

**January 2010
Report to the Board**

*... the LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God
... abounding in love and faithfulness. Exodus 34:6b*

As we are buried in snow and heading toward spring, we are reminded that regardless of the season, God is faithful.

We gratefully celebrated the 275 people and organizations that financially supported Lansing Christian School in 2009. Statements were issued, both with a record of current year gifts, but also of cumulative giving, as recorded in our donor database. This doesn't include the many who donate money, time and materials so quietly that there is no record.

As we look strategically at the future, having a bit of history might be helpful. Here is the total giving (in-kind included) for the last four years.

	Donations	# of donors	
2009	\$1,353,927	275	<i>(includes ~\$500K mortgage gift)</i>
2008	\$1,101,793	257	<i>(includes ~\$400K mortgage gift)</i>
2007	\$ 680,770	258	
2006	\$1,719,687	399	<i>(includes \$1million mortgage gift & small technology gifts)</i>

Following is a summary of the giving history recorded (back to 1987) in our donor database. The number of donors and total gifts reflect cumulative giving. This confirms our strategy of meeting with donors to better understand their passion for LCS and reasons for giving.

GIVING LEVELS	# OF DONORS	TOTAL GIFTS
Contributors: \$0.01 - \$249.99	840	\$ 60,044
Pilgrim Contributors: \$250 - \$999.99	321	\$ 146,444
Steward Contributors: \$1,000 - \$4,999.99	263	\$ 579,811
Carpenter Society: \$5,000 - \$24,999.99	102	\$ 1,144,700
Foundation Society : \$25,000 - \$99,999.99	35	\$ 1,607,852
Cornerstone Society : \$100,000 - \$249,999.99	6	\$ 976,877
Promise Society: \$250,000 - \$999,999.99	6	\$ 2,365,103
Vision Society : \$1,000,000 or more	5	\$ 8,731,388
	1578	\$ 15,612,218

Parent and grandparent volunteers continue to be the backbone of LCS. Thank you again, for devoting your talents and energy to the work of the Foundation – to strengthen LCS today and ensure the ministry of LCS continues in the future.

As discussed at the January board meeting, the focus for the next few months is raising the \$200K for 2010-11 tuition scholarships. The most visible effort is **The Black & Gold Celebration** which will be held at the school on **Thursday, March 18**.

We have a great group of volunteers focusing on **sponsorships, auction donations, ticket & table sales**, transforming the gym and commons into a showcase of “the essence of LCS”, the evening’s program, and getting the word out. The Marketing/Communication committee has taken this on as their major focus over the next month. Thank you for your help in getting sponsors and filling a table. I’ve attached an additional sponsor/donor form and a table/ticket reservation form for your use.

The Planned Giving committee met for the first time in January and came up with several strategies. They will be meeting in the next month, and have materials available for the Black & Gold Celebration.

I’ve attached an updated of the January – March period strategic plan we reviewed at the January board meeting. And, for your calendar, here’s some upcoming dates:

Homecoming – Friday, February 19, 4:30 at LCS

The Black & Gold Celebration – Thursday, March 18, evening, at LCS

Board Meeting & Annual Foundation meeting – May 27, 8:00 – 9:30am, LCS secondary library

Retreat Date – Wednesday, June 9, all day, local location

See you on Thursday, March 18. And, in the meantime, pray for this important event in the life of Lansing Christian.

With hope in God,



Carol Feuss, Director of Development

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