



LANSING CHRISTIAN SCHOOL  
FOUNDATION

## Update for the LCS Board August 12, 2009

I want to start by sharing a true story with you, so that you can thank God for His provision AND be reminded how He can use everything to advance His Kingdom.

A couple had been talking and praying about changing their estate plans to enable Lansing area children to learn in a Christian environment. They didn't know there was a Lansing Christian School. Meanwhile, the husband needed to see an orthopedic surgeon. The surgeon's office was on Pinetree. On their way home, the husband and his wife noticed Lansing Christian School. They called LCS when they arrived at home and Olivia Lowe answered the phone. She graciously answered their many questions. When I followed up the next day, they asked to come see the school. The wife, a retired Lansing school teacher, was especially impressed with our staff, facilities, our programs, and especially our proximity to Lansing. Our discussions revealed that we knew many of the same people in the Christian community. In the weeks following their visit they asked many people in the community about LCS. They confirmed what they wanted to know: that we do make a difference in the lives of our students. Fast forwarding to the end of the story: we now have new monthly supporters, advocates of the school, and expect an estate gift of approximately \$500,000. What a blessing this couple is and a great reminder that God is working on our behalf in ways we can't imagine.

We received 19 gifts totaling \$67,543; in kind \$8,300 during the period of July 9 – August 12, 2009. The majority of the contributions were pledge payments for the new scholarships.

The Foundation board had their strategic planning retreat last weekend. The full plan will be finalized in the weeks ahead, but following are the Foundation's strategic goals for the next four months:

- Raise \$450K of non-designated contributions
- Document six planned gifts
- Raise \$25K towards the endowment fund
- Meet with top 50 donors
- Clarify and document the Foundation's purpose and structure
- Conduct a meeting of the Foundation and School Board presidents
- Present Foundation purpose and structure to School board
- Establish the Marketing & Communications Committee
- Develop staffing plan

### Foundation Board members – ACTION NEEDED

We continue to work toward a full board of 30 members. LCS Foundation bylaws call for School board **approval** of all new members of the Foundation Board of Directors. We ask for approval of the following individuals which would bring us up to 24 board members:

**Darrin Dodge** – LCS alumni and parent of LCS middle school daughter

**Dr. Clyde Carnegie** – LCS grandparent and long-time Lansing area educator

**Tom Robinson** – LCS alumni parent, former school board member, & Hidden Treasures board rep

With hope in God,

Carol Feuss, Director of Development