

# JCA Partner Sponsorship Program

## Answering Your Questions

### Q: How do I become a Partner?

To become a partner contact Joshua Christian Academy at 515-468-5674 (GOT-JOSH)

### Q: When do I find out who my student is?

At the beginning of the school year you will receive a picture in the mail of your student along with information about them (What grade they are in, how old they are, their favorite color, what they want to be when they grow up, and prayer requests).

### Q: How does a Partner Scholarship affect the cost of education for urban families?

Tuition at Joshua Christian Academy is determined on a sliding scale. Families pay a minimum of 10% of the tuition costs. Your Partnership helps provide Children a Christ-centered education who would not otherwise have this opportunity.

### Q: What sort of Partners are there?

**Full Partner:** Nearly all of our Partners at Joshua Christian Academy are Full Partners. A Full Partner provides a full scholarship for an individual student. Starting in 2009-2010, Full Partners will contribute \$4,500 annually.

**Half Partner:** A Half Partner also desires to support the education of a student, but make an annual investment of \$2,250 (We encourage our Half Partners to find a friend to Partner with them).

**Partner Group:** A Partner Group is a small group of individuals who together share the financial and time commitment of a Full Partner. This is a great option for a Bible study, small group, or group of friends.

### Q: What is the student/partner relationship like?

Twice each year, Partners spend time with students in the classroom and lunchroom at our Partner Days. Partners also receive communication three times a year that include two handwritten letters and teacher comments.

### Q: What happens at Partner Days?

Each Partner Day is slightly different, but at each one you will:

- spend 30 minutes in your student's classroom participating in activities such as reading a book with your student, conducting a science experiment, observing a lesson, or playing an educational game.
- eat lunch with your student's class.

Our hope is that through the Partner Days and the letters your partnered student(s) send you, you will develop a connection with your student.

### Q: Can I bring a gift for my student partner?

We ask that you refrain from giving additional gifts or money to your student partners. If you wish to make an additional financial donation, we will be able to identify a need or program that benefits all the students and fits your intentions.

### Q: What do I do if I am cannot attend Partner Day?

Students look forward to meeting Partners, but are also understanding. If attendance is not an option, some Partners send someone in their place or send a note.

**Q: Can I spend more time with my student partner by volunteering at the school?**

Yes. Partners can also serve as volunteers at the school, but it is not assured that you will spend time with your student. If you are interested in volunteering, please call the school at 515-468-5674.

**Q: If I do not attend Partner Days, will I be partnered with a student?**

Yes, all Full and Half Partners are partnered with students. We do encourage partners to spend time with all the students in the classroom.

**Q: Must I hold and practice specific Christian beliefs to scholarship a Joshua Christian Academy student?**

Joshua Christian Academy simply asks our partners to support the mission and vision of our school. We appreciate our partners, regardless of whether or not they share our beliefs.

**Q: How long should my Partnership last?**

Ideally, each Partner supports their student until he or she graduates from Joshua Christian Academy. We also ask Partners of graduating students to be re-Partnered with an incoming kindergartener. We recognize, however, that circumstances change. Partnership may be discontinued at any time. Know that our student's circumstances may change as well. Families move, change schools, and students are sometimes asked to leave. We inform Partners if any such circumstance affects their student. We will then offer the opportunity to partner with a different student in need of help.

**Q: What is the relationship I will have with my student partner?**

Spending time with him/her on Partner Day, if you are able to attend, and receiving correspondence from him/her. Throughout the course of the year you will be able to see your student partner grow and progress. There is no expectation to develop a relationship with the student outside of those interactions, and in fact we ask that you do not seek outside interaction.

**Q: If I am not able to attend Partner Day, will I still be partnered with a student?**

Yes, we have already paired you with a student, whom you will receive mailings from throughout the year regardless of whether or not you are able to attend.

**Q: What mailings will I receive from the student?**

You will receive three mailings from the student: At Christmas, Easter and end-of-year card, which will include a brief note from the teacher about the student.

**Q: What should I do if I am unable to attend a Partner Day and wish to tell my student partner that I am thinking of her or him?**

A great thing to do is to write a note explaining that you will not be able to attend, but you are thinking of them. You should address the note to the student in care of Joshua Christian Academy.