



January 31, 2011

Dear Friends and Family of the Academy,

God is doing amazing things at TPCA. In the two months since the launch of **Building Foundations**, we have made great strides in the four targeted areas listed below, thanks to your faithful stewardship and giving. Since December, gifts have totaled over \$192,000 toward the **Building Foundations** goal of \$400,000.

**Building Foundations** has replaced what has traditionally been known as the Annual Fund Campaign. Its purpose is to enhance academic achievement and spiritual growth. In order to accomplish this, we have purposefully identified four strategic areas to target these funds.

1. Tuition Assistance - This year, \$137,000 in tuition assistance has been awarded making a Biblically-based education a reality for more families.
2. Technology Enhancements - Monitoring the academic progress of students will contribute to higher achievement. Of particular praise is a \$10,750 donation from the Christel DeHaan Family Foundation which will allow the Kindergarten through grade 5 classroom teachers to monitor and track individual student growth in reading/language skills as measured by DIBELS testing. Another \$34,000 has been invested in technology that equips our teachers and staff with upgraded tools and software.
3. Professional Development - Teacher training and professional development directly impact educational excellence. \$4,000 has already been allocated for professional development opportunities for TPCA faculty and staff. Plans are progressing to allow more teachers the opportunity to acquire professional knowledge this coming spring and summer.
4. Safety and Security Upgrades - Two of our principals have been re-certified this year through the Indiana Department of Education as School Safety Specialists. Currently they are working to upgrade our emergency and safety procedures that will help us monitor building access, both during and after school hours. They will be working closely with staff and emergency personnel to provide a list of upgrades to the Academy's safety plan.

#### **New Matching Gift Challenge**

It is with great excitement that I am able to share a matching gift challenge. From February 1 through August 1, 2011, Traders Point Christian Church will match \$1 for every \$2 raised up to \$100,000. This means if we raise \$200,000 over the next six months, this challenge gift will provide another \$100,000 for a total of \$300,000 as we continue to enhance our students' academic achievement and spiritual growth. This matching gift challenge is in addition to a generous \$100,000 gift of support we received from TPCC earlier this month.

Please check our website, [www.tpcs.org](http://www.tpcs.org), for updates on how we are investing your gifts and for further information on upcoming TPCA events. In addition, if you have not yet had a chance to contribute to **Building Foundations**, you may do so through the following website: [www.tpcs.org/buildingfoundations.asp](http://www.tpcs.org/buildingfoundations.asp). If you have questions or suggestions, I would love the opportunity to speak with you further. Thank you once again for your faithful prayers and contributions.

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