



# MANHATTAN CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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## ANNUAL REPORT 2010

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8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation June, 2010

### FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

On behalf of the students, families, faculty and staff please accept our gratitude for your wonderful support last year in thought, kindness and financial gifts. In an uncertain time, Manhattan Christian Academy (MCA) had a record year with achievements in scholastics, interscholastic competitions, and fund raising. We sincerely thank you for helping to make this possible.

Donations for operations increased to \$500,651 from \$234,173, a 114% increase. The year closed with a surplus of \$172,642. In addition there were donations of \$10,500 for the Fairness Fund for Faculty Compensation making total donations \$511,151, a new record. With fourteen fewer students than the 2008-09 school year and continued expense pressure our operating gap increased last year to

\$390,710 from \$327,532. Detail in the Financial Summary following.

Two new scholarship funds began last year:

- Judith Biggs founded the *JOSEPHINE TUCKER ROBERTSON FUND FOR URBAN CHILDREN* in her dear friend's memory. The fund is for need-based scholarships which last year were \$93,738.
- Gretchen Biggs founded *THE GRACE FUND* with the objective of bringing deserving children whose families are unable to consider the value of an MCA education for them. There are four Grace Scholars in place with the objective 25 places over time.

*MCA granted \$206,163 in tuition assistance last year. Even at full tuition and fees with no assistance, the price per child falls short of the cost by \$1,400.*

*THE FAIRNESS FUND* grew to \$307,300 adding greatly to MCA's stability. With these reserves and continued donations, MCA is able to make a step toward the long term goal of taking our faculty compensation from 45% to 75% of the public school salary scale over the next three years.

The Wall Street Journal reported on April 30, 2010 that, "Manhattan Christian Academy, tucked in a Dominican neighborhood



in upper Washington Heights, has nurtured generations of poor, immigrant children, turning out many high-school graduates and career professionals.”

Journal reporter Peter Wallsten accompanied media personality Lou Dobbs as he spoke to MCA parents to help improve his relations with Hispanic New Yorkers. Both were amazed by the wonderful atmosphere here and taken by Alumna and Advisor Ruth Mercado’s introduction describing MCA as my “country school in the urban jungle.”

Great things happened here last year: MCA won First Place in New York State in a national nutrition and exercise contest sponsored by the NFL and the National Dairy Council. Our Middle School History teacher Bethany Campbell won the Ignatius Educators Award in a New York City wide competition. Plus MCA’s Girls Varsity Basketball Team won its league championship.

A pastor friend once said that the ‘best things in life aren’t things.’ That is true for many ‘things’, especially hope here in this setting. Hope is something which can’t be purchased in a store or promised by a politician, it can only be given.

Your gifts to MCA give hope to children at risk to a failing public school system and to a faculty whose dedication provides exceptional results now with the evidence of improving compensation.

As you encounter our children, their hope is present. It has been reported in the Wall Street Journal and highlighted in conversations with ‘Hour’ visitors.

We know you all have active philanthropic lives and we thank you so very much for including MCA in your portfolio. ■PAUL GOJKOVICH 203-912-7564 (M)



**SUMMARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

	2009-10	2008-09
Total Expenses	\$1,600,241	\$1,658,644
Revenue less donations	1,209,531	1,331,112
Operating Fund		
Donations	500,651	234,173
Surplus (Deficit)	172,642	(84,092)
Fairness Fund		
Donations	10,500	256,800
Fairness Fund		
Balance	307,300	296,800
Total Gifts	511,151	490,973



TRUSTEES & ADVISORS \$151,755 AND IN KIND

Larry Allen  
Rick & Danielle Bonifas  
Ronald & Doris Barnhouse  
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