

DETAILS OF OUR PROJECT: THE GIFT OF EDUCATION FUND

As a school community, we are extremely thankful for the financial means and opportunity to provide a Christian education for our children. We want to use our school improvement project as an opportunity to teach and demonstrate to our children how we too can and are called to be a blessing to others. As a result, it is our intention to gift ten percent of the funds received through the campaign to EduDeo Ministries, a like-minded organization that advances Christian education globally. Through this gift, we will expand the impact and blessings of Christian education beyond the Huron community – supporting others in their desire to see their children grow and serve in the kingdom of Christ.

When groups of people work together, their impact is magnified. EduDeo Ministries and Huron Christian School have a unique opportunity to work together to bless the global kingdom of Christ and advance our calling within this kingdom. Ten percent of each gift through the Same Foundation Next Generation Capital Campaign will be directed to COCREF (Colegios Cristianos Reformados) in the Dominican Republic (DR). We have provided the option to 'opt out' of the campaign Gift of Education Project for those who would prefer that 100% of their gift to the campaign supports the school's renovation projects.

COCREF is a nationally run community of 15 Christian schools with 250 teachers and an enrollment of approximately 3,500 students.

Your Gift of Education will support a partnership that will invest in teacher training and leadership development, infrastructure improvement, and financial assistance for vulnerable students. It will also provide many benefits to HCS through developing a partnership with a school in the Dominican, reciprocal partner visits, and cultural learning.



SPECIAL GUESTS AT HCS

What a great way to start the new year! On Monday, January 9, Mario Matos, the Executive Director of COCREF (Colegios Cristianos Reformados), pictured above with Principal, Nick Geleyse, along with Hank DeJong, Executive Director of EduDeo and Phil Beck, Operations Director for EduDeo, spent the day at HCS! The trio addressed the student body in an assembly and visited each classroom in the afternoon to give students an opportunity to ask questions about what school is like for students in the Dominican Republic.

In the evening, the EduDeo team gave a special presentation to the Campaign Cabinet, Canvassers, and Prayer Partners, featuring its motto: "Education + Gospel = Transformation". EduDeo expressed their deepest gratitude for the unprecedented partnership with HCS and considering the global impact of Christian education. It was truly humbling to hear from Mario Matos of the passion for Christian schools in the DR and that Christ in education is making a transformative difference in communities there.

Tuition is approximately \$34 per month at these schools where the teachers are practically volunteers receiving a stipend of only \$140 per month! Even with limited resources available, they are able to provide quality education for students. It was moving to hear of COCREF enrolling students of Haitian descent who are not permitted to attend public schools in the DR: "Embracing every student, showing them God's love, affirming them with love and positivity, changing lives in Jesus' Name". In a nation where corruption is one of the key issues keeping the country from its potential for prosperity, Christian education is one of the transforming instruments God is using to impact the lives of the emerging generation and HCS is proud to be a part of that transformation!

Check out the campaign tab of the school website for more information on the partnership with EduDeo and COCREF. Find EduDeo on YouTube and watch their videos! <https://www.youtube.com/user/EduDeoMinistries>.

CAMPAIGN SPOTLIGHT:

PRAYING FOR THE CAMPAIGN

One of the most important support elements for the *Same Foundation Next Generation Capital Campaign* is Prayer!

This capital campaign and renovation project is a journey of faith and trust in God and we are ensuring that each step we take is bathed in prayer, asking for God's guidance and blessing. We ask that you join us by providing your support of the campaign and our many volunteers, through your commitment to pray.

Next time you are at the school, please see our "Prayer Commitment/Partner Wall" in the foyer!

Each "brick" on the campaign wall represents a prayer partner or family who has committed to pray for the campaign in their home.

Prayer Commitment forms are currently available on the table in the foyer or through the campaign tab on the school website. Please join us by completing one and adding your commitment "brick" to the wall next time you are at the school.

It is a great encouragement to the Campaign Team members knowing they are being lifted up in prayer. Thanks so much to all for this important work!



CALLING ALL ALUMNI:

THE ALUMNI CONNECTION PROJECT

In order to reach everyone and share the exciting renovation project at Huron Christian School and the *Same Foundation Next Generation Capital Campaign*, we need your help!

The Alumni Connection team is looking for volunteers for a short-term project to help gather contact information so that we can reconnect with as many graduates as possible.

Ideally, we need to find one volunteer from each graduation year, or small block of years, who will help us connect with their classmates. We are hoping to find volunteers as soon as possible and gather these details by the end of March. As a current parent, your help with this project qualifies for the Points Participation Program!

If you are interested, please get in touch with Angela Kaptein at ajanekaptein@tcc.on.ca, phone: 519-440-3011 or Tetsy De Boer at tdeboer@thedennisgroup.ca, phone: 519-691-6774. Thanks for your support!

We give our heartfelt thanks to those who are sharing their time and talents with the *Same Foundation Next Generation Capital Campaign* to make it a success.

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