



## Become a Friend of FIRE

Since 1996, the FIRE Foundation, a non-profit 501(c)(3) charity, has enabled children with special needs to attend Kansas City-St. Joseph diocese schools, including St. Pius X High School, by providing essential financial grants. FIRE grants subsidize the costs of special education services in an inclusive educational setting for children with special needs including Down syndrome, autism, and many more. Typically developing students with mild learning disabilities also benefit from the financial support provided by FIRE through services offered by special education teachers and resource rooms.

The need for FIRE grows exponentially each year. For example, autism now affects 1 of every 68 children and 1 of every 42 boys. More children will be diagnosed with autism this year than AIDS, diabetes and cancer combined. Historically, FIRE activities have been coordinated locally in individual schools by the "Friends of FIRE" (FOF) – a group comprised predominantly by parents of children with special needs. As the need for FIRE assistance grows, so too must the "Friends of Fire."

St. Pius X High School has a proud tradition of supporting many worthy ministries, both local and global, including FIRE. However, FIRE is a unique ministry in that it directly benefits some of the most vulnerable children in our own parish. **If a purely local ministry appeals to you, FIRE would like to invite you to formally join this ministry as a "Friend of FIRE."**

As a "FOF" your time commitment may be as little or as much as you would like. Support is needed for many different activities – small and large. If you are interested in becoming a Friend of FIRE simply *return this form to Krista Daniels at kdaniels@stpiusxhs-kc.com* and indicate any activities that you would be interested in.

**\_\_\_ I would like to become a Friend of FIRE (FOF)**

I would like to share my talents in the following way(s) – check all that apply:

\_\_\_ FIRE School Liaison – To facilitate communications and activity amongst other parents at (insert school name here), FIRE is looking for one or two individuals to serve as a FIRE Liaison for the 2016-17 school year.

- \_\_\_ Organize a group to attend FIRE Ball
- \_\_\_ Participate in FIRE Ball Week bake sale
- \_\_\_ Participate in FIRE Ball Week activities
- \_\_\_ Organize a foursome for FIRE Golf Tourney
- \_\_\_ Any capacity needed
- \_\_\_ Attend FIRE Ball
- \_\_\_ Sell FIRE Ball Raffle Tickets after Mass
- \_\_\_ Donate FIRE Ball Auction items
- \_\_\_ Make a tax deductible donation
- \_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for supporting inclusive Catholic education. For more information, go to: [firefoundation.org](http://firefoundation.org) or contact Julie Rose, [rose@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:rose@diocesekcsj.org)/816.756.1858 x 252.