

# DONOR NEWSLETTER

## WEST HILLS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



“Science Lab, Math, Music, Oh my. “ What a fantastic school year this has been. I can see the anticipation in the students’ eyes that summer is right around the corner. As our teachers prepare to help the students finish strong I am reminded of the verse in Hebrews 12:1-2. “Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. . .fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.” Our commitment to finish strong remains the same as we stand committed to providing an exceptional Christian education in accordance with God’s Word. What better way to do that than by teaching our students where and who to fix their eyes on through every task set before them; that they would be students that would run every race well. In turn, as faculty, we would teach, equip and exemplify who we are in Christ to help shape the leaders of tomorrow.

So much of what we do requires your help. We are so thankful for your support and generous contributions through prayer, monetary giving and the sacrifice of your time. From the finances that support curriculum development, to the donations of computers, as well as the prayers that are prayed for our staff and students every day. It is these things that continue to make our school a place of excellence; where God can use us to help shape the leaders of tomorrow. We thank you for your support in making it possible for us to continue to finish strong.

**A special thanks to those who so generously contributed to our building debt retirement. We are pleased to announce that the loan has been reduced to \$741,121.**

Jessica Heimbegner is not only our fearless Crusader Night chair but in 2011 will be taking the role of our new PTF chair. She still remembers sitting at the Parent Society Meeting hearing an appeal for a replacement Auction chair made. She knew and wanted to support the school’s endeavors to fund raise. Shortly after signing up, she heard the vision for the auction was going to be more of a fellowship event than a top money maker event. Well, this was definitely right up her alley; as a wedding coordinator, this would be just like a big wedding. Our first Crusader Night was a smashing success, a little food, a little fund raising, a little student art work and a ton of fellowship. What could be better? She and her team of fearless leaders were ready to sign up for another year. This last April, we hosted our second Crusader Night,



“Overflowing with Thankfulness”. Another night filled with amazing Top Chef contestants, more buy-ins to choose from, walls lined with all the students’ art work and an auction portion that raised over \$28,000, all while having a wonderful fellowship event. The proceeds went to technology based curriculum. Jessica is married to Ian, who is one of the best behind the scenes helpers you’ll meet. They have four children: Calvin, Xan, Saddy Jane, and Desmond.

One of the most amazing things about our school is our parent volunteers, one of them being Greg Sherwood. Many may know him as Allison, or Sara’s Dad, Debbie’s husband or Coach Sherwood. But along with those Greg also is the founder of our WHCS Foundation. In 1992 Greg and his family joined the West Hills family. He and his wife Debbie have five children and attend Rolling Hills Community Church where he serves on the Board. Greg’s passion is to see young people develop into the complete person; spiritually, relationally and physically. Because of this he is involved with many organizations such as Young Life,

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Campus Crusade for Christ, Passion 4 People and is a founding member of Mentors 360. He is the President and Chief Investment Officer for Quest Investment Management as well as an owner in Thompson National Properties.

It was in 2000 that Greg saw the school’s need for a Foundation that could help support and partner with the school financially, by leaving a legacy for future generations. His desire was to build a safety net; a place that could help aid with scholarships

keeping tuition affordable or any other need that might occur. In December of 2000 Greg Sherwood along with the other founding members began the West Hills Christian School Foundation. Today the Foundation has reached \$356,000 in invested assets. This year alone it contributed \$9000 to West Hills to support scholarship funding and our Discovery Resource Center. Thank you to all the men that help serve on the Foundation Board.

**If you’re interested in sharing a gift that lasts a lifetime, and leaving a legacy for future generations, please consider the WHCS Foundation. Visit [www.whcs.org](http://www.whcs.org) for info.**

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In 2010-2011, with help from our Foundation we raised over \$17,300 for scholarships. This year we helped 19 families /24 students (double the amount of 2008-2009) . Thank you to each of you that gave to help support a student.

Carol McCormick, one of our Hoop-A-Thon Chairs, is a well seasoned PTF chair veteran. Even though it has been 7 years, she still remembers the plea made for a new Hoop Chair. The request was made that a group of people praying earnestly needed someone who would step forward to take on Hoop-A-Thon. Where some might be a little anxious taking on a new task, she remembers being quite peaceful knowing she was being covered in prayer. Since that first plea Hoop continued to be the same for Carol. No matter what it is He always provides. The first year she had no idea what it would entail, but God knew. At the same time Rod Kotel stepped up to help co-chair. For the next five years they became the dynamic Hoop Chair team. Carol taking care of details and Rod bringing perspective to every situation. It was a fantastic balance. Then two



years ago when Rod stepped down Carol began to trust that God had another perfect person in mind for the job. After all, this was Hoop-A-Thon and "God always provides for Hoop."-Carol. In 2009, Valerie Bowler stepped up to help co-chair and a new dynamic Hoop team began. Valerie brought a

## Hoop A Thon



From left: Valerie Bowler /Carol McCormick

Thank you to the gracious family that donated 15 computers to our school this year. What a blessing to our staff and computer lab.

new passion and new eyes to the team, while Carol had the perspective and knowledge of going before. Valerie brought on some new ideas. One was to have parent photographers stationed around the event capturing photo opportunities. All was set up for the photographers but then, the day before Hoop, the photographers' students got sick. Carol and Valerie weren't concerned though knowing that Hoop must go on. Yet, sure enough, the morning of Hoop two volunteers offered to come alongside and help with photos. Not only had God provided once again, but this time two-fold.

Hoop-A-Thon continues to go strong, with over 200 volunteers, and over 430 participating students. We are blessed by the abundance of volunteers and the thousands of Hoop donors that support West Hills Christian school and our students. This year's proceeds of Hoop will go to expand our recess equipment as well as contribute to our Memorial Garden. We are so thankful to each of you for your faithful support.

