



Northeast Iowa

*Igniting Inclusive Catholic Education*

# 2018 Annual Report



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**SHINE, SPIRIT,**  
**SHINE;**  
*Fill our schools with God's glory;*  
**BLAZE, SPIRIT,**  
**BLAZE;**  
*Set our hearts on fire.*  
**FLOW, RIVER,**  
**FLOW;**  
*Flood our parishes with grace and mercy;  
Send forth your Spirit, Lord,  
And let there be* **LIGHT**



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## Our Mission:

FIRE Foundation of Northeast Iowa's mission is to provide children with special needs the opportunity for an inclusive Catholic education in their home parish schools.



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## New FIRE Partner Schools (FY18)

- Newman, Mason City
- St. Athanasius, Jesup
- St. Edward, Waterloo
- St. Francis De Sales, Ossian
- St. Joseph, New Hampton
- Xavier High School, Cedar Rapids

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## Congratulations to our FY18 FIREball Inclusion Leaders

- Ally Callanan, Xavier, Cedar Rapids
- Heidi Kriener, St. Joseph, New Hampton
- Amanda Neff, St. Edward, Waterloo
- Vicki Ries, Newman, Mason City

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## Congratulations to our FY18 FIREd Up About Inclusion School

- Newman, Mason City

## Dear Friends and Supporters of Inclusive Catholic Education:

As we reflect on the highlights of fiscal year 2018 and look forward to the opportunities that lie ahead, our hearts are set on FIRE. Through the generosity of donors, the dedication of outstanding educators and the energy of volunteers, FIRE's flame is illuminating the hearts, minds and spirits of our youngest generation. We are humbled by the blessings, surprises and opportunities the Holy Spirit presents to us as we strengthen and expand the impact of FIRE's mission.

It is our hope that the results of our efforts set your hearts on FIRE as our mission of inclusion encourages more young people to live the Truth of the Gospel more fully — with love, respect and care for their peers.

Here are some highlights of FY18:

- FIRE Foundation of Northeast Iowa granted \$20,000.00 to Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Dubuque further expanding opportunities for inclusive Catholic education in Northeast Iowa.
- FIRE Foundation of Northeast Iowa welcomed six FIRE partner schools.
- FIRE Foundation of Northeast Iowa recognized four FIREball Inclusion Leaders and one FIREd Up About Inclusion School.

We ask for your prayers as we continue this journey — that FIRE may continue to be blessed with sufficient resources to help schools open their doors and hearts to students with special learning needs. We remain grateful and hopeful that your hearts are set on FIRE as we respond to ever-growing requests for support.

In Peace and Gratitude,

Teresa Schmitz  
Co-Founder of FIRE Foundation of Northeast Iowa

