



ANNOUNCING

\$20 to \$50 for L.I.F.E.

(Long-term Investment For Everyone)

@ Ann Arbor Christian School



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Regular Fundraisers

- Each year we typically ask donors to give towards one of four areas at AACCS—reducing the debt, closing the gap, tuition assistance & scholarships, or saving for the future. This year the Board and staff members feel that there are more focused needs at the school.
- In this difficult economy our enrollment has dropped somewhat resulting in the need for cash for the school. You are invited to either give to AACCS via our Fall Giving Campaign which kicks off the week after Thanksgiving (information available in the school office), or participate in an ongoing fundraiser called for L.I.F.E.—not for the rest of your life (although that would be O.K. with us), but rather for L.I.F.E. Over the 17 year history of Ann Arbor Christian School, over \$3.8 million has been donated to the school for the general fund and the building; that's almost \$225,000 per year. As you will be able to see as you read further, for L.I.F.E. seeks to perpetuate this history of investment in Christian education beyond the cost of tuition.

The New Idea

- Encourage AACCS Families and Friends to commit to giving a monthly contribution of \$20 to \$50 to AACCS for Long-term Investment For Everyone. This could be a one year, five year, ten year, or twenty-five year commitment.

What We're Looking For

- We are looking for two hundred fifty (250) donors to commit to giving \$50 per month to AACCS. That would result in \$12,500 a month coming into the school or \$150,000 annually. If families or individual donors (including alumni, former parents, supporters of Christian education, churches, and current families) commit to this, it will mean greater financial stability for AACCS for the years to come while relying on fewer large donations each year.
- We are also looking for additional families to send their children to AACCS. Our school facility can comfortably hold 180 students. With a 2008-2009 enrollment of 143, we can take an additional 37 students. When enrollment reaches 180 students, the school is able to meet its normal financial obligations through tuition. Fundraising can then be used to save for future needs. Last year when our enrollment was at 156 students, donors gave \$136,000 to AACCS. This year our need is greater. At 143 students for 2008-2009, we have a budget shortfall of \$1,189 per child, or \$165,737.
- We are looking for more people to support the unique kind of Christian education that is provided daily at AACCS.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

Use of Funds

- The first \$100,000/year will go to the General Fund (electric bills, propane, staff salaries, etc.)
- The next \$50,000/year will be divided, 50% split evenly between Operating Expenses and Scholarships for disadvantaged AACCS students. Currently the amount for partial scholarships based on demonstrated need is \$40,000 each year. Given the difficult economy for families, the need for this type of assistance is likely to grow in the near future.
- Any amount more (15% of operating budget or over \$150,000, which ever is more) will be applied at the discretion of the AACCS Board of Directors to Long-term debt reduction until satisfied, an Endowment for the School, and/or Capital Expenditures for facility updates, repair, and maintenance.

Giver Recognition

- for L.I.F.E. pin to wear that will promote the school
- Adopt-a-Student Profile of an AACCS student to remember in prayer (parents can choose to have their child participate in this way)
- A for L.I.F.E. letter, an annual letter from their AACCS student witnessing to God's goodness and their gratitude for the donor's gift
- A subscription to AACCS for L.I.F.E., a bi-annual newsletter that focuses on current issues and alumni slice-of-life stories
- Invitation to the Back-to-School Picnic in August
- The for L.I.F.E. web link on the AACCS website (www.AnnArborChristian.org) will include monthly updates on alumni slice-of-life stories and the impact of their giving



Invest in children at AACCS.

Contact the A.A.C.S. Principal at (734) 741-4948 for additional **\$20 to \$50 for L.I.F.E.** information.