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NATIVITY ACADEMY AT SAINT BONIFACE

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Louisville's private middle school offering educational excellence to children of academic promise from low-income families

Let's Celebrate our Achievements!

The Tornado – Science Exploration Project

Terriana Coleman, 6th Grade, (left) and Countess Williams, 6th Grade, (right) demonstrated a “tornado in a bottle” as they participated in a recent outdoor science class experience.



Dear Friends of Nativity Academy.

By now, many of you are aware of my decision to leave my position as Executive Director of Nativity Academy at St. Boniface on June 30, 2011. This has not been an easy decision, and I have prayed about it for nearly a year. As one of the founders of the school, I want to leave Nativity in an excellent position for long-term sustainability. As I considered the gifts and talents needed to achieve this in any organization or program (creating policies, different approaches to re-occurring issues, widening the circle of supporters, etc.), I realized that these are not my strengths. As I reflect on my life in ministry, a pattern clearly emerges: great energy for beginning new programs, securing very talented co-workers, and then personally “losing steam” after 8 or 9 years. So from a personal standpoint, making the change feels right.

When I consider the school and its ability to “survive” the loss of one of its founders, I feel the most important pieces are in place: an excellent Board of Directors, an extremely capable staff, and a cadre of devoted volunteers and active parents. Since its founding, Nativity has had an outstanding Board of Directors. On many occasions, people outside the Nativity Community have commented to me about the quality of our Board. Very few local non-profit organizations have the blessing of such an outstanding group of people who are steeped in its mission and provide strong leadership. I also have the same level of confidence in our staff. There are talented and gifted people employed in every facet of our program – academics, enrichment, graduate support, development, and finances. Nativity is also blessed with actively involved parents and volunteers who give time and energy to providing a well-rounded education to all our students.

Then there are you, our friends. I firmly believe that each of you see Nativity’s mission as both compelling and important. You know that it uses a successful model of education, and that it has begun to demonstrate its own successes. I am confident that your support of Nativity will continue no matter who its leader may be.

The Board of Directors is beginning the search process. During the next six months they will find the right person to lead Nativity Academy into the future. I ask your prayers for the Committee and for me. At this point, I have no specific plans for what comes next, but God always makes something appear. I can say that my nine years at Nativity Academy at St. Boniface have been extremely rewarding and truly a great blessing. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Paula Kleine-Kracht, OSU, Ph.D.
Executive Director



Nativity Students Volunteer & Participate in Community Events

Nativity Students volunteer at Community Garden



Left to right, Patricia Blackshear, Darriell Long and Mackenzie Pendleton, Countess Williams and Karami Garcia gather to work as volunteers at the Billy Goat Hill Community Garden in Crescent Hill in Louisville.

WHAS11-TV PROJECT GREEN joined Nativity Academy students while they worked at Billy Goat Hill Community Garden in the Clifton neighborhood at Mercy Sacred Heart Village.

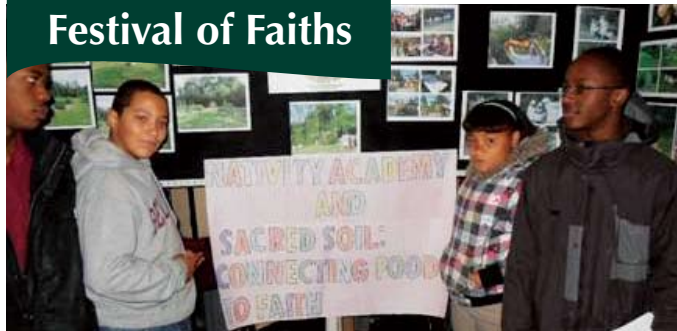


Billy Goat Hill Community Garden has partnered with Nativity to provide an after school activity in the garden. United Crescent Hill Ministries (UCHM) provides the transportation.

Thank you and your students for the fine contribution to the Billy Goat Hill Community Garden booth at the 2010 Festival of Faiths.

-Michael O'Leary
Billy Goat Hill Community Garden.

Festival of Faiths



Dakarai Alexander, Jonathon Lehmann, Patricia Blackshear and Mackenzie Pendleton. represent Nativity at their booth at the Festival of Faiths.



Left to Right: Terriana Coleman, Kennedy Atkinson, Mrs. Georganna Mahaffey, Atalya Johnson, Sierra Garner, Maya Stills, JaiLynn Rhodes, Bria Garner, Countess Williams and Samaria Vaughn display their prayer service posters created in Georganna Mahaffey's class for one of the monthly school wide prayer services held in St. Boniface Church.

Optimist Club Award



7th grader, Angel Martinez received a Youth Appreciation Award from the Optimist Club of Louisville.



For the recent Festival of Faiths in Louisville, Nativity students created this tri-fold exhibit that displays Nativity's partnership with the Billy Goat Hill Community Garden.

New program helps students learn to plan and prepare healthy meals.

New Roots is a non-profit organization that helps get students excited and involved in gardening and sustainability issues. New Roots provides an after school program at Nativity Academy that teaches the children about healthy meals and how to prepare them.

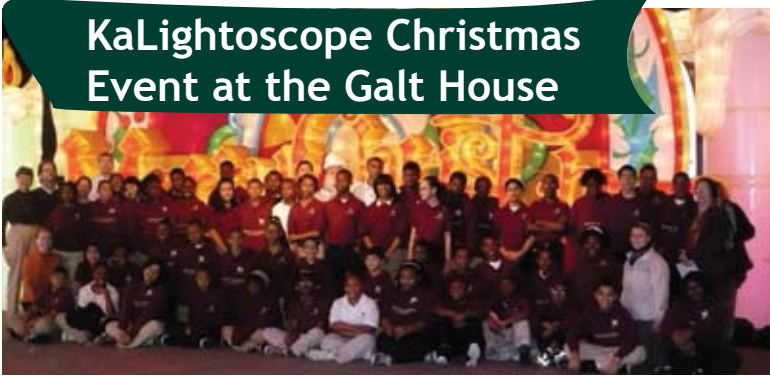


Dr. George Haarman receives a Volunteer of the Year Award presented with artwork by Ashanti Burgess.



Rick James receives a Volunteer of the Year Award with artwork presented by Nativity artist, Corbin Spalding.

KaLightoscope Christmas Event at the Galt House



Nativity students and teachers attended the opening of the KaLightoscope Christmas Event at the Galt House.

Many ways of giving...

There are a variety of ways you can make a gift to Nativity Academy before the end of the year. Writing a check or using your credit card through an online donation (www.nativitylouisville.org) may be the easiest way for you to donate. However, a gift of stock or a direct charitable gift through your IRA (traditional or Roth) might be a way to give a generous gift to Nativity without drawing from your regular income.

Anyone 70½ or older can make direct charitable gifts from their IRA to a public charity and not have to report the IRA distribution as taxable income on his or her federal income tax return. While there is no charitable deduction for this gift, you will benefit from not paying tax on otherwise taxable income. This gift can also satisfy your annual minimum distribution requirement. For example, a 76 year old who would normally be required to receive a taxable distribution of just over 4% from an IRA could instead contribute 3% to a charity and receive a taxable distribution of just 1%.

Contact the administrator of your IRA to discuss how you might support Nativity Academy through an IRA distribution.

Perhaps a gift of stock is the best way for you to give to Nativity Academy this year. Simply contact Kathy G. Sanders, our Director of Development at 502-855-3313 or at ksanders@nativityacademy.org and she can give you the information you need to make such a gift.

Whatever way you can give, be assured that your gifts will go to ensure a quality education for a child in need.

Information for this article obtained from the Council on Foundations, National Committee on Planned Giving and the August/September issue of Taxwise Giving.

Donor Appreciation

Students, Administrators and Staff gathered to honor donors with a luncheon and presented them with artwork by Nativity student artists in appreciation of their support.



Deacon Pat Wright and Father Jeff Schooner accept the Grant Lewis Moral Compass Award with artwork from Nativity student artist, Maria Ramirez

From the Board Chair

A Season of Blessings



Alice Cowley
Board Chair

There are so many stories to tell from Nativity. I thoroughly enjoyed meeting many of you at our annual donor event in November. The generosity of individuals has been the backbone of Nativity Academy. It was a treat to have the children with us, and all present benefited from Spalding University President Dr. Tori Murden-McClure's well chosen words. She inspired us with her themes and dreams of motivation, creativity and hard work. Accolades are offered to Kathy Sanders, Development Director and her assistant, Erin Lamon, for orchestrating the day. Job well done!

And the seasons change...shortly after this uplifting day, Sister Paula informed the Board of Trustees of her intention to leave her position at Nativity. It is no secret she has been a founder and fabulous inspiration, and a real stalwart in development as well. She had the right mix of mission, passion and work ethic, along with Father Tim Hogan, the Ursuline Sisters and the Xaverian Brothers, to found and grow Nativity Academy to the school it is today. She has put together a team of excellent teachers and staff, and combined it with her innate common sense, high expectations and genuine caring. She will be hard to replace, but I think this should also be a great moment in our history. The Strategic Plan has just been completed. We have a road map to guide our way in the years ahead. We have a Search Committee in place, led by Board member Mike Hendricks of Norton Healthcare. Sister Paula has given us the gift of time to allow a thorough search. Surely her presence and skills have ensured a successful search process and inevitable transition.

As you remember your blessings this holiday season, please remember Sister Paula, and also the work of the Nativity Board, as we strive to continue the mission of Nativity Academy. This is a mission of faith, education and equal opportunity for those children we serve. May you and your family enjoy the true peace of the holiday season, and may you continue to find blessings in the work of Nativity Academy at St. Boniface.

Let the light shine...



The Nativity Academy Community wishes you and your loved ones a Blessed Christmas Season and a Happy New Year.



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We will notify the person you are honoring and let them know of your generosity and of the difference your gift is making for our students.

For more information about Nativity Academy,
or to donate, please visit our website
www.nativitylouisville.org

Or Contact: **Kathy Golightly Sanders at 502-855-3313**

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