

The Dion Family Foundation

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The mission of the Dion Family Foundation is to support institutions, which hold special meaning for the Dion family in education and healthcare and uphold the principles of discipline, hard work, and respect.

Specifically, the Foundation has built strong relationships with several Catholic schools in New England and Florida and is a leader in fundraising and strategy for Massachusetts General Hospital and the Home Base Program.

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Education

Having grown up in Catholic schools, the Dions believe in the importance for all students and families to have the ability to choose an education, grounded in the principles of discipline, honest work, and respect for oneself and others. To this end, the Foundation has carefully chosen to work with Saint Michael's College, Saint Dominic Academy, Saint John Neumann Catholic High School, Saint Elizabeth Seton Catholic School, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, and the Naples Ballet.



Saint Michael's College

Overview

"It is the mission of Saint Michael's College to contribute through higher education to the enhancement of the human person and to the advancement of human culture in the light of the Catholic faith."

Our Focus

Don Dion has had a fondness for Catholic education since his experiences at Saint Dominic Academy and Saint Michael's College.

Don Dion has served on the board of St. Michael's for nine years. After a year hiatus, he rejoins the Executive Committee 1-September-2016. During his tenure, the Foundation initiated an unrestricted fund to the campus ministry, serving 50+ students in critical need without additional means of support. Don Dion was the lead donor for the Dion Family Student Center, as well as a summer research program, serving 50 students. Studies ranged from philosophy to neuroscience. The Foundation also supported a retreat at St. Anne's Shrine in 2015 and finances an annual alumni brunch in Naples.

Financial Contribution

The Foundation has given \$1,377,494 to St. Michael's since 2011.



Saint Dominic Academy College Preparatory and Elementary School

Overview

As a Maine Catholic School, Saint Dominic Academy evangelizes students by fostering faith, academic excellence, community, and service in a nurturing environment.

Our Focus

The Foundation has provided funds for scholarship, via annual gifts and a matching challenge (2015-2016), a tech lab in 2015, and security systems in 2014.

The Foundation has enabled many individuals and families to attend St. Dom's, who would otherwise not have been able to do so for financial reasons.

In April 2017 the Foundation helped initiate a capital campaign and sustainability plan for St. Dom's. Additional contributions include a new weight room and exercise program for the students and faculty, as well as renovated tennis courts and athletic fields.



Financial Contribution

Since 2011, the Foundation has given a total of \$588,200 to St. Dom's.



The Naples Ballet

Overview

“Our curriculum is directed at building the student’s strength, focus, creativity, and love for dance by exploring and expanding their talents in order to develop physical, social and intellectual skills in the art of dance.”

Our Focus

The Foundation has been actively involved with the Naples Ballet since 2011 and supports students, who would not otherwise have a chance to experience ballet, through scholarship. Cathy Morton currently serves on the Board.

Financial Contribution

Since 2011, the Foundation has given \$38,250 to the Naples Ballet.



Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts

Overview

Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts (MCLA) is a public liberal arts college, where students develop the critical thinking and communication skills needed to succeed in today's economy.

Our Focus and Financial Contribution

In 2009 the Foundation donated \$500 towards scholarship for students in financial need following the financial crisis. The gift helped start an endowed scholarship fund, which continues today.



St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic School

St. Elizabeth's serves students and their families in Pre-K through 8th grades in southern Lee and Collier County areas of the Diocese of Venice. The ministry of the school is to provide a quality education where Catholic traditions and values are reinforced and incorporated into all areas of instruction, in an atmosphere of faith, discipline, and love.

Our Focus and Financial Contribution

The Foundation provided a one-time gift of \$50,000 to help the school complete their gymnasium.



St. John Neumann Catholic School

“St. John Neumann Catholic High School is committed to providing our students with a rigorous, quality, Catholic, college preparatory education, rooted in the Gospel values and the educational philosophy of St. John Bosco.”

Our Focus and Financial Contribution

The Foundation provided a one-time gift of \$5,500 for scholarship for single parent families.

Healthcare

Massachusetts General Hospital has saved the lives of over a dozen family members and close friends of the Dion family. Mass General is the #1 hospital in America, and it is the deep wish of the Dions that the institution maintains its excellence and ability to serve others.

Out of devotion to Mass General, the Dions were among the original supporters of the Home Base Program, a joint program between Mass General and the Red Sox Foundation, which serves Afghanistan and Iraq veterans and their families as they transition back to domestic life.



Massachusetts General Hospital

Overview

Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) is the original and largest teaching hospital of Harvard Medical School and a biomedical research facility located in the West End neighborhood of Boston, Massachusetts. It is the third oldest general hospital in the United States and the oldest and largest hospital in New England.

Our Focus

The Dion Family Foundation has been deeply involved with the MGH Fund, used for unrestricted and emergency purposes. In past years the MGH Fund has been used for diabetes research, Alzheimer's research, targeted cancer therapy, treating celiac patients, veteran care, and community outreach.

In addition, Don Dion now sits on Peter Slavin's President's Council.

Financial Contribution

In addition to financial contributions to the MGH Fund (2012-2014), the Foundation has sponsored a golf tournament in Naples to bring in new funds and donors.

The Foundation has donated \$160,000 directly to MGH since 2012.

Don Dion has also pledged a substantial legacy gift to Mass General, to be finalized in 2016.



The Home Base Program

Overview

A joint venture between Massachusetts General Hospital and the Red Sox Foundation, Home Base is dedicated to healing the Invisible Wounds of War for Post-9/11 Service Members, Veterans and their Families through clinical

care, wellness-based programs, community outreach, education, and research.

Our Focus

The Dion Family Foundation has been a high level donor to Home Base almost since the program's 2011 inception. Mr. Dion is a member of the Leadership Council.

The Foundation hosts an annual fundraising dinner (2015-2016) and partners with Tiffany & Co. for an annual breakfast (2015-2016). The dinner saw a 38% increase in attendance 2014-2015. 30+ current and potential donors have been noted.

The Foundation also sponsors an annual golf fundraising event for Home Base in Naples.

Financial Contribution

Dollars raised from the Naples dinner increased 52% to \$47,000 in 2016 from \$31,000 in 2015. All donations from the Naples events go directly to recent veterans.

Since 2014, the Foundation has donated an additional \$149,000 to Home Base.