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FIRE Foundation Funding Local Support for Catholic Education for Students with Disabilities

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The FIRE Foundation of NH, an affiliate of FIRE Foundation, was established in 2019 to support families who desire a Catholic education for their children with disabilities in New Hampshire. As a result of this funding from Lilly Endowment, Inc., the Fire Foundation of NH will be better positioned to build the capacity of Catholic K-12 schools and educators to welcome and support students with disabilities.

“The Fire Foundation of NH is grateful to Lilly Endowment, Inc. for its generous support that will surely have a positive impact in our local communities statewide,” says Christine Duffley, NH Director. “We look forward to assisting even more families achieve their Catholic education goals for their students with disabilities as a result.”

To share information about this opportunity, Friends of FIRE will offer two upcoming informational meetings on Wednesday, October 18, from 5 to 7pm in Manchester and on Thursday, October 26, from 5 to 7pm in Sunapee.

For details and to register, contact Christine Duffley at christine@firefoundationnh.com or 603-234-1060. More information is online at firefoundationnh.com.

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About FIRE Foundation

FIRE was founded in 1996 by parents who shared a common dream; for their children with special needs to attend their parish schools with siblings and friends and to experience the benefits of Catholic education. Since that time, through the efforts of parents, dedicated educators and countless volunteers who embrace inclusive Catholic education, more than \$7 million has been granted to partner schools in the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph (MO) to support inclusive Catholic education.

About Lilly Endowment Inc.

Lilly Endowment Inc. is a private foundation created in 1937 by J.K. Lilly Sr. and his sons Eli and J.K. Jr. through gifts of stock in their pharmaceutical business, Eli Lilly and Company. While those gifts remain the financial bedrock of the Endowment, it is a separate entity from the company, with a distinct governing board, staff and location. In keeping with the founders' wishes, the Endowment supports the causes of community development, education and religion and maintains a special commitment to its hometown, Indianapolis, and home state, Indiana. A principal aim of the Endowment's religion grant-making is to deepen and enrich the lives of Christians in the United States, primarily by seeking out and supporting efforts that enhance the vitality of congregations and strengthen the pastoral and lay leadership of Christian communities. The Endowment also seeks to improve public understanding of diverse religious traditions by supporting fair and accurate portrayals of the role religion plays in the United States and across the globe.