

CONTINUING STRONG INTO THE HOMESTRETCH



THIS IS IT!!

The *Same Foundation Next Generation* Phone Campaign is here!

Join millions of Canadians on "Giving Tuesday",

November 28 and through Thursday, November 30, and be part of something big! There are so many ways to get involved! You can donate your time by becoming a Phone Campaign volunteer, providing a meal for our phone volunteers during those evenings, or by making a financial gift! For the convenience of our current parents, there will be a Pledge Station at the school on the first two evenings of the Phone Campaign coinciding with Parent Teacher Conferences. You can also make a gift online via e-transfer or through the PayPal button on the school website www.huronchristianschool.ca. If you have already supported the Campaign, thank you!



At the recent Fall Membership Meeting held at the school on Monday, October 30th, Campaign Chairperson, Agnes Waanders, presented an exciting progress report on the *Same Foundation Next Generation* Campaign. An overwhelming \$3,775,507 has been raised to date - an increase of over \$700,000 since our Spring Membership meeting in May! This is a continued testament to the strong belief in Christian education and HCS! And, the Campaign is not finished yet!

God is still carrying out His greater plan as we see the endless support and enthusiasm from our community. Our incredible team of more than 20 Campaign volunteers continue to be very active having completed almost 100 visits since May, with an additional 85 visits still in motion throughout Huron County. As we carry on with these visits and share our story, we know we are planting seeds so Christian education will continue for future generations.

There are still many more people to reach, therefore to ensure everyone is provided the opportunity to be involved with this historic project, Agnes Waanders announced the upcoming Phone Campaign, to be held November 28th through 30th. "The Phone Campaign will help connect us with people who have had a passion for Huron Christian School over the years, including Alumni, past parents and grandparents. We want everyone to feel included in this incredible new chapter of Christian education and God's great plan for HCS."

Board Chair, Paul Vandendool, then shared next steps for Huron Christian School as off-site options are explored for delivering education during the 2018-19 school year. "This journey will be characterized by faith and courage. God's plan is greater than we could have imagined and we continue to trust He will provide the resources to make it happen."

As we move forward, we will continue to bathe the Campaign in prayer, and pray with boldness. We will keep sharing the story of Christian education with passion and courage!

ABUNDANCE

At a recent Cabinet Meeting I led devotions and was struck by a phrase from the September 5, Today Devotional: "To be a people under God's care means that abundant goodness is always available to us" and the accompanying Scripture text: "Everything I have is yours" (Luke 15:31).



Abundance seems to have accompanied the *Same Foundation, Next Generation* Capital Campaign since the start. From the beginning we realized that even planning a renovation or build of this magnitude reflected a level of wealth and blessing many communities would not be able to consider. Our partnership with schools in the Dominican Republic through the Gift of Education Fund is rooted in the understanding that as God has blessed us, we are called to share that blessing with others. Surpassing our original goal within eight months of the start of the campaign humbled us and made us pause at God's abundant blessing. To date, over \$3.7 M has been pledged toward the newly-designed project of \$4.6M which can be efficiently adapted to reflect the final amount raised through the Campaign. This success speaks of grateful hearts willing to share from personal abundance. The hours of volunteer time invested in the organization of the Campaign and visits to donors, reflects abundant commitment. And the list goes on.

All of this abundance pales in comparison to the abundance of God's grace poured out on us daily. Ephesians 2:1-10 spells this out so clearly. In verses 1 - 4 we read words like, "dead, sins, disobedient, sinful nature, objects of wrath". That is dark stuff. Then it all pivots on verse 5 with these words, "But... God". What follows are words like, "great love, rich mercy, alive, grace, saved, kindness, gift of God, God's workmanship, good works". Words which reflect abundance, life, flourishing. It all makes an about face based on God's abundant love for us. That is true, lasting abundance, which makes everything else possible. Thank God for His abundant Grace.

Nick Geleynse
Principal

HEADING TO THE DR!

In December, HCS Board Chair, Paul Vandendool, and his wife Lisa and their four children will have an opportunity to spend a day visiting COCREF schools in the Dominican Republic. The Vandendools are making this exciting reciprocal visit part of their family holiday. They look forward to a tour organized by COCREF Executive Director Mario Matos, to see first-hand the impact the Gift of Education Fund is making. Stay tuned for a future Campaign newsletter to hear about their trip!



We give our heartfelt thanks to those who are sharing their time and talents.

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