



## ABOUT THE NEWSLETTER:

This issue provides financial insights, member stories, local partnerships and upcoming events happening in your region.

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## Thrivent Celebrates Educators and Serves Cubs Charities

On June 22, 2019 over 115 Thrivent members and community friends gathered for a Chicago Cubs Educator Appreciation event hosted at Wrigley Field.

Thrivent Member Network- Chicagoland Region raised over \$2,500 and packed 300 Youth Summer Sport Kits benefiting **Cubs Charities** and children in need across Chicagoland.

Each kit included a sports bag, water bottle, volunteer coloring book, crayons, sunglasses, sunscreen and healthy snacks for kids to thrive in their summer sport.

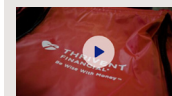
Thrivent Action Teams and Choice Dollars have allowed organizations, like Cubs Charities, to receive mission and service support. Being wise with money allows Thrivent members to live generously so register for your Action Teams and designate Choice Dollars today!



Thrivent members living generously in support of Cubs Charities.

Check out our recap video and photo gallery of the Chicago Cubs Educator Appreciation Day event below.

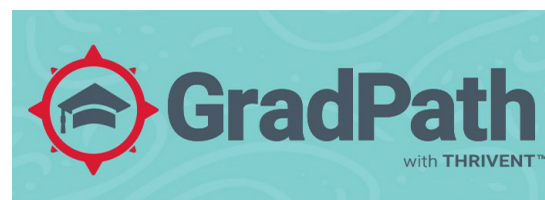
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## Crowdfunding Tool Helps Students



With \$1.5 trillion in student debt, there's no doubt that we are in the midst of a student debt crisis. Students and their families everywhere are struggling to cover the rising costs of college. That's

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where **Thrivent Student Resources** comes in. We offer a thriving hub of tools and resources to help students achieve their college dreams with as little debt as possible.

As part of this hub of resources, we've created **GradPath**, a new crowdfunding platform created to connect students with their communities and help offset the cost of college. 100% of the money donated to a student's GradPath campaign goes directly to him or her as part of our commitment to helping students get an education without getting in excessive debt.

How does it work? Students create a GradPath campaign where they're able to share their story, create a budget, and share updates with donors. After creating the campaign, students invite friends and family to share advice and to give generously to their campaign. After raising the funds they need through donations, students use that money for their educational needs and then share their story and empower other students to do the same!

GradPath is just another way Thrivent Student Resource is turning the old way of paying for college on its head. As a division of Thrivent Financial, we bring the not-for-profit mindset to everything we do. Because when we work together, we can thrive together.

## #LiveGenerously

January – June 2019, members across our Thrivent Member Network – Chicagoland Region led 2,137 Thrivent Action Teams and 6,781 members directed \$1,512,679 in Thrivent Choice Dollars® to churches and causes they care about. Thrivent Members and friends have also donated 25,528 volunteer hours to Thrivent Faith Builds in partnership with Habitat for Humanity and raised \$13,285 in support of the Habitat mission. Just think about the difference this makes in your church and community. Way to Live Generously!

### Be a part of our Quarter 3 highlighted results!

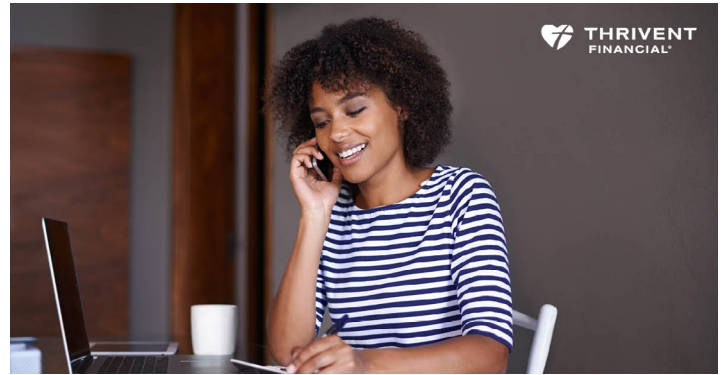
Request and complete a **Thrivent Action Team**. For eligible members, direct **Thrivent Choice Dollars** to a church or nonprofit organization you are passionate about.



Have you directed **Thrivent Choice Dollars**®?

Use your Thrivent Action Teams and Choice Dollars today!

## Stay Connected!



Bookmark our website and "Like" our Facebook page!

Visit our **Thrivent Member Network website** and "Like" us on **Facebook** to stay up to date on events, initiatives and news!

Much of our member communication is via email. Please update or add your email address by logging on to your Thrivent account at [Thrivent.com](http://Thrivent.com) > manage my profile > update personal information.

Ensure communication is set to "email" for Thrivent Member Network mail: manage my profile > update communication choices > participation options > Thrivent Member Network mail > select email.

You can also call 800-847-4836 for direct support.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For additional events, details or to RSVP, visit our website [connect.thrivent.com/chicagoland-tmn](http://connect.thrivent.com/chicagoland-tmn) or email [ChicagolandTMN@thrivent.com](mailto:ChicagolandTMN@thrivent.com).

### AUGUST

#### 28 Thrive Book Club: Overcomer

Join us for an online discussion regarding our Thrive Book Club summer read, *Overcomer* by Aubrey Sampson. Participants in this online event will receive complimentary registration to the November Grit & Grace Women's Gathering in Naperville, IL!

Online Webinar, 12 – 1 p.m. (CST)

Register today!

### SEPTEMBER

#### 24 THRIVE! Series Webinar: Catherine Byers Breet – Network With Ease

Learn strategies and tips for developing your networking skills and relationships from a nationally recognized speaker.

Online Webinar, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. (CST)

Register today!

### OCTOBER

#### 7-11 Robin Mueller Retirement Workshops

Thrivent Member Network is excited to welcome back nationally recognized speaker Robin Mueller to learn about retirement and social security strategies. Thrivent members will enjoy a complimentary meal, are welcome to bring a guest, and lunch and dinner event options will be available in IL and IN.

IL and IN event locations, lunch and dinner options available

Registration coming soon! Visit our [website](#) and [Facebook](#) page for details.

### NOVEMBER

#### 1 Grit & Grace Women's Gathering

Thrive Book Club summer registrants receive complimentary access to the Grit & Grace Women's Gathering featuring author and speaker, Aubrey Sampson. Aubrey will be discussing what it means to be an overcomer. The night will include music, door prizes, desserts, refreshments and connecting with other women.

Naperville, IL, 7– 9:30 p.m. (CST)

Registration coming soon! Visit our [website](#) and [Facebook](#) page for details.

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