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North Platte Catholic Schools Endowment-Trust, Inc.

Endowment Names Four New Board Members

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Susan Brown Kryzsko was born in Denver, Colorado and has lived in North Platte for the past six years. She and her husband Shane have three daughters who attend McDaid and a new baby boy at home. Susie has her Bachelor's of Science in Nursing from the University of Northern Colorado and worked as a registered nurse for seven years before staying at home to raise her family. The Kryzsko are active members of St. Patrick's Catholic parish.

Dr. Bill Mackley is a native of North Platte. He is a graduate of St. Patrick's High School and received his Doctor of Physical Therapy from Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska. He recently completed a geriatric training program through the University of Nebraska Medical Center's Geriatric Education program. Bill and his wife, Julie have three children who attend McDaid Elementary and the family is actively engaged as members of the St. Patrick's Catholic parish.



Debra O'Malley is a State Farm Insurance Company Auto Claims Specialist in North Platte. Debra and her husband, James have lived in North Platte for several years. She earned her Bachelor of Science Degree from Nebraska Wesleyan University. Of their three children, two attend McDaid Elementary and one is still at home. The O'Malley family attends Holy Spirit Catholic Church.

Dan O'Neill is a native of Sumner, Nebraska and is a graduate of the UNK. He is now the President of Kwik Stop which operates 20 locations. Dan currently serves on the Great Plains Regional Medical Center Foundation Board, the North Platte DEVCO Board of Directors, and is active in Heartland Singers and the North Platte Community Theater. He also sings in the St. Patrick's Parish Choir. Dan and his wife, Judy have three children who attend St. Patrick's and McDaid. The family attends the St. Patrick's Church.



Jim Schneider is Named Director Emeritus

In 1984, Jim Schneider addressed an audience concerning the need to fund the Endowment. He related a story about his father. I quote, "Years ago some one asked my father why he supported St. Pat's Schools in view of the fact both his children were raised before he moved to North Platte. Before answering he remembered when my brother and I attended tuition free several Nebraska Catholic grade schools. His

answer was "because my kids ate a lot of apples off trees I didn't plant."

Jim went on to say that we've all eaten a lot of apples off of trees we didn't plant. For Jim, like his father, sees the Endowment as that apple tree.

As a young attorney, Jim and his wife, Marilyn moved to North Platte and sent all six of their children to St. Pat's and McDaid Catholic Schools.

SCRIP WORKS!

As one of the four founders of the North Platte Catholic Schools Endowment Trust in 1977, Jim has devoted countless hours to its success. For nearly 30 years, the Endowment has continued to sustain the school in these challenging times.



In the same talk he said he often “wondered how our pioneer predecessors successfully supported our schools. The answer hasn’t changed: prayer, works and gifts.

As Director Emeritus, Jim Schneider is remains an active member of the Board but can take off as much time as he wants—retirement on his terms.

Thank you Jim and God Bless!

Endowment Tuition Support

Many thanks to those families who took it upon themselves to make allowances through planned gifts to provide financial assistance to the future generation of students attending our schools.

With the permission of the families who set up the tuition assistance funds, over \$16,000 was made available to help meet the tuition needs of 32 students from 18 of our families.

New Students & Teachers

We have 42 kindergarteners! This is the biggest class in a very long time. To view the kindergarten building, go to www.npcset.org. On the front page, the scroll down box keeps a running tally of the building’s progress.

A very warm welcome to three new teachers: Kim Boyer for English/Speech, Diane Ferguson for the 5th grade, and Letitia Halverson in the 3rd grade.

Memorials

Thank you to families of our beloved dead who requested memorials be sent to the Endowment since July 2005: Mary Euphrasia Delaere Clinch, Donald F. “Don” Brown, Ralph Ericksen, Mary Frances Buhrman, Leonard A. Baumgartner, Patricia Marie Cox, Paul L. Muchlinski, Philip H. Breen, Eleanor M. Wonka, Mary Catherine Leech, and Sharon Elaine Budke.

This fall the Endowment sent a check to the school office for \$5,000 for kindergarten expenses and \$1,111.70 to be used among 66 families who purchased SCRIP from March to July 31.

The popularity of this program is growing. This is 2% of “FREE” money to go towards your families school tuition expenses. If you choose, your 2% will go to the general SCRIP tuition fund to be used for other families. No rocket science here!

SCRIP is available at www.npcset.org under Funding Catholic Education. You can purchase it after Sunday Masses at St. Pat’s and Holy Spirit and at McDaid Elementary during the week.

The \$5,000 for kindergarten reflects additional “FREE” money for our ever growing enrollment.

Doing It Right

A 2006 study of elementary schools commissioned by National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) revealed that, overall, Catholic parents are positive about Catholic elementary schools. Parents believe Catholic schools are better than other schools in terms of moral issues, discipline and academic standards. Parents are most likely to cite the quality religious education, safe environment, quality academic instruction and discipline and order as important in the consideration of a school.

NCEA surveys show that 99.1 percent of students in Catholic high schools graduate. That’s 20 percentage points higher than public schools. Most of these graduates (97 percent) continue their education at two or four year colleges or technical schools.

Last year during Catholic Schools Week US Senate and House of Representatives took note of Catholic schools with SR 364 and noted a broad curriculum “that emphasizes the lifelong development of moral, intellectual, physical and social values in young people.” The in the House, HR 657 noted that Catholic schools “are internationally acclaimed for their academic excellence” and that they “produce students strongly dedicated to their faith, values, families and communities.”

May the Lord Keep Them Close to His Sacred Heart.

GREEN Dinner Auction Raffle—October 28

**Win
This
Car!**



Only 300 raffle tickets will be sold. Your chances are 300 to 1 that you will win this 2007 Ford FOCUS.

You can't get better odds anywhere! Complete the insert sheet and mail it today or go to www.npcset.org, print the raffle form and mail it to the Endowment Office.

A wonderful **GREEN** Night is planned full of fun and excitement. Pictured above are the folks who have worked many hours to make this the best **GREEN** Night ever. From left to right, Jacque Allison, Deb O'Malley, JoAnn Windholz, Jeannie Pieper, Laura Montgomery, Kim Schroll, Krista Heiss, and Pat Keenan.

The Live Auction will be sensational with Duck Hunt, a trip to Hawaii, a trip to Mexico for 4, Tour of the Governor's Mansion, Dinner with Bishop Dendinger, Dismal River Golf Package/Lodging, Manheim Steamroller Trip for 4, half a beef, handcrafted furniture, diamond bracelet, complete computer package, a huge hand made quilt, etc. THEN there is the Super Silent Auction and over a hundred Silent Auction items.

New this year is an ABSENTEE Bid Form. Even if you can't come you can participate. This form is also available at the Endowment web site, www.npcset.org. Remember to can view and download the catalog for the web site. Those of you who will be attending, you will receive an actual catalog.

Remember that **GREEN** is a community event and everyone is invited to participate. We look forward to seeing you at **GREEN**. We have some excellent auction items as well as superior entertainment. It is an enjoyable evening and we encourage you to ask your family and friends to come with you. Invitations were mailed in early October. **See You at GREEN.**



*GREEN 2006 Committee
2007 Ford FOCUS - GREEN Night October 28
Sandhills Convention Center*

St. Pat's National Honor Society Makes Phone-a-thon Calls

Every month during the school year the St. Pat's National Honor Society are involved in community/school projects. This year 15 NHS students participated in the Annual St. Pat's/McDaid Phone-a-thon. Sponsored by the North Platte Catholic Schools Endowment-Trust, they talked with alumni, parents, grandparents, and friends asking for help to raise money to support their school for three evenings held at the First National Bank in North Platte. Together they helped raise \$15,000 in pledges.

Thank you

Jordon Ochs, Josh Allison, Elizabeth Waltman, Danielle Wieseler, Alex Wood, Stevie Swedberg, Kortnei Hoeft, Erin Dobesh, Halley Faulhaber, Mikaela Baxter, Carlos Rivas, Brittany Saner, Alex Jones, Morgan Hall and John Troshynski.

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“The Endowment continues to be our “salvation” on increasing costs Thus it is important for us to do as much as we can to support its fundraising activities.” (Bill McGahn/September’06 School Newsletter). This year the Endowment Annual Fund will provide \$580,423 (1/3 of the cost) to operate St. Pat’s and McDaid. It takes prayer, hard work, and financial sacrifice to keep Catholic schools open in North Platte. (Return envelope enclosed.)

Please accept my gift of \$_____.

I will send this amount annually, quarterly, monthly, as often as I can. (circle one)

_____ I would like information about electronic funds transfers.

_____ I will use VISA or MasterCard (circle one)

_____ Credit Card Number

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