



# Education For Children

## THE COMPASS FUND SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

### Thank You

November 2006



**T**he Compass Fund would like to thank its many contributors. Without them, the project would not have been nearly as successful as it has been. In the last five years, including the 2006-2007 school year, 280 children have been helped. Because of your great efforts, we were able to distribute approximately \$579,000 towards the children and their education. The Compass Fund has also been able to donate money towards the school's wish lists to cover worthwhile projects. In future publications we will recognize a partial list of our contributors along with the state that they reside. This will be done until we publish the entire list. The following people are recognized at this time. Your donation is very much appreciated!

<u>NAME</u>	<u>STATE</u>
Angelo Rainaldi	Connecticut
Anthony P. DiTommaso	New Jersey
Aronson Family Foundation/Dennis Poster	Connecticut
Arthur Robinson, Jr.	New Jersey
Barbara and James Richardson	Massachusetts
Brian Navarro	Connecticut
Brian Wallach	New York
Charles Royce	Connecticut
Chris Ratliff	Kentucky
David McAvoy	Massachusetts
David T. Farina	Illinois
Eleanor Harvey	Connecticut
Frank Broyles	Arkansas
George M. Steinbrenner	Florida
Gordon W. Bryson	Hawaii
Governor Robert L. Ehrlich	Maryland
H. Darrell Harvey	Connecticut
Harris J. Ashton/The Ashton Foundation Inc.	Connecticut
Harry Shay	Rhode Island
Herbert A. Allen	New York
James Michalove	Connecticut
Jason Garrett	New Jersey
Jeffrey Glassroth	Wisconsin
Joan and Dennis Poster	Connecticut

(continued on page 2)

### Student Report The positive effects of choice



Christine Dever—7th Grade  
Williams School, New London, CT

**W**hen I first introduced myself to Christine Dever, my first impression was that she was a personable, articulate and intelligent young girl. Only 10 minutes into our conversation did I realize that she far exceeded all of my expectations. Christine is a 12 year old 7th grader. She and her family are originally from Texas. Her father is in the U.S. Navy and as of last year the Devers moved to New London, CT. Christine has an older sister who attends New London High School and a 9 year old autistic brother, whom she loves very much. Once we got down to business, Christine told me that she was very unhappy in school last year. The main problems were that the students were unruly, talked back to the teachers and there was a fight almost every day of the school year. Most importantly, she felt that her school work was lacking and couldn't get the teachers to help her. This year at Williams School, a private school in New London, CT, Christine is enjoying a little more freedom because the teachers trust the student body. She loves the fact that she can go to her teachers at anytime and request extra work or extra help! Her favorite class is pre-algebra and she is an avid reader. Her favorite books having mystery/adventure themes. Her most recent report card consisted of all B's and one A. Christine is involved with the Golf Club, the Dance Club and hopes to play softball in the spring.

As we finished our interview, I was struck again by the fact that this young girl was comfortable enough to sit down with me and explain why she was so grateful to be attending Williams School. All I kept thinking was that if I was her parent, I would be very proud of her as a student and as a promising young woman.

Thank you so much for giving us \$2,000 for the Williams School. It's very fun and I've made lots of friends. The reason I wanted to go to the Williams School is to challenge myself because the school I went to before was very easy. We are going to get off on an easy start and work our way up to the challenging material. Again I thank you for all you've done for me.

Sincerely,  
Christine Dever

