



INDIVIDUALS, COMPANIES AND FOUNDATIONS seeking to make a difference for those most affected by the COVID crisis, and by the challenges of racial injustice, can be assured that their donations will address these two important issues, and will be directed to those most in need.

SINCE 1981 TRI-COUNTY has addressed the striking education disparities and related racial inequalities experienced by inner-city and other poverty-stricken New Jersey children, by providing K-12th grade scholarships to better, safer, accredited independent schools.

- **85% of our students represent racial and ethnic minorities.** Our students are a cross section of the communities in which they live: 18% African American, 62% Hispanic, 5% other
- **Tri-County breaks the cycle of generational poverty.** The majority of students come from inner-city, single parent homes with an average household income of \$30,000.
- **Tri-County has a continued commitment to diversity representation on its Board of Trustees;** diversity that enhances insights and the execution of its mission.



IN 2020 TRI-COUNTY is also specifically addressing the economic hardships brought by the COVID crisis to those most affected by illness, death and job loss, including the closure of thousands of small businesses.

- **Tri-County scholarship recipients have been disproportionately impacted by the COVID crisis.** 80% report loss of income, and jobs. Of those who run small businesses, 35% report risk of permanent business closure.
- **2020 scholarship demand has surged** as more inner-city families need financial aid in order to keep their children in safe, quality schools.
- **Help for those most in need:**

To answer this increased need, Tri-County has committed to awarding \$1.9 million in scholarships for the coming school year, with \$500,000 in **Emergency** scholarships, specifically targeted to families impacted by the COVID crisis.



A SAFE, QUALITY EDUCATION is the best bridge to economic opportunity and social mobility for children in impoverished urban neighborhoods. **Providing access to a quality education WORKS:**

- 100% of our scholarship students graduate from high school, versus the 50% graduation rate that is typical of New Jersey's inner-city public high schools.



- Nearly all of our students go on to college, usually the first in their families to do so. They achieve successful careers, and go on to give back to their communities.
- Since 1981 Tri-County has provided over 32,500 scholarships, totaling over \$28.5 million. Through access to a safe, quality independent education, these children have been given hope and opportunity. With this education, their lives are no longer pre-determined by their zip code, poverty, family situation or race.

**Please join us in being part of the solution.
This year the need is greater than ever.**