

The Flame

Development Newsletter—Sep/Oct 2006

...fan into flame the gift of God. 2 Timothy 1:6



MISSION:

TRINITY'S DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM PROVIDES STABILITY FOR THE SCHOOL BY SECURING PRIVATE, PHILANTHROPIC SUPPORT FOR ITS PROGRAMS. OUR MISSION IS TO FULLY DEVELOP TRINITY'S FACILITIES AND PROPERTIES TO ENABLE EACH STUDENT TO BETTER UNDERSTAND WHY GOD CREATED THEM .

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Striving for the Goal: 2005-06 Fiscal Year Summary

Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good for all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." Galatians 6:10

Trinity Christian School would not be able to accomplish its mission without God's provision and the generous support of its family and friends. Financial contributions beyond tuition make a meaningful difference for our students, faculty, and staff. These contributions not only help us meet our operational and capital costs, but ultimately help keep the cost of tuition down.

Trinity is truly a resource for the community made possible by the community. This is demonstrated by the broad base of financial support that we receive through our Development Program. The following summary provides a snapshot of what was made possible with the generous contributions of our community, family and friends. We thank all of you who partnered with us throughout the following year and hope that you will continue to work with us. It takes more than a dream to meet the desires parents have for their children's education. It takes a collec-



Elementary students work on new computers in the computer lab made possible through a grant from the Ruby Foundation.

tive effort among parents, the school, the church and the community to convert desires into reality. Real dreams depend on real people and real resources. And our continued efforts depend on you!

2005-06 Facts and Figures

1,300 gifts from 435 different donors for \$556,262

Gifts from 364 different individual donors

Gifts from 71 different businesses/organizations

The largest single gift was \$35,000 and the average gift was \$427.89

Gifts from 17 States in the U.S. and 111 Zip Codes

Gifts from 5 Foundations for \$36,125

Gifts from 11 Churches for \$39,615

871 gifts from 306 donors for \$315,768.74 to the Annual Operational Fund

152 gifts to Capital funds for \$170,596.94

140 gifts from 96 donors for \$20,496.50 to the Moriah Holbert Memorial Playground

Trinity offers a variety of giving opportunities throughout the year to promote the development of our staff and faculty, school programs and the enhancement of facilities. TCS is a non-profit 501 (C) (3) organization and donations are tax-deductible as allowed by law. Contact us for additional information on how you can help make Trinity stronger. THANKS!

Capital Campaign:
Today's Dreams can be tomorrow's reality

When you invest in education, you are investing in the future. At Trinity, we are partnering with students and parents to build the future by making today's dreams become tomorrow's realities. And we are doing that one mind at a time, one heart at a time, one life at a time, and one brick at a time. One is not a very big number! But it when you start adding all the minds, hearts, lives, and bricks together, it all adds up to make a big difference.

It takes many resources to operate a school. Our annual operating budget is \$1.8 million! Much of that is met through tuition and fees. But it still requires private donations as well to keep the cost of education down. The same is true for our facilities. Private support funds 100% of the \$11 million it took to build our new facility. We have brought in nearly \$2 million towards that over the past 2 years. But our repayment of the 9 million-dollar tax-exempt municipal bonds we used to build the school begins this November and we need to continue to add new partners from our community so that we can realize dreams that might not otherwise be attainable. Our annual payment will be approximately \$630,000-\$650,000 (depending on interest rates). The payments include monthly and quarterly payments as well as a lump sum payment at the end of the year (November 2007) so the exact amount due changes. But ultimately, we need to bring in \$650,000 (\$55,000 per month to service the bond. Our goal is not just making the minimum payments, but to bring in enough

gifts and pledges to service the debt and apply extra to the principal and eliminate our capital debt in a reduced time-frame instead of the full term of the loan.

Nine million dollars is a lot of money! How do you raise that kind of money? Obviously we need some BIG donors and we are working on some major initiatives with several major prospective donors. But we also need mid- level and lower level donors to make this possible. When you look at a conventional gift chart (shown below) that shows the number of gifts you need at various levels to raise a given amount of money, you can see that there is a level for everyone.

We realize that there are only a few million dollar and up donors. The same applies to those with the ability to give \$100,000-\$250,000. But as the dollar amount decreases, the number of prospects increases. We need you if you have a million dollars to give or \$100,000, or \$50,000. But we also need you if you have \$1,000, \$100, or even \$1. **The important thing is that EVERYONE PARTICIPATE!** It all adds up and together we can make today's dreams tomorrow's realities. God will accomplish this campaign one dollar at a time with one person at a time. But if we each add our brick, imagine what a school we can build! Please prayerfully consider making your pledge today!

"Where there is no vision, the people perish." Proverbs 29:18

Be a part of the vision by making your gift or pledge to the Capital Campaign TODAY!

Trinity Christian School \$10,000,000 Capital Campaign Table of Gifts Needed				
Prospects	Gifts	Gift Range	Total	Running Total
3	1	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
3	1	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$1,750,000
6	2	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	\$2,750,000
12	4	\$250,000	\$1,000,000	\$3,750,000
36	12	\$100,000	\$1,200,000	\$4,950,000
60	20	\$75,000	\$1,500,000	\$6,450,000
90	30	\$50,000	\$1,500,000	\$7,950,000
120	40	\$25,000	\$1,000,000	\$8,950,000
225	75	\$10,000	\$75,000	\$9,700,000
Many		\$1-9,999	\$300,000	\$10,000,000

Plan Ahead

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PLANNED GIVING

A common way of giving to the School is with an outright gift of cash, securities, real estate or personal property. These gifts offer the distinct advantage of being immediately available to assist the School. However, based on your current financial circumstances, an outright gift may not be possible. Planned or deferred gifts provide special opportunities to enhance educational excellence at the School. This can be accomplished by including Trinity Christian School in your financial and estate plans. In addition to tax advantages, making a deferred gift allows you to support the School without jeopardizing current or future income.

Examples of Planned Gifts

- Bequests and Wills
- Charitable Trusts and Gift Annuities
- Life Insurance
- Retirement Plans

Note: Planned Gifts may be preferable from an estate, financial, and tax planning perspective. The tax treatment of these gifts varies, so consult your tax or financial adviser.