



DETAILS OF OUR PROJECT: A GRAND ENTRANCE FOR EVERYDAY

The front lobby is clearly the area where the vibrant character of our school is communicated, where visitors are greeted and first impressions are made, where future and past parents drop by, and where the community enters our facility. The Lord willing, the *Same Foundation Next Generation* Capital Campaign will enable us to create an attractive main entrance and bright foyer area where student work can be displayed and our families and community can gather.

There are also other daily use areas included in the renovation project. The administrative offices will be updated, relocated, and connected for improved communications. Interior upgrades will also be made to the kitchen, washrooms, and change rooms which will enhance the everyday function of our facilities, as well as for the times we gather together as a community. The kitchen will be relocated and updated to reflect current and future needs. The current washrooms will receive a full renovation, and the change rooms will extend through the back hallway for more convenient direct access to the gym. Small music rooms for private music lessons, as well as other small group activities, will be created in this newly renovated space. These areas have served us well for many generations, however, now is the time to update and expand to improve their functionality.

CAMPAIGN SPOTLIGHT: SHEILA & DAN VANDERLAAN

Meet husband and wife campaign team, Dan and Sheila VanderLaan, from Exeter Ontario.

" I served on the Pre-Campaign Planning Team as a rep for fundraising. When asked to serve on the Campaign Cabinet, I hesitated, looked for some excuses and discovered that my excuses were the same as everyone else's. We are all busy with life. There was a tugging that I couldn't ignore - why not me? God has chosen us to serve Him in different capacities and at different times. This is my time, just like 55 years ago, it was a different generation's time. It is a pleasure sitting on a committee with people in all different stages of life, with different experiences. We are all working together - listening to God's tugging.

My husband, Dan and I have committed to canvass together. This is not because we are both busy on various school and church committees and we needed to spend some time together, but because we both have special ties to this school and see God working there today, just as He did 55 years ago. It is our prayer that God will continue to work within this school community for the next 55 years as well."

Sheila and Dan first met in Kindergarten class at the Clinton and District Christian School in 1979.



IMPOSSIBLE PRAYERS

Have you ever prayed a prayer which seems impossible? Have you been praying prayers which may seem impossible related to this campaign? Perhaps for some sitting at the Campaign Cabinet table, reaching the campaign goal may seem like the impossible so we pray we can reach that goal. To donors, it may seem like an impossible prayer to give the asked for amount, so they pray for God's help in providing the resources to meet what was asked. Maybe the \$3M goal seems possible, so we pray for the campaign to exceed that goal. These are the kinds of prayers that may seem far-fetched, prayers you may not even want to pray. History is full of impossible prayers. The Bible is full of impossible stories and prayers. Like in the story in 2 Kings 4 about one woman who went to Elisha for help.



Her life was a mess. Her husband died, she had no money to pay her bills, and she was worried she was going to lose all her sons. All she had was a little jar of olive oil, and that clearly was not enough.

So Elisha told the woman to ask her neighbours for jars. He said, "Don't just ask for a few. Ask for A LOT." Then he told her to go in her house, shut the door and start pouring. As she poured the oil from her jar, something amazing happened. The oil didn't stop flowing until every borrowed container was filled to the brim!

In this campaign, we are not just asking for a few dollars of support, we are asking for A LOT. We also know that there are a lot of "jars" or "donors" from whom to ask a lot. Each donor will have his or her own gift to give which is "possible" and "impossible". In this story, the gifts of the neighbours' jars resulted in more than the widow needed. The Bible says this was amazing! In the end of this story, Elisha tells the widow to "Sell the oil, pay your bills, and live off the rest." God surpassed the widow's needs.

Can we start to pray for what seems like the impossible for the campaign? For each of us, that prayer will look different and will likely change throughout the course of the campaign. But God wants us to pray these prayers. He wants to help even when we think something is impossible. Whether our prayers are related to a specific visit, to meet the campaign goal, to exceed the goal, or something else, God wants to help something amazing to happen!

Karen Wynja
Campaign Cabinet Member

NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS!!

From the *Same Foundation Next Generation* Campaign Team! We would like to take this opportunity to wish you God's richest blessing for a joyous and blessed new year!!

A FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION

Why do we need to spend money on the front entrance and administrative areas of the school? We will still be a good school and can function without it.

Any facility needs periodic upgrades to ensure it continues to meet the changing and growing needs of those it serves. The front area of our school is currently looking tired and dated, the entryway is cramped, and the office space is not an efficient environment in which to work and converse with students, parents or visitors. It is our goal to enhance the overall functionality and atmosphere of the front of the school and create a space that is inviting and where the school community can socialize and student work can be displayed. We want to ensure the experience and appearance of our building suits the vibrant character of our school.

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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