

Thank You 6000 Times!



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Six-thousand people just like you—benefactors from across the country—hit a near-record level of giving to Divine Word College. When we closed the books for the last fiscal year on June 30, the total for appeals, donations, bequests, fundraisers and other sources came in at \$2,205,681.

Thank you 6000 times for supporting the mission of Divine Word College and our students! The annual budget for Divine Word College is approximately \$8 million. Of that, our students received more than \$1.2 million in scholarship assistance. That is critical funding because the majority of our students do not have the financial means to pay for their education. Without your help, we would not be able to provide these young men and women with the education and training they need to share The Word of God and help the least of His children as Catholic missionaries.

Your gifts not only help our students with their education but also help keep the lights on. Funds to pay the bills come from several sources such as annual appeals, free-will donations and the kindness of those who remember us in their will. These bequests—totaling \$525,188 in the last fiscal year—can become the gifts that keep on giving. Unless designated for a specific purpose, a portion of bequests go into the Divine Word College Endowment Fund, which generates dollars to help with day-to-day costs.

Meanwhile, an alumnus has established two new student scholarship funds of \$100,000 apiece. The interest will pay the annual scholarship awards for years to come.

The new fiscal year is underway and we are off to a good start. Just look at two successful fundraisers last summer.

Our 4th annual benefit golf outing July 27 set the bar higher for next year's event. We saw a record number of golfers—74—help raise record proceeds—\$8,100—for student scholarship assistance. Many thanks to everyone who participated and to our many event sponsors. Mark your calendars for next year's Divine Word College Benefit Golf Outing on **Friday, July 26, 2019**.

You also came to the rescue this summer to help replace 20-year-old mattresses and pillows in our student dorm rooms. The cost of 136 new mattresses and pillows came to \$20,000. Members of the Divine Word College Board of Trustees and others answered the call with \$37,000! All those old mattresses and pillows did not go to waste, thanks to the housekeeping staff for taking care of them over the years. The Dubuque Rescue Mission picked up 60 of them for the needy. The Free Store in West Des Moines picked up

another 65 mattresses, many of which will provide a place to sleep for battered women trying to start a new home.

Please consider supporting the Mission of Divine Word College with your prayers and through these opportunities to give.

- *Donations to our appeals*
- *Become a member of our Monthly Donor Club*
- *A gift of a portion of your IRA's required minimum distribution*
- *Gifts of grain*
- *Remembering Divine Word with a gift in your will*

If you would like more information about any of these opportunities, please contact Mark Singsank at 563-876-0097 or singsank@dwci.edu.

Thank you very much for your financial support and prayers throughout the year. ***You make our mission possible!***



You never know what you'll face at the DWC Benefit Golf Outing. In the best-shot tournament, Fr. Thang Hoang, SVD, rector of DWC, shows his best bowling form in this "putt" to the hole.



Two days after the old dorm-room mattresses were sent on their way, student workers bring in new ones to replace them, thanks to the generous support of benefactors.