



“But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations.”
Psalm 33:11



IT WASN'T OUR PLAN

When the oldest of my four children was in 8th grade at one of the South Suburban Christian schools, our plan for the following year was to send her to one of the local public high schools to complete her education. Our budget was already tight paying tuition for our children. Continuing on to South Christian High school seemed impossible. We never entertained the idea of South Christian as an option, even though my husband and I are both alumni.

About halfway through her 8th grade year, the Lord spoke to me. “See how much it costs.” I was stubborn. I reasoned that our budget did not have room, we had already missed the 8th grade student open house at South, and it wasn't our plan. But still, God kept nudging me. Around Christmas, I told my husband that we needed to pray about South Christian as an option. He was shocked, “Where is this coming from? That wasn't the plan!” But we prayed about it. I remember my husband praying that if this is what we are supposed to do, please let it hit us like a rock! But God, with his divine sense of humor, sent pebbles. It began when we attended an

orientation at the local public high school. My husband, my daughter and I all sat through the perfectly nice presentation. As we left, my husband said “I was hoping I would like that more.” We all felt the same way. There was absolutely nothing wrong with the school or their presentation, but we all got the feeling that they didn't care if she attended or not. Shortly after that, not one, but two beloved teachers at our school approached us on separate occasions about South Christian. One of our daughter's middle school teachers told us that although he knew SCHS wasn't our plan, he thought he should tell us the ways he thought our daughter would thrive there.

Between our experience at the public high school and our experiences with the teachers at our elementary school, I came to realize that I am not paying for the education. Don't get me wrong, Christian classes are important, but I am paying for the amazing Christian teachers who are teaching my children. Teachers who want exactly what we want for our children: for them to love and serve Jesus Christ. It is hard to put a price on that.

Finally, I had an interaction with a customer at my part-time job. I knew he had kids at a South Suburban Christian school and when I told him that my 8th grader may not enroll in South, he was kind and politely asked why. When I told him that it didn't fit into our budget, he encouraged me to look into tuition assistance. The tuition assistance program was easy to apply for and the staff at South Christian answered the many questions I had. We were pleased to find that even with our tight budget, the assistance we received made paying the tuition attainable.

Our fourth child is a freshman at South Christian this year, and God has continued to bless us through the school. Each of our children has had different interests and abilities, and we have been delighted that there has been a place for all of them at South Christian with teachers and coaches and directors and counselors who want them to thrive and succeed and most of all, want them to develop a deep love for Jesus Christ.

~ SCHS Parent

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We are very grateful for the generous SCHS community. Please consider how you can assist families like the one noted above when making a commitment to Tuition Assistance.

Please consider promptly responding to this appeal. To assist us in raising the needed funds, **we have partnered with J. Milito & Associates** to make follow-up calls beginning in April on behalf of South Christian.

For more information, contact Sandy Dobbs, Development Director at sdobbs@schs.org.