

The Flame

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...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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Mountain Climbing at Trinity Now Available

Did you know that we have a mountain climbing team at Trinity? We all have to climb mountains, whether we want to or not. There are mountains of trouble, of debt, of health to be regained or relationships to be restored. And there are mountains of operating support and capital campaigns. If you are one of our prayer partners, have a student at the school, support the school financially or are one of our friends, then you are on the team!

When you gaze upon your mountain it can be quite daunting. You may question whether you could ever make it to the top. They say that you do it one step at a time but you wonder if you really have the strength to take all of those steps. It takes a lot of steps to climb a \$12 million mountain! Fortunately, God has promised strength for the next step as well as a secure foothold for each step we take.

Right now I am not even focusing on the top of the mountain, I just want to make it to the next plateau. That would

represent our bond payment in November as well as the monthly and quarterly interest payments. That equals a \$245,000 principal payment as well as a quarterly interest payment of approximately \$26,000, and monthly interest payments of approximately \$26,000-30,000 per month. That means we need \$350,000-\$410,000 to meet our commitments that are due in November.

That is huge mountain to climb but it can be done—"for nothing is impossible with God" (Luke 1:37). He has already taken us part of the way up the mountain. We are not at the bottom. While we have a long way to climb, He has helped us move significantly. Since 2004, we have brought in over \$4 million in private contributions with \$2.77 million of that being towards our capital campaign! God has been moving ahead of us to make a path as we climb. If we continue to focus on Him and fervently pray and seek His will, He will be faithful to deliver us to this next plateau and ultimately to the top of the mountain. This mountain looms over us like a GIANT!

But don't focus on the mountain, focus on God! When we focus on giants, we stumble. But when we focus on God, giants tumble. Ask David!

We have several significant proposals that are currently under consideration. Please pray that these will be given positive consideration. We continue to advance relationships with current, as well as potential new donors. Pray that God will bless these relationships. And we are in the midst of planning a Campaign Banquet this autumn for leaders throughout the surrounding community. This is an exciting opportunity to add new members to our family. And we have an exciting new program (see story on next page) that will enable all of us to take the flame God has given us and "go light our world!" This is a mountain worth climbing because there is a place of refuge, safety, hope and love at the top. Let's all join hands and climb together.

Lord, give us grace to trust you for strength for the next step, knowing that with you we can conquer every mountain. Amen.



Beautiful Music

Band Receives Grant From Robert H. Mollohan Family Charitable Foundation

The Trinity Christian School Band will be making more beautiful music this year thanks to a grant of \$5,000 from the Robert H. Mollohan Family Charitable Foundation, Inc. which is located in Fairmont, WV. Their Community Outreach Grant has enabled the band to acquire some additional instruments.

When asked about the impact of this grant, Mike Staud, Trinity's Band Director gave the following report: *"As a band grows in size, the need to purchase and maintain instruments can overwhelm any band program. We are fortunate to have been awarded this grant. We purchased a baritone saxophone and a bass clarinet to strengthen our low woodwind section. We are blessed."*

We thank the Mollohan Foundation for their support and look forward to hearing these new instruments make a joyful noise!

Trinity Torchbearer Program

In the past three years, Trinity has endured a period of growing pains as it has doubled the number of students, moved from trailers to a state of the art modern campus, and gone from grades six through twelve to pre-kindergarten through twelve! Miracles continue to happen and the students continue to excel spiritually, as well as in academics and sports, locally and nationally.

In the meantime, though, a lot of us have grown tired and weary, especially of the enormous financial burden and the need to preserve the School's vision. The fire for Christian education that initially burned within us has turned to a mere flicker as a result, and the joy of the ministry has almost been lost! As usual, this is when Christ comes to the rescue. He not only wants to rekindle our fire; He wants to restore our first love and our joy! You can do this by becoming a Torch Bearer for Trinity. As we regain our first love, our joy and our burning fire for Trinity, we need to carry our torches and go help light someone else's fire. The commitment is simple, yet powerful: As a Torch Bearer, you are asked to commit to one, two or preferably all three of the following challenges:

Pray at least __ minute (s) per day for Trinity

Give at least \$__ per day in support of Trinity

Tell at least __ person (s) per month about Trinity

You can pick up your commitment card as well as cards to share with others at the office. God bless you as you ponder how to share your blessings with others.



Pennies Add Up!

Raise support for TCS just by searching the Internet

How many times a day do you, your kids or your co-workers do a search on the Internet? The answer is many times. What if Trinity could earn a penny every time you searched the Internet? Well, now we can!

GoodSearch.com is a new search engine that donates half its revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. You use it just as you would any search engine, and it's powered by Yahoo!, so you get great results. Just go to www.goodsearch.com and be sure to enter Trinity Christian School (Morgantown, WV) as the charity you want to support.

We have been doing this at the school since last December. We started off with a bang and then it slowed due to some technical problems with our webfilter software (now fixed). Since then we have made over \$200. But how much can we make if all of us plus our friends and family start using GoodSearch? Just 500 of us searching four times a day will raise about \$7300 in a year without anyone spending a dime! So be sure to spread the word! The more of us who are participating, the more pennies that add up to provide our kids with a great Christian education!

