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St. Joseph, St. Patrick schools receive scholarship money

More than \$17,000 in scholarship money has been dedicated to help qualified families who attend St. Joseph School in Mechanicsburg and St. Patrick School in Carlisle.

"Today is a day for us to receive and to give, to receive this generous gift and to give thanks to those who made it possible," said the Rev. Chester Snyder, pastor of St. Joseph Parish, during a check presentation Thursday.

Representatives from the two schools, Associated Wholesalers, Inc., the Bridge Educational Foundation and Pennsylvania state government gathered in the gymnasium of St. Joseph School for the presentation of \$17,088 in scholarship money donated by Associated Wholesalers and Shurfine Supermarkets through the Bridge Educational Foundation and Pennsylvania's Educational Improvement Tax Credit program.

"In these uncertain times, these scholarships are making it possible for families to make educational choices," said Olivia Engleman, manager of training and development for Associated Wholesalers.

The EITC program provides companies with a 75 percent tax credit - 90 percent for a two-year commitment - for funds donated to approved, non-profit scholarship or educational improvement organizations.

"We need to make sure that you get a good education, and that your parents can choose where you go," Rep. Sheryl DeLozier, R-88, said to the students in the audience. "We're going to depend on you later... to make sure you lead us to the next generation."

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