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KNIGHT CLUB UPDATE

Goal: To have all fourteen Unity graduates attend Metro East Lutheran High School next year.

To that end, several activities have been held to introduce our students and parents to MELHS. The staff of MELHS, especially Principal Wudtke, have been great in developing a positive relationship with our students. In fact, when we attended a Knight basketball game recently, the first thing our students wanted to know was "Where is Mr. Wudtke?" I think I'm being replaced!

In order to facilitate enrollment at MELHS, we are committed to providing help in three areas. MELHS will provide bus transportation daily to and from Unity for our students. A special 2-week summer tutoring session will be offered and required for students enrolling at MELHS. MELHS is providing a 40% tuition grant, and Unity is providing an additional 30%, making the tuition an affordable reality.

We are excited about the prospect of all of our graduates continuing the Mission and Miracle of Unity at MELHS. Go Knight Club! (P.S. Our very first Eighth Grade Graduation Ceremony is Thursday, May 24. You are invited!)

FAR AND WIDE

Since our Annual fund mailing went out in October, gifts have been received from Christian people in 24 states. Amazing! The story of Unity has spread throughout the country. Praise God! Here's the list of states where our friends reside.

Arizona	California	Colorado
Florida	Georgia	Indiana
Kansas	Louisiana	Maryland
Michigan	Minnesota	Missouri
Nebraska	New Jersey	New York
Ohio	Oregon	Pennsylvania
Tennessee	Texas	Virginia
South Carolina	Illinois	Washington DC

The goal for our Annual Fund this year is \$250,000. We have currently received \$232,000 toward that goal. All donations go directly into our Scholarship Fund, making it possible for our students to learn the Christmas Story!

If you have not yet joined this throng of support, please email, call, or visit our website to make your gift. www.unityesl.org Thanks!

CHRISTMAS WITNESS

The Children's Christmas Program is an important part of the celebration of Jesus' Birth in schools and congregations. The same is true at Unity. More importantly, the program is a teaching tool. The students memorize and recite Bible verses that tell the story. They sing hymns written about the Incarnation. They act out the story of Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, and Baby Jesus. Throughout the process, they learn the truth of the Savior.

At Unity, the Children's Christmas Program is also a witnessing opportunity. Many of the parents and friends who attend the program are unchurched. Other than the Christmas Program, they probably don't hear the real message of Christmas.

At Unity this year, the characters who spoke on stage gave a very strong witness about Jesus. Listen to the words spoken loud and clear by the students on stage, proclaiming the Savior.

Joseph: "He's more than just Jesus Emmanuel."

Shepherd 1: "He is Wonderful Counselor!"

Shepherd 2: "Mighty God!"

Shepherd 3: "Everlasting Father!"

Joseph: "This Child is the long awaited One...the One prophesied. He is worthy to be loved and adored."

Bystander: "This Child is the Messiah, the Son of the Living God, Jesus the Christ."

Is that a clear, Biblical witness or not? And the characters spoke with conviction, too. There was no doubt in their voices. For those who attended, almost 300 people, the message was loud and clear. Praise God!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray:

- For our graduates who will soon register to attend MELHS.
- For the Unity Board of Directors as they make decisions that impact this ministry.
- For the SID, meeting in Convention Feb. 16-18.

WISH LIST

- iTunes gift cards for teachers to purchase educational apps for iPads
- A "snake" for cleaning out drains, etc.
- Please, no more Kleenex or liquid handsoap. We already have a lifetime supply of both.

Encouraging, educating, and preparing children for responsible living in Christ's Kingdom.