

**June 2010  
Report to the Board**

As we wrap up the Foundation's second full year, it is a good time to take a moment to ponder all God has done on our behalf over these last two years. Set in the context of the Lansing area's economic downturn and decreased enrollment, our financial status is truly amazing.

We can't overstate the impact the mortgage gift has made on our annual budget. Removing this burden, along with generous annual gifts and substantial cost-cutting, efficiency-improving decisions has enabled the school to finish in the black the last two years.

We have also been able to provide the additional scholarships needed these last two years as many families rework their finances due to unemployment, underemployment or business downturn. Increased gifts to scholarships allowed the school to increase the annual allocation from \$100,000/year to \$200,000/year.

We have an amazing group of donors who have made all this possible. Words of thanks seem so very inadequate. I'm thankful that God has promised to richly reward them for their willingness to share their resources with others.

June gifts totaled \$65,214, most of which was for scholarships or the fulfillment of gifts promised as part of the last year's registration process:

<b>Giving Levels</b>	<b># of Donors</b>	<b>Gift Amount</b>
\$0.01 - \$249.99	29	\$ 3,008
Pilgrim Contributors: \$250 - \$999.99	14	\$ 6,180
Steward Contributors: \$1,000 - \$4,999.99	2	\$ 3,026
Carpenter Society: \$5,000 - \$24,999.99	2	\$17,000
Foundation Society: \$25,000 - \$99,999.99	1	\$36,000
<b>Totals</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>\$65,214</b>

<b>Donor profiles</b>		
<b>Current families</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>\$19,784</b>
Alumni (all are also current families)	4	\$11,326
<b>Grandparents</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>\$ 2,225</b>
Grandparents (excluding Alumni parents)	2	\$ 125
Alumni Parents	15	\$58,204
Alumni Parents (excluding staff & current families)	4	\$45,100
Alumni Parents (excluding " & " & Grandparents)	2	\$43,000
Staff	11	\$10,983
Staff (excluding current families & alumni)	4	\$ 205

*\*(most allocated for specific families)*

The donor profile confirms what we already know -- most of our donors are closely connected to the school. It is interesting to note that most donors fall into more than one category.

The scholarship committees have announced the 2010-11 scholarship awards. As thank you notes are coming in from families I am forwarding them to the many donors that provided over \$200,000 in scholarships. Here's an example that shows the heart of our families:

*My husband brought this upstairs for me to read, with tears in his eyes, and then I too couldn't keep from crying. We prayed and gave thanks for such a gift. We are so humbled and so amazed at God's goodness and His love that is shown time after time by His very own children, hands and feet extended showing His love and mercy, how it never fails. Thank you. Thank you. From the bottom of our hearts, we have been so deeply moved and touched by the assistance. What can we do? Who can we thank? How can we bless those that have blessed us so greatly?*

Donations promised on the 2010-11 Registration Form totals \$ \$45,380 to date, with new families registering each week (one as I write this!). Gifts were designated:

Contribution in lieu of volunteer hours (15)	\$ 5,800
Technology (35)	\$ 3,000
Retreat (27)	\$ 3,500
Optional contribution (18)	\$33,080

Other items of note:

- The LCS board of education approved Sue Bustamante & Chad Myers as Foundation board members serving a three-year term. Sue will serve on the events committee; Chad on the finance committee
- The strategic plan draft is complete and I've attached both the overview and the detailed version for your review.
- The fiscal year-end mailing to 3863 individuals hit mail boxes the first week of July. I'll report on gifts next month.
- The next issue of Pilgrim's Journey will include a brief school/foundation annual report.
- Data entry of registration information for the school/foundation database has been taking a great deal of time. Foundation administrative assistant, Bonnie Taylor, works a limited amount of time in the summer, so Luann Willemin has been coming in a few days a week to get the information entered.
- The LCS Athletic Boosters Golf Outing is September 18. This is the major annual fundraising event to support our Pilgrim athletes. Be sure to get your sponsorship and registration information in early!
- The alumni reunion held this month enabled me to meet a few donors I'd not met before, including some who visiting the Belle Chase building for the first time.

The next board meeting is Thursday, September 23, 8-9:30am in the LCS Secondary Library. I've attached the meeting schedule and other key events to this report.

Thank you again for your gift of time and talents to LCSF.

With hope in God,



Carol Feuss, Director of Development

cc: LCS Board of Education