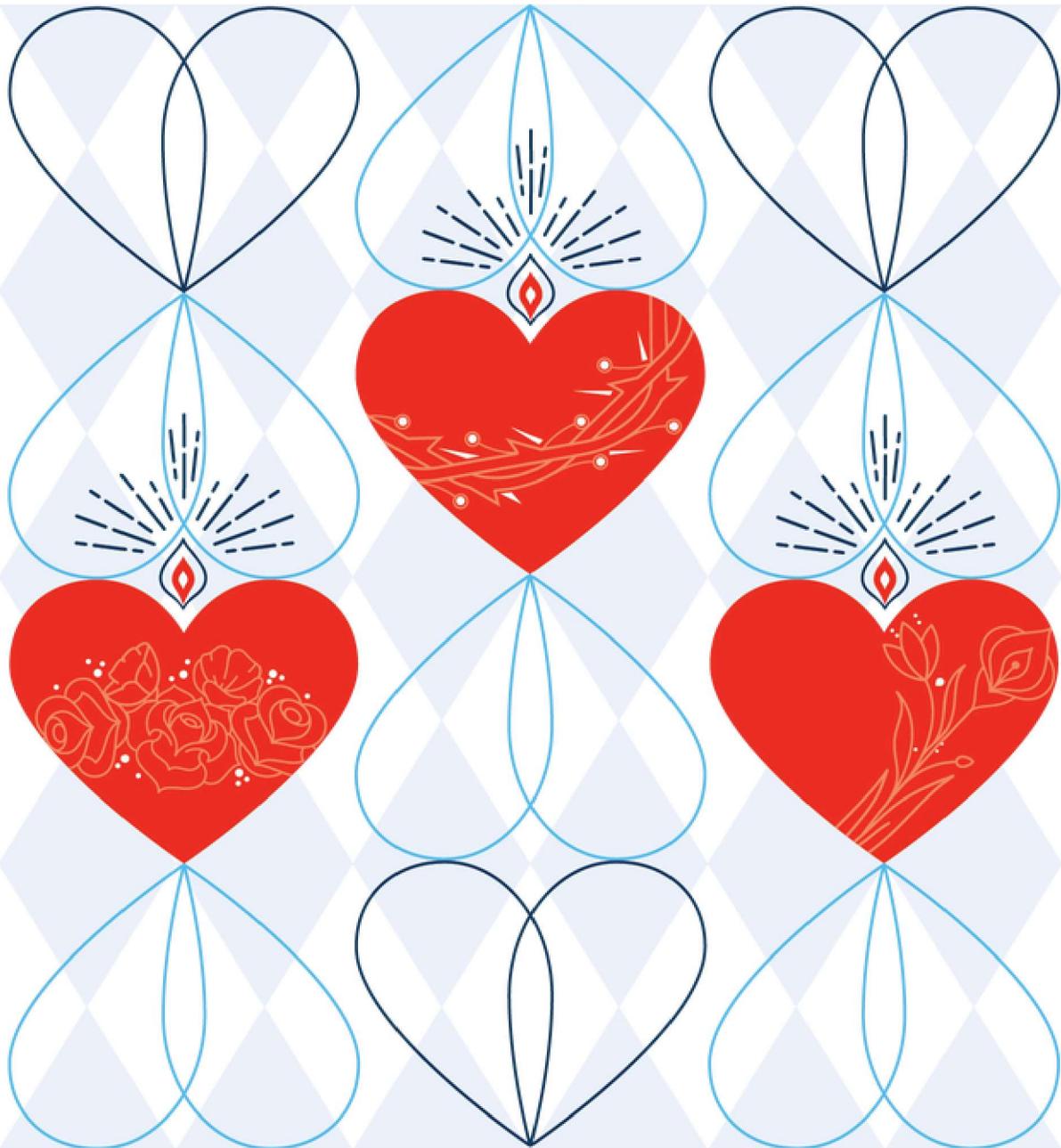


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HEARTS ON FIRE

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Thank you for being the **HEART** on **FIRE** to ignite this important work and for supporting this mission.

FIRE NE Iowa's Impact by the Numbers

8 YEARS

FIRE NE Iowa has supported inclusive Catholic education

15 SCHOOLS

received grants to strengthen inclusive Catholic education

1,300

students' lives enriched by inclusive Catholic education

\$188,000

awarded to support inclusive Catholic education practices

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Igniting Inclusive Catholic Education

We're on a **MISSION** to support students and schools.

Our mission is to champion the inclusion of students with disabilities in Catholic schools by providing educational resources, fundraising, and promoting a culture of belonging.

We've got a **VISION** for the future.

Our vision is Catholic school students with disabilities are welcomed, supported, and valued.

Who benefits from **FIRE Foundation of Northeast Iowa**?

In a word - **everyone!** Some disabilities are visible. Others are not. Some students require additional support daily. Others need assistance only occasionally. What matters most is that students have access to support when they need it. FIRE NE Iowa helps schools provide resources and support so students can succeed and make progress towards goals. Inclusion makes learning better for ALL students and provides a perfect opportunity for living our Catholic faith daily.

Inclusion best practices benefit **EVERYONE.**

- Increased appreciation and acceptance of individual differences.
- Greater academic outcomes and meaningful friendships.
- All students' needs are better met when there are greater resources for all.
- Prepares all students for adult life in an inclusive society.
- You will not only touch the hearts of students and their families, but those of the entire community.



Shaping hearts in **SPECIAL WAYS.**

When you support the FIRE Foundation of Northeast Iowa, you make it possible for students with disabilities and special needs to learn exciting new things and discover their talents alongside their peers and siblings at Catholic schools. Inclusion is about much more than learning math, science, and reading. It's about shaping the hearts of learners in special ways. Your gift to the FIRE Foundation of Northeast Iowa fosters friendships built on compassion, understanding, and love. Having a heart for FIRE means appreciating the value each individual brings to the world.

When you support the FIRE Foundation of Northeast Iowa, you ignite **LEARNING, LOVE, and ACCEPTANCE.**

“ The essential task of authentic education at every level is not simply that of passing on knowledge, essential as this is, but also of **SHAPING HEARTS.** ”

—POPE BENEDICT XVI

When you invest in FIRE NE Iowa, **YOU** make it possible for schools to:

- Hire paraprofessionals who provide appropriate support to students.
- Hire special educators who guide instruction, so students meet goals.
- Acquire technology, curriculum, and adaptive equipment that enhance learning.
- Offer professional development and training so educators can address students' unique challenges more effectively.
- Continue opening the doors of Catholic schools to new students with disabilities and learning differences.

