

January/February 2011
Report to the Board

Fundraising for 2011-12 scholarships has been the major focus the last few months. We had a great group of more than 65, primarily elementary, parents come together to create a great Black & Gold Celebration. Here's a snapshot of the event, based on preliminary numbers:

Sponsorships	\$8,000
Tables & ticket sales	\$10,000
Silent auction /buttons	\$14,000
Live Auction	\$24,000
Fund a Future	\$23,000
Contributions to scholarships	<u>\$8,000</u>
	\$87,000
Expenses (estimate)	<u>(\$12,000)</u>
Net for scholarships	<u>\$75,000</u>

This brings us to about 75% of goal for 2011-12 scholarships. In addition, to the dollars raised this Black & Gold Celebration was successful in other ways:

- 1) New volunteers got involved, caught the vision and are planning next year's event
- 2) Fund the Future, which allowed attendees to raise their paddles to make a scholarship donation, had at least six families give to LCS for the first time. Over a quarter of the funds raised were from these families.
- 3) Hosted tables, including Bronze sponsors, accounted for 24 of the 30 tables. This was a very effective way to fill the room. Thank you again for your work in obtaining sponsors and hosting tables.

Calendar year-to-date giving (as of 3/21/11) totals \$85,400. Of this amount, 30 annual fund gifts have been received, totaling a little over \$9,000. Annual/general fund giving will be the focus on the last quarter of this fiscal year. We are at **50% of our \$280,000 goal**; typically we have received 70% of our annual fund gifts by calendar year end. As we've been discussing over the last months, giving is up, but unrestricted, general giving is down.

We will launch an all-school annual fund campaign on April 11, after Spring Break. Continue to think and pray with us about how to encourage a great number of families to give @ the level they are able.

The next board meeting is Thursday, May 26; the Finance & Executive Committees meet on Thursday, April 14.

With a thankful heart,


Carol Feuss, Director