Lawrence Family Development Charter School was founded in 1995 by visionary board leaders of Lawrence Family Development & Education Fund, Inc., its Executive Director, Patricia Foley Karl and a group of Latino parents—new immigrants seeking a school that would value their heritage and fulfill the promises of achievement and success in their new country, the United States of America.

Students who enroll at LFDCS face the challenges of a community with serious economic, environmental and educational poverty.

Our two-year kindergarten program instills the readiness skills and language base to learn and excel in a rigorous standards-based curriculum through grade 8.

Our eighth graders are prepared for high school admission to excellent independent and parochial secondary schools with strong college preparatory programs.

Each year 100% of our eighth graders take on the challenge of applying to selective secondary schools with more than 70% earning admission to a path that will allow them to reach for their dreams and realize the full promise of their potential.

With 93% of our students’ families at or below the federal poverty level, our students need more than good grades and high test scores to accept admission and move forward on a path towards higher education and a positive future.

Without significant financial assistance to match financial aid offered by high schools, our students cannot say “yes” to the admissions they have earned.

The PFK Scholarship Fund raises scholarship dollars that make vigorous secondary education possible and keep the doors open for our graduates.

Scholarship funds are essential to bridging the gap in financial aid and the cost of tuition which is far beyond the capacity of our families to afford.

Your gift will support the education of motivated, talented students, helping them realize their full potential as they “reach for the stars.”
Lawrence Family Development Charter School
Raising Standards...
Raising Expectations...
Raising Scholarships...

CHANGING THE FUTURE!

"Mi niño, algún día usted a tocar las estrellas"
"My child, some day you will touch the stars"

Trinidad Gutierrez

These words are the vision for our school as we encourage every child to reach beyond where they are to where they could be.

Since 1995, we have promised the families who entrusted us with their children’s education that we would provide an education and an environment built on high expectations for academic achievement. Your gift to the PFK Scholarship Fund will open doors to outstanding secondary schools for our graduates in their quest to “Reach for the Stars.”

The true promise of America’s potential will only be found when every child has the opportunity for an education that allows them to reach their full potential and prepares them for excellence and success throughout their life.

PATRICIA FOLEY KARL

The PFK Scholarship Fund

Ensuring that our students can “Reach for the Stars”

Raising scholarship dollars for today’s students and endowing scholarships for the future

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Thank you for supporting the promise and potential of our students now and for the future.

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