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*Women Committed to Quality Education,
Hope and Opportunity for Baltimore City School Children*

Dear Friends,

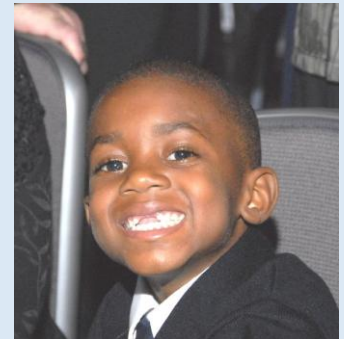
In this season of Thanksgiving, we give thanks for your wonderful outreach and support for students attending inner-city Catholic schools. The schools aligned with the Women's Alliance of Partners In Excellence continue to benefit from the energy, imagination and commitment of women from throughout the community. Through gifts for scholarships and support for new programs, field trips, and so much more, women are making a transformational difference in the lives of some amazing students and their families.

May the Lord reward you and those you love with abundant blessings.

Jennifer Hammand

Mary Catherine Bunting's Inner City Scholarship Challenge Enters Second Year

Mary Catherine Bunting's visionary challenge grant is inspiring women's philanthropy in support of the Archdiocese of Baltimore's Partners In Excellence Scholarship Program and inner-city schoolchildren. Thus far, her three-year, \$300,000 challenge grant has resulted in over \$130,000 in new gifts for scholarships. As we enter our second year, the Women's Alliance will be inviting more women with a passion for quality education to join with us in support of the mission of the schools and the amazing students and heroic families who rely on the high-quality educational opportunities that they provide.



Women Sponsor a First Annual Wine Tasting to Expand "Possibilities" at Archbishop Borders School

Carmina Perez-Fowler and Kristen Kinkopf were so impressed with the young women at Archbishop Borders School that they decided to host a wine-tasting and mini-silent auction to raise funds for the school's new Possibilities Career Development Program. The program will provide 7th and 8th grade African-American and Latina girls with career education opportunities and culturally-sensitive, confidence-building programs that together with a quality education will help put them firmly on the path to success in school and in life.

The generosity of 21 women and auction benefactors helped to raise more than \$2,000. These funds ensure that Possibilities will be launched this school year with several great field trips beginning early in 2008.

Darian Johnson and Diana Liz Morel of Archbishop Borders School are very excited about the new Possibilities program.



**Ss. James and John
School Celebrates 160
Years of Educational
Excellence**



Math, Engineering and Science Achievement Students Visit the Maryland Science Center

Thanks to a special gift from Susan Pappas, a retired engineer, 30 7th and 8th grade students from St. Katharine School visited the Science Center at the Inner Harbor, many for the first time. They loved their visit to the science lab where they studied plankton and the effects of the environment on aquatic life. The IMAX Theatre about whales was totally awesome.



The sun shown brightly the morning of October 8, as students, faculty and staff gathered for an outdoor celebration of Ss. James and John's impressive history of service to the children and families of East Baltimore. Principal LaUanah King-Cassell who was also celebrating her birthday noted, "Our struggles and sacrifices have been many, but our love, dedication and commitment to our youth have been strong."

Several friends and members of the Women's Alliance including Pat Tunstall, Sue Cashman and Annette Nagler joined in the celebration. Mary Louis Preis, VP CitiFinancial, got her first look at the newly renovated library made possible by a \$15,000 grant from Citigroup Foundation.



In addition to providing support for scholarships and the new library, the Women of the Alliance have supported the mission of the school in other notable ways.

Barbara Lazzati donated new books for classroom libraries in the early childhood grades in honor of her beloved mother-in-law Josephine Lazzati.

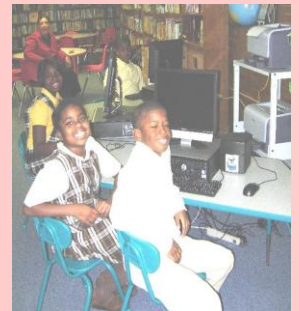
Linda DeLuca and Annette Nagler made plans for a back-to-school Teacher Appreciation day with special goodie bags filled with important classroom essentials.

And the Ivy Bookshop and owner Darielle Linehan held a fundraiser tied to sales of the latest Harry Potter book, raising \$1,200 for new books for the school library.

This terrific field trip was an academic honor for students who won the Baltimore regional trophy for their science projects. The MESA program is sponsored by the State of Maryland and John Hopkins Applied Physics Lab. St. Katharine School is able to participate in the program thanks to a grant from Mary Catherine Bunting.

Students at Ss. James and John School Relish their NEW Library

Students of every age are so excited about their new library that they can hardly wait for a visit. New tables, chairs, carpeting, computers and, of course, books have transformed this once dreary space.



Soon the school will invite parents to visit the library to use the computers to help with education and job searches.

Library renovations were made possible by a generous grant from Citigroup Foundation and CitiFinancial.

Schools Aligned with the Women's Alliance Archbishop Borders, Ss. James and John, and St. Katharine

- Low-income families pay 60-70% of the cost of tuition
- Average Tuition - \$4,400
- Average Tuition Assistance Grant: \$1,500
- 97% of students graduate from high school
- 95% of students attend college
- All schools participate in community outreach
- 89% of students participate in extra-curricular activities

High Schools That Students Attend

- Archbishop Curley
- Baltimore School of the Arts
- Calvert Hall
- Christo Rey
- Institute of Notre Dame
- Loyola Blakefield

Sponsor a Field Trip to the BSO, the BMA, the Reginald Lewis Museum or an educational venue of your choice.

The cost of bus transportation is often the biggest barrier when it comes to students getting out into the community and experiencing the terrific cultural and educational resources in Baltimore.

If you are interested in sponsoring a field trip, please contact us and we will be happy to work with you to plan a field trip that will greatly enrich the educational, cultural and social experience of the the students.

[Email Jennifer](#)

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The Women's Alliance of Partners In Excellence

Who We Are

Women committed to quality education, hope and opportunity for Baltimore City children aspiring to attend inner-city parochial schools.

What We Do

Support the efforts of mothers, grandmothers and families who have big dreams for their children and make tremendous financial sacrifices to send them to school.

Help to transform the lives of some amazing school children.

Offer hope and opportunity to children regardless of race or religion.

How Do We Do It

Providing funds for full or partial scholarships for girls and boys.

Engaging with the children, especially girls, in ways that enrich their education and life experiences. This might include visits to a museum, restaurant or to the workplace.

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Year-End Gift for Scholarships

Your year-end gift will help the Women's Alliance meet Mary Catherine Bunting's Inner City Scholarship Challenge for the 2007-2008 school years. In addition, your contribution will be eligible for a 2:1 matching grant from The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation (\$2 for every \$1 contributed).

Your support means so much to a child!

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