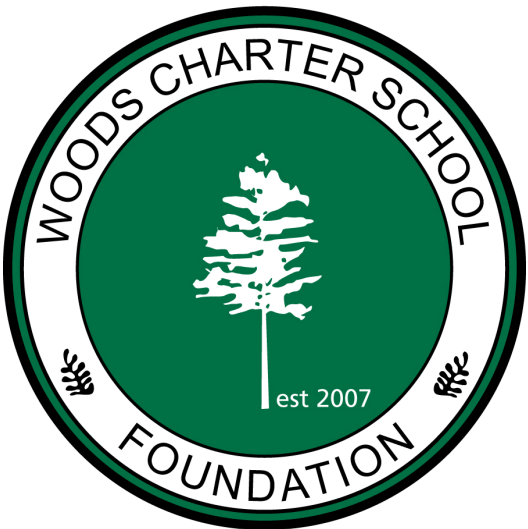


The Woods Charter School Foundation, Inc.

2008 - 2009
Annual Report



Our Mission

The Woods Charter School Foundation, Inc. provides funding and other means of support to enhance the mission of Woods Charter School. The primary focus of the Foundation is to support the educational pursuits of students through programming, facility enhancements, and supplemental faculty resources. Realizing that Woods Charter School and its families benefit from participation in the greater community, the Foundation also endeavors to provide opportunities to enrich the quality of life in the surrounding region.

Our Goals are to:

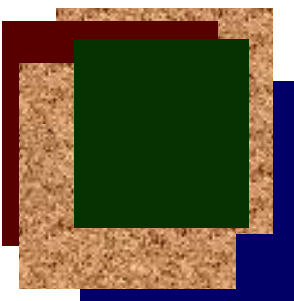
- ~ Provide classroom and curriculum needs/resource materials
- ~ Provide resources for libraries
- ~ Support programming for special needs students
- ~ Enhance technology at Woods Charter School
- ~ Offer staff funding for professional development
- ~ Support athletic facilities for students and the community
- ~ Support extracurricular activities for students
- ~ Supplement travel for school trips
- ~ Provide facilities for community organizations
- ~ Provide enrichment programs for area residents
- ~ Support future development programs
- ~ Support alumni publications
- ~ Promote reunion programming

“Grants from the Foundation this year have allowed us to take the quality of the arts program at Woods to a higher level for our students. Previously, real wooden looms for weaving or materials for a ceramics program would have been unattainable. The equipment and supplies the grants allowed us to secure provide enrichment for all our children, grades K-12.”

*~ Deb Kozlowski,
Elementary and Middle
School Art Teacher*

“The science supplies purchased with funds from the Foundation have furnished the labs with the most fundamental requirements for science explorations.... glassware, measuring devices such as scales, thermometers and meter sticks, physics materials and dissecting scopes.....materials that allow students to truly investigate science disciplines.”

*~ Sonja Younger, Middle School Science
Teacher*



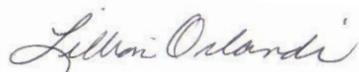
President's Annual Message

While the troubled economy has caused justifiable anxiety, some of the anxiety is made worse by focusing on short-term uncertainties, like what the stock market will do tomorrow. However, there are certainties out there that should offer us comfort, if we would only look at them.

We see that today Woods Charter School has a wonderful new building, a strong and dedicated faculty and staff, and is still able to maintain small class sizes. Woods continues to deliver excellence in education to and for our students and has a dedicated and committed volunteer base that continues to grow as volunteer opportunities and activities expand. Since July 2007, the Woods community, friends, businesses, and foundations have pledged, donated, and provided in-kind donations to the Foundation totaling \$429,716, an incredible certainty. We are proud to report that *100% of the Woods Charter School full time faculty and staff have donated to the Foundation*, showing their willingness to financially invest in their workplace and support their students. This is a very strong statement and a certainty that we are quite proud to share. Because of the generosity of our donors, the Foundation has been privileged over the past two years to award grants and provide in-kind donations to Woods totaling \$232,900.

Striving to deliver excellence is what cuts across our common goal to give our children every advantage that we can possibly provide. The common thread among all is that we hold ourselves to the highest standards and work with and for our children so they can achieve their maximum potential. The measure of our ability to do our part to help deliver excellence is not by how many children we serve, but how well we serve them.

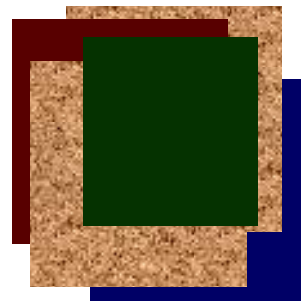
The incredible success of the Woods Charter School Foundation, achieved even during a troubled economy, is due because of the generosity of our donors and support of the many volunteers who invest their valuable time and many talents to ensure our success. We will use data we gather and analyze to push our success to a higher level. You can be assured that the time, talent, and treasure invested in the Foundation is reflected in the positive outcomes our students achieve. Without the dedicated and committed volunteers, our success would not be nearly as strong or touch so many. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I thank those who have supported the Foundation, welcome others to join us, and look forward to working with all to reach the next level of success in our quest to ensure our children the best education we can provide.

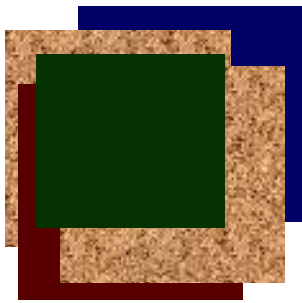


Lillian Orlandi
President, The Woods Charter School Foundation

"We are delighted to have our first-ever Follett electronic management system for books, media, and Internet resources. This system arrives just in time to help us manage and catalog our books in the new Reading Room, adjacent to elementary school, as well as textbooks and other resources located in the classrooms throughout the building and on the Internet. We may even be able to use it to track textbooks."

~ Harrell Rentz, Principal





"The musical instruments the Foundation funds purchased were critical for the new music program here at Woods, allowing the students to perform on xylophones and percussion as part of their general music classes."

~ Matthew Etherington, Performing Arts Director

Principal's Annual Message

Since its beginnings in 2007, the Woods Charter School Foundation has played a vital role in the philanthropic life of the Woods Charter School community. As we moved into our new building, the Foundation provided funds to furnish classrooms and laboratories. In addition to furnishings, the Foundation has underwritten and provided supplementary funding for playground equipment, as well as materials for science and the arts. The Foundation has been instrumental in procuring our new electronic media-tracking system. The Foundation provides seed money for new ventures which then seek alternate funding sources for their continuation. Beyond these specific contributions, the Foundation is a catalyst for growth and development in all areas of school life and a center for community conversation.

As we move forward into our second decade and the Foundation embarks on the next chapter of its own growth, many exciting conversations are underway. The Foundation keeps a sharp eye on its mission and is vigilant in advancing the work of our students in the classroom and the professional growth of our teachers. Important conversations are underway in the areas of arts funding, outdoor space development, and ongoing academic program support.

The Foundation is a solid organization on which we depend for sustained advancement of the WCS mission. On behalf of Woods, I am so grateful for the generosity of the entire community as expressed through contributions to the Foundation. Our task is to make certain that Woods continues to be an extraordinary place to grow and learn.

On we go!

Harrell Rentz
Principal, Woods Charter School

"The ClickerWriter software we purchased has enabled our students to achieve grade level proficiency in language. It has been a great help."

*~ Buddy Smiley, Director of
Exceptional Children*



Since its inception in 2007, The Woods Charter School Foundation has received pledges and donations totaling **\$429,716** and in turn given **\$232,900** to Woods Charter School in the form of grants and in-kind donations.

Woods Charter School Foundation, Inc.
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July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009

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"The national and international maps purchased are helping students identify boundaries and capitals, in line with the Core Knowledge curriculum. They help to tie in all subjects, including English, geography, math and social studies."

~ Ankit Shah, Elementary Teacher

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The Woods Charter School Foundation raised \$161,484 in donations, events, and future pledges during 2008/2009. The Foundation is grateful to all who served and donated this year.

SUPPORT AND REVENUE	2009	2008	Total
Individual & Corporate Contributions	\$119,297	\$227,414	\$346,711
In-Kind Contributions	\$22,350	\$40,590	\$62,940
Fundraising/Events	\$19,838	\$0	\$19,838
Interest Income	\$0	\$228	\$228
Total Support and Revenue	\$161,484	\$268,232	\$429,716

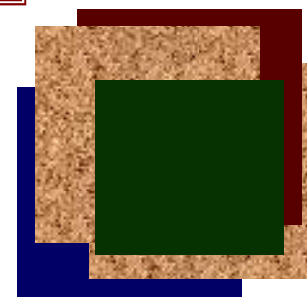
Grants and Expenses	2009	2008	Total
Grants to Woods	\$60,851	\$172,049	\$232,900
Accounting	\$2,020	\$0	\$2,020
Advertising/Marketing	\$2,264	\$411	\$2,675
Bank Service Fees	\$1,503	\$774	\$2,277
Conferences/Conventions/Meetings	\$445	\$0	\$445
Outside Services	\$349	\$0	\$349
Equipment Rental/Maintenance	\$325	\$0	\$325
Supplies	\$163	\$396	\$559
Misc.	\$106	\$0	\$106
Postage/Shipping	\$73	\$0	\$73
Training/Development	\$50	\$605	\$655
Subscriptions/Dues	\$0	\$65	\$65
Total	\$68,149	\$174,300	\$242,449

The following are some grants which were awarded to Woods Charter School:

Furniture	\$ 22,350
Playground	\$ 8,915
Library Management System	\$ 4,067
Art	\$ 3,594
Science supplies	\$ 3,078
Music	\$ 2,378

"Woods is so happy to have its very own playground for the first time. The students now have choices – they can choose to climb, sit quietly, play in the sand or throw a ball."

~ Mary Scholle, Elementary Teacher



Inaugural Year Donors

July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009

The Woods Charter School Foundation Board of Directors acknowledges each gift and sincerely thanks all donors for their generosity. The donations of these individuals, corporations, and businesses help provide our children with indispensable resources necessary in achieving their potential.

Donations were received in memory of:

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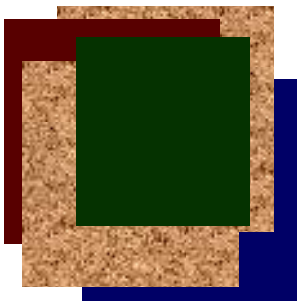
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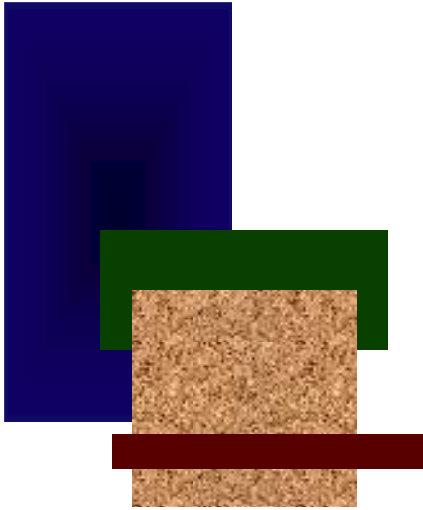
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Raising funds will continue to focus on, but not be limited to, the following areas:

- ☞ The Arts
- ☞ Library / Media Center
- ☞ Science
- ☞ Technology and Math

The Woods Charter School Foundation is committed to helping Woods Charter School enhance the educational experience of all students by enriching the available resources in areas previously underfunded and underdeveloped.

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