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Dear Providence Family:

At Providence School our foundation is Jesus Christ as we trust Him for all that we are, all that we are to become, and for all that we need. Whether in academics, athletics, community service, fine arts, reading, technology, or other interest, it is our desire to help students understand the importance of doing their best and serving others for the Glory of God. Our reward is to see these students leave Providence ready to succeed in impacting our world.

One of our students has already had such an impact. Recently a student on the golf team shot his ball into the woods and when hitting out, the ball hit a tree and came to rest by his foot. Although the student did not see the ball hit him, he felt something at his foot and there lie the ball. When he came out of the woods he told one of the tournament officials that he had a two stroke penalty because he assumed the ball hit him. Even though the team missed advancing to the regional tournament by one stroke, our student's honesty and good character made us be more proud of this group of young men than any tournament trophy could have. As his coach said, "There are more important things than winning a golf tournament."

Our Annual Giving Campaign is the financial heart of Providence School. These funds provide additional resources that enrich the educational experiences of our students and provide professional development opportunities for our teachers. Providence seeks to hire and retain teachers who not only have impressive academic credentials but who also have a heart for the Lord and for your students. Just as the heart keeps the body alive, the Annual Giving Campaign is absolutely essential for Providence to maintain a balanced budget.

Your donation improves the quality of education each student receives and helps prepare the next generation of Providence Alumni. Our alumni return to tell us about their experiences here and the impact Providence has made on their lives. At Homecoming 2010, one recent graduate said "I really value the Christian education I received from Providence. The faculty was so supportive and caring and truly prepared me for college. I am currently in the University of Florida Honors Program majoring in microbiology on a pre-med track. Because I learned at Providence to have a heart for helping others, I also have become involved in Habitat for Humanity through the University".

When you give to Providence's Annual Giving Campaign you are investing in such students. At Providence opportunities happen when students' academic experiences challenge their potential, when their involvement in extracurricular activities increases their confidence and when a service project opens their mind and hearts to the needs of others. Our fifth grade students recently adopted a second grade class at a school in a lower socio-economic area of Jacksonville. In their outreach to this school, they periodically go over to the school to read and fellowship with their new second grade "buddies."

Such opportunities for our students to grow, learn, and reach out to others begin with YOU. Your contribution to the Providence Annual Giving Campaign will allow us to continue to impact the lives of these students. Every family's involvement is essential. Major donors and foundations do not ask, "How much do your families give?" Instead, they ask, "What percent of your families contribute?" We pray that your family will be able to participate with our Board, Administration and Faculty with a financial gift that will propel us towards our goal of 100% family participation in this ministry. Please join me in prayer over your gift this year to the Providence Annual Giving Campaign. I know you and our students will be blessed!

In His Service,



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