat October 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. There are now 101 members enrolled.
- Lourdes Foundation donates future expansion funds totaling \$121,630 released to Lourdes Building our Future campaign - September 15, 2011
- Groundbreaking ceremony for new Lourdes High School – October 18, 2011
- Music Endowment fund reaches \$16,983. 5% goes to LHS Music department each year for new band instruments, etc.

2012

- Two issues of the Aquila are mailed to 9000 households including all RCS families. Both issues have special focus with the Feb 2012 issue focusing on LHS Alumni Sweethearts that married LHS Alumni (40 pgs). Nov 2012 focused on LHS Veterans (44 pgs).
- Decision is made to name the Academic building of new LHS the *Lourdes Foundation Academic Building*.
- Named scholarships under Lourdes Foundation total 101 with \$158,258 awarded to LHS students 2012-2013 school year and \$5,056 awarded to LHS graduating seniors for their college scholarships.
- Hall of Fame event celebrates its 6th year by honoring 1949 Championship Football team (LHS's first champions) and 3 more athletes and 1 coach. Total 18 LHS athletes and 6 coaches have been inducted with four teams being honored as well. Attendance ranges from 300-450 each year.
- LFI helped with 14 class reunions, reconnecting 1936 LHS classmates.

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2013

- May 24, 2013 – last graduating class in 621 W Center building after 72 years
- June 2013 – Sale of 621 W Center LHS to Mayo Clinic. Lourdes Foundation had initially invested \$929,000 in the North Parking lot block property to buy up the old houses on the property with the intent of LHS future expansion to be there. Now LFI sold the property to Mayo Clinic for \$3,195,000. Within the same day, Lourdes Foundation transfers \$2,695,000 to the Lourdes Building our Future capital campaign. LFI's total gift to the new building is now \$2,866,000, making LFI the second largest donor to the building campaign. LFI retained \$500,000 in unrestricted funds.
- Sept 2013 – Dedication of new LHS and first students attend new LHS building
- Lourdes Foundation provided \$160,000 to 88 different LHS students during the 2013-2014 school year and helped with 12 different class reunions, reconnecting 1997 LHS Classmates.

2014

- Lourdes Foundation celebrates 40 years since its incorporation Jan 21, 1974