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Raising G.R.E.E.N.

Saturday, November 22nd was a fun and prosperous night for the North Platte Catholic Schools, as the Endowment-Trust hosted the 6th Annual G.R.E.E.N. night. About 340 attendees were treated to a delicious dinner, a myriad of items on both silent and live auctions, and side-splitting entertainment from comedian-impressionist Kier.

A highlight of the evening came when Bishop William Dendinger drew the name of St. Patrick's High School teacher and coach Shelly Byrn as the Lucky Lotto winner.



Byrn, pictured center with husband John and Endow-

ment Director Wendy Dodson said it was a nice surprise that couldn't have come at a better time. The Byrn's purchased their winning ticket at G.R.E.E.N.

Proceeds from G.R.E.E.N. 2009 are expected to surpass \$90,000 and will be used to fund general operations of McDaid and St. Patrick's, Teacher Retirement, and Tuition Assistance. In addition, \$5,000 was donated toward the G.R.E.E.N. Teacher Wish List.

Eighteen instructors submitted requests for items to improve and enhance their classrooms, beyond what the regular school budget can include. Wished items range from band instruments, to technology, to basic classroom supplies like pencil sharpeners and books.

Donations are still being accepted for the Teacher Wish List. To view the list of

items, please visit the Endowment website at www.npcset.org. Donations to the Wish List, or to any Endowment programs can be made online as well.

A special thank you is deserved by the 2008 G.R.E.E.N. committee:

Lewys and Holly Carlini, James and Deb O'Malley, Treg and Cameron Vyzourek, Matt and Kelley Hasenauer, Chad and Leslie Wilbourn, and Dan and Carolyn Riggs.

Special recognition is also given to the many volunteers who gave their time to make G.R.E.E.N. a success. One notable volunteer is Marty Troshynski, who has volunteered his great talent as emcee since G.R.E.E.N.'s inception.

Thank you for your support of this event, and please mark your calendars for G.R.E.E.N. 2009 on October 10th.

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Mark Your Calendars

It's almost like strolling the streets of New Orleans during Mardi Gras... though our version is completely geared toward family-friendly fun. Don't miss Irish Fest 2009 on Sunday, February 22nd in the St. Patrick's gym.

Great food, games, prizes, an auction, raffle and bake sale make Irish Fest a draw for all ages. Please join us Sunday,

February 22nd from 12-3:30 in the St. Pat's gym.

If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Wendy Dodson at 308-534-5959. If you are unable to attend, but would like to support Irish Fest with a financial gift, please submit your donation to: Irish Fest, P.O. Box 57, North Platte, NE 69103.

Also on the calendar this spring is the Endowment's Testimonial Dinner. This event is always a great opportunity to reunite with friends and alumni and celebrate the tradition of excellence in our Catholic Schools. Mark your calendars for the Testimonial Dinner on Saturday, May 2nd. If you're a St. Pat's graduate interested in speaking at this event, please contact Wendy at the Endowment Office. We look forward to seeing you!





From the Director

Though it may sound cliché, every day in my position I grow more convinced that fundraising is truly the art of friend-making. I am amazed by the generosity of our alumni, parents, and supporters—in economic times both good and bad. Though our donations have seen a slight decline, I am elated to report that our supporters, our friends, are still making our Catholic Schools and our mission a priority. We truly appreciate our loyal donors,

welcome our new donors, and are continually working to bring new supporters into our circle. It is my goal to help our friends, alumni, and community understand that supporting our schools is not a luxury expense, but rather a prudent investment in the future of our community and country.

lect and capability of the Endowment’s Board of Directors to apply a sensible and thought-out investment strategy to the funds you donate. We take the utmost care to be good stewards of the gifts we receive, with the ultimate goal of returning them to our schools and students with abundant increase.

Be assured that your friendship and support, at any level, is deeply appreciated. Also remain confident in the intel-

Gratefully-

Wendy Dodson



Annual Fund 08/09 UPDATE

Goal: \$607,000

Received: (through Dec. 31st, 2008)

- \$206,470 (Cash)
- \$9,291 (Phonathon)
- \$90,808 (G.R.E.E.N.)
- \$10,873 (Book of Memories)
- \$18,838 (SCRIP)
- \$5,000 (Bequests)
- \$3,000 (Stock Gifts)

\$344,280 TOTAL

*Please help us reach our goal!

If you Wish...

Every gift to the Endowment serves a distinct and urgent purpose: to fund the general operating budget of McDaid and St. Patrick’s schools. General operation expenses include everything from teacher salaries to classroom supplies to building maintenance. Your donations to the Annual Fund also help us provide dollars for tuition assistance, and general operations for the Endowment office. There

are, however, some funding areas that are in need of donations, but fall outside of these categories. Thus, we label them the Endowment’s “Wish List.”

One item on that list is the Great Teaching Fund. This fund provides dollars to our educators for continuing education opportunities. During the 2007/2008 School year the Endowment funded 9 teacher requests totaling

over \$5,500.

A donation of \$10,000 or more can help us establish a Named Scholarship Fund to provide tuition assistance or college scholarships to our students.

Teachers’ Retirement is also on our Wish List. Your designated donation can help us thank and support our educators for their sacrifice and service.

A Word of Thanks

She’s a servant leader with a keen business sense and great attention to detail. And if you’ve ever utilized the Endowment’s SCRIP program, you have her to thank. Jill Granger is in the volunteer spotlight for her dedication to creating and maintaining SCRIP at the North Platte Catholic Schools. Jill was instrumental in developing a SCRIP program through the Endowment in 2004, and she’s remained the “Program Coordinator” ever since.

SCRIP is a way for Catholic School families to earn tuition credit by making everyday purchases. The Endowment purchases gift cards and certificates from local and national retailers at a discount, then sells the cards and certificates for face value. All proceeds from this program go toward tuition assistance. Anyone who buys SCRIP can direct 2% of their purchase toward a designated family’s tuition expense.

We extend a tremendous thank you to Jill for maintaining & monitoring the SCRIP inventory, developing an ordering system, tracking sales, balancing the SCRIP account, and countless other associated tasks. Jill does all of this on a VOLUNTEER basis and with a smile on her face. Thank you Jill!

Please visit the Endowment website www.npcset.org to download SCRIP order forms.



In Memory...

We offer special prayers for the following individuals who were added to the Endowment's Book of Memories between July 1st and December 31st, 2008. All names inscribed in the Book of Memories are remembered monthly at Masses at each of North Platte's Catholic churches. The Book is on display at the Endowment Office daily, and is taken to St. Patrick's, Holy Spirit, and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton churches around the Memorial Day and All Souls Day holidays. *A special thank you to those families who chose to list the North Platte Catholic Schools or North Platte Catholic Schools Endowment-Trust, Inc. as the recipient of a designated memorial.

<i>Date Inscribed</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date Inscribed</i>	<i>Name</i>
7/2/08	Rudolph G. Faimon*	10/20/08	Connie Jean Fleck
7/9/08	Theresa Wimmer	10/22/08	Elizabeth Anna "Betty" Porter
7/9/08	Genevieve Teresa Coder	11/4/08	Thomas Anthony Yeager
7/9/08	Lenore Winifred Burke	11/4/08	Mary Alice Hunter*
7/17/08	Thomas Cavey	11/5/08	Eileen Loughran Gamso
8/4/08	Georgina Flanigan	11/5/08	Ted Schroeder
8/6/08	Rosemarie Manning	11/5/08	Carol Lenz
8/8/08	Daniel T. "Tim" Kildare	11/11/08	Theodore B. Cole
8/14/08	Elmer Cold	11/11/08	Mildred Marie McGahan*
8/22/08	Vera Bachman	11/11/08	Laurice Weir
8/22/08	Jack R. Sexton	11/14/08	Opal M. Harris
8/27/08	Anthony A. "Tony" Richards	11/18/08	Joseph James Dodson*
9/2/08	Frank Albert Johnson	11/21/08	Paul Mata
9/3/08	Sr. Marcia Guest, O.S.M.	11/21/08	Marvin Greenwood
9/3/08	Anna Jewell Kloepping	12/8/08	Evelyn Lamer
9/30/08	Francis Cortney	12/23/08	Rolan G. "Rags" Brouillette
9/30/08	Evelyn Belle Schrotberger Goedert	12/29/08	Dorothy M. Gustafson*
10/3/08	June Roche	12/29/08	Paul Harvat
10/3/08	Frank A. Kumor*	12/31/08	Bernard Elias
10/3/08	Joyce Ann Schaeffer Lamberty		
10/7/08	Carl A. Carreras		

Honor Someone Special During Catholic Schools Week

The week of January 25th through 30th is designated national Catholic Schools Week. It's a time when Catholic schools across the country celebrate the success and impact of faith-filled education. At the North Platte Catholic Schools, the week will include activities centered on the theme, "Celebrate Service." This week is an excellent opportunity to promote our schools and honor those who help make Catholic education possible in North Platte.

As a way to *celebrate service*, the Endowment is encouraging

parents, students, and community members to honor someone special with a gift to the Book of Blessings. On display in the Endowment Office, the Book of Blessings is a way to pay a living tribute or say thank you to someone. Endowment staff would like families and friends to utilize the Book as a way to pay special tribute during Catholic Schools Week.

For a minimum \$10 donation, a family or student can list the name of a special student or teacher in the Book of Blessings. In return, Endowment staff will

deliver a recognition card and gift to that designated person during Catholic Schools Week. Are you especially proud of your own student? Would you like to say *I appreciate you* to a teacher who's impacted your life? Honor them by placing their name in the Book of Blessings! Send your request and donation to: P.O. Box 57, North Platte, NE 69103 or e-mail Wendy at: director@npcset.org

*Please remember that gifts to the Book of Blessings can be made at anytime as a living tribute, and serve as great "Thank You" and recognition gifts.





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\$5,000 \$2,500 \$1,000 \$500

\$250 \$100 \$50 Other

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E-Mail _____

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I would like information on Electronic Funds Transfer

I would like a SCRIP order form