The Oakwood School Annual Report 2009-2010

The Oakwood School is deeply grateful to the many donors who are listed in this report. It is through their support that Oakwood surpassed most of its fundraising goals for 2009-2010, while strengthening our friendships as well. These gifts assisted the school to carry out its mission, while offering a tax-deductible charitable contribution to the donors.

An *Annual Fund* was established at Oakwood to bridge the gap between tuition and the actual cost of an Oakwood education. These gifts help provide much needed funding to maintain a balanced operating budget. The Annual Fund 2009-2010 "Miracle Tree," chaired by Brandon and Tamira Tate, received pledges of \$149,000 in unrestricted gifts, with 63% of the parent population contributing. Other contributing groups were the Grandparents, Alums, Faculty, Past Parents, and Friends of Oakwood.

Restricted gifts consistent with the school's mission, goals, and programs are welcomed. These gifts are placed in restricted budget accounts and used only for the designated purpose. Due to the restriction, these gifts are not included in the Annual Fund but are seen as wonderful contributions to the school under the directions of the donor and the school's strategic plan. The restricted gifts received in 2009-2010 included a donation of a new and improved sound system in the Monk Gymnasium. We are all appreciative of this gift given by Mr. and Mrs. William C. Monk of Farmville, lovingly known as Bill and Agnes.

Gifts in kind come in all sizes, large and small. Individuals making gifts to the school of material items is one of the quiet gifts of kindness to the Oakwood community. These are defined as non-cash donations, other than real and personal property. Gifts in kind include such items as equipment, software, printed materials, food or other items used for hosting dinners, etc. The Oakwood community has a strong sense of giving what is needed to get the work done. This is evident in the school's more than 100 noted in kind gifts.

Capital gifts are means of funding larger financial needs of the school. These contributions are designated for building projects, endowment, program enhancement, and debt reduction. While we did not have an active campaign in 2009-2010, we did receive payment on prior Capital Campaign pledges that enabled the school to make payment on our current debt on the buildings and other major assets that our students already enjoy. Periodically, the school embarks on capital campaigns to meet emerging needs for new construction, renovation, endowment, and major equipment purchases.

Please note this document contains names of those who made a gift to the Annual Fund 2009-2010 prior to June 30, 2010. If you have any questions concerning your gift or listing, please call Myra Bowen, Development Director - 252.931.0760 ext. 222.

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