May 6, 2010

Dear Heathwood Hall Episcopal School Family:

I trust this letter finds you well. As we wind down the school year, our young people are as busy as ever with projects from Habitat Day to Create-A-Country to Senior Exhibitions. It is amazing to see how much each student has grown and matured in the course of one school year. Times like these are when we are most grateful to our faculty for playing such a leading role in this evolution.

This year ends with many accomplishments at Heathwood Hall:

- 100% college acceptance is an expectation. Heathwood Hall has received more academic scholarships than any other independent school in the area – more than $20 million since 2001. Our Class of 2010 is keeping this tradition alive and we'll share their college selections and scholarships in the summer edition of *The Highlander*.

- Student and family retention, even in these challenging economic times, continues to reflect numbers enjoyed by our school during better economic conditions. We remain strong and selective.

- We continue to lead our state's most honored independent school faculty. Most recently, Dr. George Scouten was named 2010 Upper School Teacher of the Year by the S.C. Independent School Association (SCISA), our 8th teacher to receive this award during the past 10 years - an unprecedented feat.

- Heathwood Hall artists Abby Bartman, 6th grade, and Alice Verbrick, 8th grade, were named first place winners in the Children's Trust of South Carolina's Picasso Project, a statewide honor.

- More than 60 classrooms now have SMART Boards, and students have access to more than 230 computers, including 80 Netbooks, as well as wireless technology, video and editing equipment.

- Austin Meyer, a Heathwood Hall alum, and owner of Laminar Research, the company that produces the number-one flight simulation software in the world, "X-Plane," has generously donated to our school a state-of-the art flight simulator and a

room-sized projection screen and two-seat pilot setup. This will arrive over the summer. Austin has offered graciously to train our teachers and hold seminars for our students next fall.

- As a result of their presentation at the SC Junior Academy of Science meeting, 10th grade honors science students Amanda Hoefer and Mackenzie Sumwalt have received an invitation to represent South Carolina and to present their yearlong research projects at the national level during the American Junior Academy of Science annual meeting in Washington, DC in February, 2011. Heathwood Hall science students have received this honor three times in recent years.

As you reflect upon your own child's experience and what sets Heathwood Hall apart, please consider a gift to our 2009-2010 Annual Fund. The percentage of participation by our parents, faculty, and Board is a top priority of the school, as it supports the principles on which we were founded - stewardship, community, and commitment. These tax-deductible gifts continue to fund our mission of nurturing the whole child - mind, body and spirit. The annual fund allows us to attract and retain a premier faculty, develop visionary programs, and offer an unparalleled array of academic, athletic and arts programs – all of which make ***The Difference*** for your child.

Please take this opportunity to make your contribution or pledge on-line by visiting: www.heathwood.org and clicking on the "Supporting Heathwood Hall" link or mailing your gift to Heathwood Hall Episcopal School, Annual Fund, 3000 South Beltline Blvd. Columbia, SC 29201.

Your gift to our Annual Fund will continue the exceptional educational experience that makes us Heathwood Hall Episcopal School.

Respectfully,

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