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A photograph of a woman and a young boy. The woman, on the left, has her hair pulled back and is wearing a light blue long-sleeved shirt under a black vest. She is smiling warmly. The boy, on the right, is wearing a white collared shirt, a dark tie, and a dark blue cardigan over a light blue long-sleeved shirt. He is also smiling. They are both looking towards the camera. The background is a blurred indoor setting, possibly a library or classroom.

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Letter from Superintendent Henry Tyson



Dear Friends,

Recently while conducting a tour of the Harambee neighborhood, I was sharing the story of our battle with Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) over their Malcolm

X school building. It struck me that it was 10 years ago! In the spring of 2014, Malcolm X, an enormous 1960's era middle school, had been shuttered for 7 years. St. Marcus had asked to buy the closed school from the district in order to serve an additional 1,000 students.

The story garnered much attention, covered by most local media outlets and many national outlets including the Wall Street Journal and Fox News. It was a David vs Goliath story. St. Marcus was facing hungry demand from desperate parents while MPS was losing students and was desperately attempting to hold onto its dwindling market share. Children and families were caught in the middle.

Ultimately, the conflict was resolved when St. Marcus was offered the nearby Lee Elementary School and MPS sold the Malcolm X building to a group of developers for a community center and housing. Both of those deals ultimately collapsed.

In large part due to the constancy and faithfulness of our supporters, St. Marcus has continued to grow and thrive in the last decade. We have opened two additional campuses and more than doubled the number of scholars and families that we serve. My heart is filled with gratitude that the Lord has blessed us with meaningful work and an army of supporters who continually pave the way forward.

Lately, much of my time has been filled with the daily battle to win the hearts and minds of our young scholars. Here are some recent highlights:

- Three days a week, I lead a 30-minute reading group with six 5th-grade boys. We're reading *The Captain's Dog*. This is the highlight of my week - seeing struggling readers become fluent readers as they rapidly grow in decoding, comprehension, vocabulary, and background knowledge. This is just one of our strategies to dig out of the lasting impact of COVID learning loss.
- On Saturday mornings in January and February, I tapped into one of my passions and ran an indoor soccer clinic for 1st-6th grade scholars. 50 scholars signed up! For 90 minutes the Burleigh Street Campus gym was total mayhem. Have you ever seen 7-year-olds play soccer? It's hilarious. In one of the weeks, when we started with our gratitude circle, one of the players said, "I'm thankful for the people who built this gym." Thank you for giving our scholars that amazing facility - it's now full on Saturday mornings with extra-curriculars.
- Phase III of the Burleigh Street Campus is about 95% complete. We are wrapping up the brand new kitchen which will serve all of the 1,500 scholars, between our three campuses, and the new play structure and parking lot will go in during the Spring and Summer months. For more information on how to be a part of bringing this campus to completion, please reach out to Michele Kitson, Director of Mission Advancement (michele.kitson@stmarcus.org).

After 22 years, it is still a struggle at times. But I am uplifted by witnessing our scholars grow into bright, inquisitive, faith-filled young men and women. And I am lifted by our donors and friends like you who pour into these young lives with your treasure and your enduring belief in their potential.

Thank you for your partnership and God Bless,

Henry Tyson
Superintendent

FRIENDRAISING

written by Cecilia Davis, Mission Advancement Team

"What do you need?"



It's a question many St. Marcus supporters ask, usually leading to a conversation about what moves them, what passions they hold, and what brings them joy. Whether it's a financial gift for capital projects, contributions for operations and scholar support, volunteerism, or other engagement, a tremendous network of St. Marcus champions address the school's many needs, making so much possible for scholars.

This network, including corporate, foundation, and individual supporters, is rooted in numerous personal relationships and connections cultivated through the years. Expanding that network (growing the St. Marcus family!) is another critical need for the school's continued success.

Recognizing this need, members of St. Marcus School's Leadership Council (a group of volunteer business executives and supporters that provides school campaign leadership) have helped to broaden our friends.

In recent years, one of the most successful (and fun) ways they have accomplished this is by hosting unique events to introduce new friends from their professional and personal networks. The result of great food, company, and mission-focused conversation? GREAT new connections, relationships, and opportunities!

Over the past few years, several of these events have been held at venues throughout the metropolitan area. Recently, two of them were held at the Annex at Foxtown in Mequon, and Handen Distillery in Cedarburg, jointly hosted by Leadership Council members Ruth Henkle, Mark Smith, and Wally Sommer, with additional partnership from Handen Distillery owner and St. Marcus champion Mary-Kay Bourboulas.

"This is exactly how I was introduced to St. Marcus," recalls Mark. "I had never heard of the school until a shepherd brought me into the fold. Now I'm always asking myself, who do I know that doesn't yet know the St. Marcus story?"

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"When you meet and have conversations with school leaders and especially scholars, you really learn what's at the heart of the mission," says Wally. "These events are such a great opportunity to bring friends in and plant that seed of interest to see what might grow."



Wally, Ruth, Mark

"We all love bringing friends to the annual Gala," adds Ruth. "But these smaller, more casual gatherings are an easier way to introduce brand new friends to St. Marcus."

Then, having received background information and a chance to meet Superintendent Henry Tyson personally, they're more likely to attend something bigger, like the Gala."

Ruth also points out that these small gatherings have given guests a glimpse into Milwaukee's educational landscape. "One of the really memorable things Henry has shared is that St. Marcus is just one of several high-performing schools in the City of Milwaukee. Though there is so much work to be done, there is also amazing progress that is changing the trajectory for our city's most vulnerable students. He encourages everyone to remain supportive of any school doing this work—even if it isn't St. Marcus. That says a lot."

"There are some really negative stories that come out of the educational situation in Milwaukee," says Wally. "Especially for those that live outside the city, it's important to know about the extraordinary, positive things that are happening and that with schools like St. Marcus, there is hope."

Leadership Council members Bob and Chrissie Monday agree with the crucial importance of sharing the school's success and vision with friends. They also wanted to accomplish this through unique, intimate, and memorable gatherings.

"Often when we get together with friends, our conversations probe what's making headlines,"

Bob says. "The more we talk, education always dominates the discussion. Many people have such a negative view of education in Milwaukee, especially when you live outside the city. While much is broken, not many are acquainted with some of the remarkable things happening at schools like St. Marcus. So that's what inspired us to put friends together. We wanted to create an opportunity to learn more about what's at the heart of successful schools in the City of Milwaukee like St. Marcus."

"With schools like St. Marcus, there is HOPE."

In March 2023, Bob and Chrissie sponsored a St. Marcus dinner at Birch with Chef Kyle Knall. Co-hosted by fellow Leadership Council members Caroline Jankowski and Mark and



Sally Falci, as well as church and school council members Wes and Dr. Amy Miles, a largely brand

new group to St. Marcus gathered for an evening of dinner, discovery, and dialogue with Superintendent Tyson and scholars.

Wanting to take this kind of introductory experience even further, the Mondays later sponsored a campus visit for another group of friends and colleagues. Bringing a group of 20, primarily from the Brookfield area, Bob and Chrissie arranged bus transportation for group visits to each St. Marcus campus, as well as a guided drive through the neighborhoods in which the 3 campuses reside. With the campus visits and the neighborhood driving tour led by Superintendent Tyson—plus classroom visits and time with scholars—guests enjoyed a truly immersive introduction.

"I think one of the most impactful parts of this experience was driving



around the neighborhood and listening to Henry's stories," recalls Chrissie. "The exposure was so eye-opening and something

that our friends simply don't see regularly. If it's out of sight, it's out of mind."

"Reading and hearing about St. Marcus is one thing," Bob adds. "But GOING to the school and actually witnessing the transformative education sparks learning and engagement. That's why we wanted to host this visit. Watching Henry speak with such pride, passion, and determination about the scholars, the mission, and the vision is extraordinary. He doesn't just talk about it. He lives it. There's a belief in this that is so strong from the leadership, you can't help but be moved to find ways to be involved and support it."

While these types of events often inspire financial support, that is not the goal for these gatherings.

The primary objective isn't funds. It's friends. That's why dialogue and learning take center stage at events like these. "Plus," says Ruth, "When we bring our networks together for this purpose, you never know what additional connections may be discovered, such as contacts with foundations or other potential partners."

The "friendraising" events highlighted here, plus several others hosted in recent years by Leadership Council members and supporters, have planted seeds that are taking root. "It's so exciting to see these efforts begin to pay dividends," says Mark Smith, reflecting on new friends he introduced to St. Marcus that are now, themselves, introducing their friends to the school. In the past year and a half, these events have introduced nearly 200

new friends, generating numerous campus visits, interactions with local government officials, new Gala attendees, Gala corporate sponsors, and even new "All Hands In" partners (corporate groups that dedicate a day of volunteer demolition work for the Burleigh Street Campus renovation).

An abundance of friends makes for an army of advocates and supporters to walk alongside more than 1,200 St. Marcus scholars.

For that reason (returning to the question, "What do you need?"), growing our circle of friends is, perhaps, the most fundamental of all St. Marcus School's needs. If reading about these "friendraising" events leave you feeling inspired to introduce new friends to St. Marcus in a similar way, chat with us!

Joining our email and/or mailing lists or visiting for a tour are also great ways to energize your interest and/or introduce new friends. Contact Cecilia Davis from the Mission Advancement Team at 414-562-3163 x 7554 to explore your ideas!

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together...but encouraging one another"

- Hebrews 10:24-25

The St. Marcus Foundation is proud to partner with the Lutheran Legacy Foundation to manage the Amy Madson Endowment Fund, which provides lasting support for our school and scholars now and in the future.

The Lutheran Legacy Foundation is offering a 20% match for all NEW gifts to the Amy Madson Fund. The Lutheran Legacy Foundation also offers matching funds for donor-designated funds that support St. Marcus.

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LIVING A LIFE WITH PURPOSE

You can call Tamika Marable a teacher, but her passion drives her to be much more. Pageant winner, teacher, mother, author, advocate, and daughter of God are all titles humbly held by Tamika.



TAMIKA THE TEACHER

Tamika says she was led to become a teacher but was especially motivated to pursue the vocation when she witnessed the strife of her son's second-grade teacher in inner-city Milwaukee. She says his teacher seemed to lack the support to manage a classroom, so both the teacher and the students struggled. Tamika sensed the teacher's exhaustion and decided that she wanted to be a part of educational transformation in Milwaukee.

"Kids deserve someone who can be vested in their development and success," says Tamika, "and teachers deserve support to help themselves and their students succeed."

In 2017, Tamika started working at Milwaukee Public Schools as a special education teacher while she was in school herself, earning her teaching license. She graduated from

Cardinal Stritch University with a Master's in Urban Special Education in 2019. Tamika is now in her second year of teaching as a special education teacher at St. Marcus.

A summer of working with the Center for Urban Teaching helped prepare Tamika to continue to perfect her classroom leadership skills, and she credits the program with preparing herself and fellow educators for the experience and expectations of working in an urban school. Following her experience with CfUT, she was motivated to go back to school to pursue leadership in education at Wisconsin Lutheran College.



"Not everyone can work in a classroom where you have to build a relationship before



teaching," says Tamika. "But looking back, working in special education was something I was called to. God sent me to help these kids, and He sent them to help me."



TAMIKA THE MOTHER

Being a mother is Tamika's priority. Her youngest child is in K5 at St. Marcus, and her 16-year-old, a St. Marcus alum, attends an area high school - you can imagine Tamika is a busy parent!

Tamika's oldest started at St. Marcus as a third grader during the 2016-2017 school year after being on the waiting list. Switching to St. Marcus was an easy decision, Tamika says, because of less-than-ideal learning conditions at his previous private school. "It was a 'thank you, God moment' to get off the waiting list and enroll at St. Marcus School," says Tamika.

"What I love about Lutheranism is that it's a teaching ministry and is founded on Christ's love and walking in His life."

Immersion baptisms are common in Tamika's original faith tradition. In her Bible studies at St. Marcus and in

instruction classes with Pastor Joel Krieger, she learned about Lutheran baptism and wanted to know more about the church. Her youngest child was baptized at St. Marcus, which Tamika says was a huge decision based on how she was raised, but it was the right decision based on Pastor Krieger's encouragement about the significance of baptism. Tamika and her kids are now active members of the St. Marcus church community.



"God put it on my heart to have us join St. Marcus," says Tamika. "After going back and forth with God, he revealed to me that I needed to step outside religion and recognize our purpose. He sent us to St. Marcus."

To ensure continued success for her and her family, she worked with St. Marcus Community Engagement Life Coach Moe Lawrenz to help organize and manage her finances and eventually purchase a home. Tamika attended one of Moe's RISE celebration dinners and left inspired to pursue her own version of financial freedom. Eighteen months later, Tamika's family had their new home in September 2023.

"Tamika is very committed and goal-oriented, she is not a quitter," says Moe. "She never lost hope and is tenacious, driven, and hardworking, which is what led to her success."

Tamika's dedication, discipline, and faith has developed her into a winner who continuously accepts opportunities to grow.



TAMIKA THE PAGEANT QUEEN

At the beginning of 2018, when she was 7 months pregnant, Tamika walked across her first pageant stage. Tamika is a powerhouse in the classroom and in the pageant arena. She earned the title of Mrs. Wisconsin United States in spring 2021 and previously held the title of Mrs. Milwaukee County. She last competed in the Mrs. Wisconsin America pageant in 2023 and is excited for her

upcoming pageant this April. She currently holds the title of Mrs. Oak Creek.

Tamika was initially drawn to pageantry because it seemed "interesting and fun," and she felt that at 34 years old, she had stopped doing anything fun for herself. As she moved forward into pageantry, the values of sisterhood, community, and service drew her in further. She let go and let her faith and perseverance guide her.

"I felt God was leading me in this direction to build confidence and boldness for Him," says Tamika. "Through pageantry came healing and courage to share my story and testimony of what God had brought me from and through."

Tamika has used her pageant platform to advocate for water safety, drowning awareness, and encouraging young people, especially young women, to reach for their truest potential and live and grow with purpose. She says that she uses her new platform to be a voice for the voiceless, to stand up for what is right, and to advocate for what matters.



TAMIKA THE ADVOCATE

During the pandemic, Tamika launched a nonprofit called Sisters Too Inc. to honor her two late sisters, who died in an accidental drowning over 20 years ago. The organization has a major focus on water safety and drowning awareness in Wisconsin and has branched out into women empowerment.

"Sisters Too is my passion and platform," says Tamika.



On the water safety front, Tamika has sponsored and helped provide swim lessons to both children and adults.

She is also a member of an organization called Families United to Prevent Drowning, which works together to implement standardized safety plans to prevent drowning.

Tamika is leading a six-class mentorship program for scholars at St. Marcus. The mentorship program's goal is to empower young scholars to resist peer pressure, find confidence in themselves, and work on a community service project. Tamika has also hosted a booth at community resource fairs at St. Marcus to raise awareness about the causes she is passionate about.



Tamika has also given her time to advocating for education in Wisconsin, which includes increased funding for St. Marcus at the state level. She campaigned within the state in partnership with City Forward Collective to share stories with state senators about the importance of equal funding across all sectors of K-12 education.

Tamika has used various platforms to use her voice and share her messages of encouragement, purpose, and hope.



TAMIKA THE AUTHOR

Tamika grew up in foster care, lost two sisters, and temporarily left school - she had felt ashamed and defeated during these challenging times. She learned that people can rise from shame, knew that God has everlasting love, and that shame doesn't need to be the main character in life - or the book she authored.

"I wound up writing a book about overcoming shame and defeat to share my story about how some situations in life aren't the best, but God can turn them around to be beneficial," says Tamika. "There is encouragement and peace that can come out of it."

Poetry, scripture, and anecdotes take readers of "Destined: Overcoming Shame and Defeat" through some of Tamika's darkest and lightest times to exemplify how she believes God has taken her to



glory and reaffirmed the destiny that God has planned for her to be her best self.

Tamika was able to award a total of \$3,500 in college scholarships to three deserving girls through the sales of her book and the support of fellow "sister queens."



TAMIKA THE DAUGHTER OF GOD

Faith has been a driving force behind Tamika's life, so a sense of balance and relief came over her when she decided to let God lead her to teach. But to Tamika, teaching goes beyond a classroom.

"My title doesn't matter, but I asked the Lord, 'What's my purpose?'" says Tamika. "I believe God called me to be a teacher because whatever I do, I'm going to teach."

Tamika wants to reflect the life of Jesus in all she does. Jesus was a carpenter, but he also healed the sick, fed the hungry, and took care of widows - He took on multiple roles. As a daughter of God, Tamika says that she tries to live like Jesus because she knows she is loved and that she has a purpose to share God's love in a multitude of ways. She doesn't doubt that she's on the right path.

"As a daughter of God, it helps me continue to seek Him and allow myself the freedom to help others get closer to Him through me, whatever that might look like."

St. Marcus is fortunate to have a community of people who believe in the ministry's mission to make high-quality education accessible and available to Milwaukee families. Tamika is a treasured member of that community as she has come to know, love, and impact the St. Marcus community and its mission over the past several years. Her involvement at our North Side school has reaffirmed her commitment to education, her faith, her family, and herself.

DISCOVER AMERICA

DISCOVER AMERICA is a signature program available to middle school scholars at St. Marcus. This one-of-a-kind, year-long opportunity combines classroom learning with unforgettable hands-on experiences that culminate with travel learning excursions that are by invitation only to high-performing scholars. Scholars visit museums, national and state parks, and college campuses in four distinct regions of the U.S. over a week during the summer. This unique program is made possible by financial support from generous individuals and foundations. 2024 learning excursions will depart in early June.

Sixth-grade scholar Ja'Laya participated in Discover America during her 5th-grade year, where she and her classmates "Discovered Wisconsin." She is already looking forward to another experience this summer! Ja'Laya shared her recollections, including some favorite memories and lessons from her Discover America experience.



Q: At which stop did you learn the most?

A: The Railroad Museum! I didn't know a lot about trains until we visited the museum. We learned all about the different types of train cars and got to go inside a lot of different trains. We also spent the night at the museum; we made box forts to sleep in, and mine fell down in the middle of the night.

Q: What are some of the life skills you learned on DA?

A: I learned responsibility and to do the right thing, even when no one is around. One of the ways I learned this was by being my group's "room key keeper" when we stayed at a hotel. We were trusted to stay in a hotel room by ourselves, so we had to follow all the rules, including the bedtime we were given so that we wouldn't be too tired for the next day of adventure.



Q: What stop on the trip inspired you?

A: The John Michael Kohler Arts Center. I learned that there are so many art forms, and you can get inspired by all of them. I really enjoyed looking at all the different sculptures. I also learned that we

shouldn't judge the way people create art because even if I don't think it looks great, it might look awesome to someone else.

Be on the lookout for a special piece of mail in April regarding how YOU can make these unforgettable experiences possible for scholars like Ja'Laya.



EXPLORE



DREAM



DISCOVER

intertwined

Special thanks to our leadership scholars who helped carry the night with enthusiasm as they took the mic to emcee for the first time in Gala history.



Because of generous individuals and organizations, the 2023 St. Marcus Gala raised a total of **\$1,209,865!**

The results of this incredible event will support two critical needs: \$471,943 will support the completion of the final floor for the middle school at our Burleigh Street Campus, and \$737,922 will provide the tools and resources needed to educate scholars at the highest level possible, helping to cover the \$2,500 funding gap per scholar.

Deandrea - 8th grade



Caden - 8th grade



Gia - 5th grade



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success in support of St. Marcus scholars. This includes our scholars and families, the dedicated volunteers, businesses, and individuals who generously sponsored and donated items for our auctions, as well as our valued donors.

Thank you for being a part of this intertwined community. You are leaving a lasting, positive impact on the hearts and minds of St. Marcus scholars.



Spirit of St. Marcus Award
Scholarship Recipient -
Michaela Lawrence
(2020 St. Marcus Alum)
& Awardee - Robb Rauh



"I want them to be

knit together
by strong ties of
love."

-Colossians 2:2

Student Performance
Burleigh Street Campus Scholars



Drumline - North Avenue
Campus Middle School Scholars

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As part of the 2023 Gala, 7th and 8th grade Center Street Campus scholars participated in the Intertwined Poetry Competition. Each scholar submitted an original poem inspired by the gala theme Intertwined. Scholars were encouraged to consider how their St. Marcus journey is intertwined with others—parents, teachers, fellow scholars, and community supporters. 8th-grade scholar Fontaine shared his winning poem at the Gala.

Congratulations to Fontaine and his teacher, David Menk.

Inter-twi- ned By Fontaine

As in: Twisting and turning, coming together

To make history not for the power and the fame but for our community.

As in: Coming together for our school to help the youth to succeed

As in: To help set short and long-term goals to see children and young adults succeed, as much as you want to see your own children succeed.

As in: Coming together as a community to make society successful and to see everyone thrive.



FAITH IN ACTION TO LOVE, LEAD, & LEARN

Diversity flourishes in Becca (Balge) Frigge’s middle school classes, and she has learned how to delicately balance her Word of God lessons with the different lived experiences of scholars. Many St. Marcus scholars follow other Christian denominations or faith traditions, but according to Becca, the love of Christ is universal and abundant, especially in her classroom lessons and her interactions with scholars.

“My favorite part of teaching is being part of a team and among scholars who typically wouldn’t interact with one another,” Becca says. “God puts everyone together so we can connect, celebrate success, build each other up, and ultimately defy the statistics and odds in our neighborhoods.”

To respect the many differences in her classes, Becca strives to ensure scholars do not feel shame for the way they or their families practice their faith. She inquires about their churches, the way they practice their faith traditions, and what scholars’ relationship with God means to them. During special times of the year, Becca takes scholars to St. Marcus church services, such as Wednesday evenings during Advent, the four weeks prior to Christmas.

“It is both rewarding and challenging to expose scholars to traditions such as Advent services,” says Becca. “But it’s a wonderful opportunity to experience Christian fellowship and be together in the Word. Ultimately, scholars can choose their level of participation in these services and activities.”

Becca has been a teacher for fourteen years, with stints in China teaching English, California, Florida, and now Wisconsin, where she taught ESL at another school before coming to St. Marcus. She is in her third year of teaching Word of God, her favorite subject, at St. Marcus’ Center Street Campus.

Teaching middle schoolers any subject can be daunting and rewarding, but leading them in Word of God lessons brings a new set of challenges and opportunities. Becca has never

had challenges establishing relationships with students, but she says that negative forces can tempt and lead middle schoolers astray and toward negative consequences. In response to those forces, Becca tries to incorporate spiritual disciplines such as channeling self-regulation practices, prayer journaling, and meaningful rest.



Many scholars enjoy the time Becca takes to get to know them individually, explore the Bible together, and prioritize their spiritual well-being. For some scholars, this is the first time hearing about God, and for others it’s the first time learning the difference between the Old and New Testament.

“I think that Mrs. Frigge and her Word of God class have truly elevated me spiritually,” says Richard, a scholar in Becca’s class (pictured above).

“SHE’S A GREAT TEACHER WHO PUTS OTHERS FIRST AND REALLY EMBODIES THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST.”

Becca wants scholars to take the lessons learned at St. Marcus and apply them to high school, college, their personal lives, and future professional careers. Having taught at Luther Prep High School in Watertown, Wisconsin, when Becca returned from China, she maintained connections at the boarding school and knows the school’s reputation, so she brought several scholars to the school to tour this past year.



"There are many great high schools out there," says Becca. "I'd love for our scholars to consider Luther Prep because it's so heavily focused on preaching and teaching ministry, and I see students who have gifts from God in those areas. I love being able to introduce them to the idea of using their gifts in that way."

One scholar Becca took to Luther Prep was Ladonna. Ladonna says that aside from being a wonderful teacher, she was grateful to Mrs. Frigge for showing her that Luther Prep was an option, where she has chosen to attend high school after this year.

"Her positivity helped me by letting me know that in a dormitory high school, there will be kind people that I will grow with for four years," says Ladonna. "It made me comfortable with getting to know people as Mrs. Frigge has prepared me spiritually, academically, and socially."

The Center Street Campus has been Becca's professional home since she started teaching at St. Marcus in 2021. As the 8th grade girls



advisor, she works closely with her counterpart David Menk who, according to Becca, has been a fantastic partner in their urban education journeys. Together, the two coworkers collaborate to carry out the St. Marcus mission in one of the most challenging neighborhoods in the city.

"MRS. FRIGGE HAS PREPARED ME SPIRITUALLY, ACADEMICALLY, & SOCIALLY."

"Becca is a dedicated teacher who is committed to the welfare of our scholars both in their earthly lives and for eternity," says David. "I have been privileged to serve alongside Becca as our team built out the middle school at the Center Street Campus."

The Center Street Campus graduated its first 8th-grade class in 2022, and Becca played a part in helping scholars earn the title of St. Marcus alumni. She says that she loves working at the Center Street Campus because many relationships with administration and fellow teachers have been "forged through fire" in response to challenges that lead to high graduation rates.

"I love how much beauty is found in and through God in relationships and in a neighborhood that can appear pretty bleak," says Becca. "It's definitely a reminder of the protection God puts over us."



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