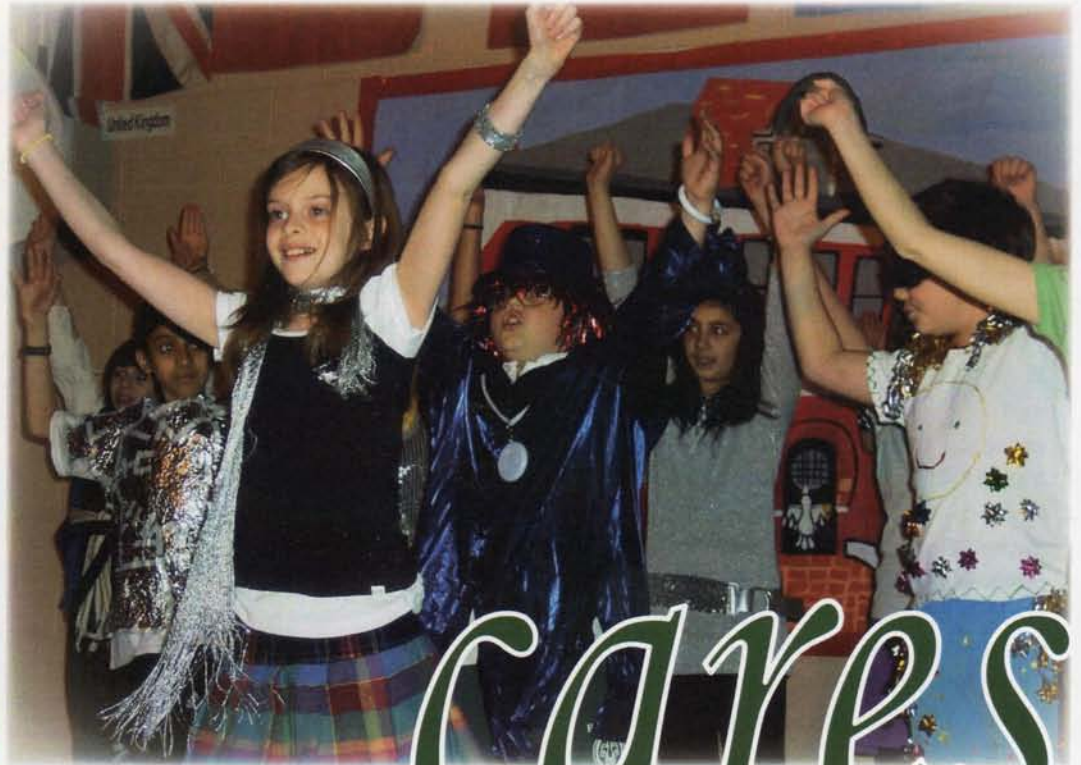


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THE PRIORY SCHOOL FOUNDATION 2007-2008 ANNUAL REPORT



A Community That

Cares

by Deborah Heuff, Principal

The Priory has always been known for its sense of community and for the support that The Priory Family has always given to its school. As Principal, I have had the opportunity of seeing first-hand just what this means. Parent volunteers giving their time, talent and energy to a school that welcomes them with open arms, alumni and past parents continuing to support "the little red school house on The Boulevard", as well as a faculty and staff that goes above and beyond their professional requirements to give students that "little something extra", all combine to make The Priory what it is today - A Community That Cares!

This past year has been filled with many memorable milestones. The Priory School celebrated its 60th Anniversary and in true Priory spirit, planned events that would allow all members of its Family to participate. From the 60th Anniversary Mass celebrated in Paré-Howlett Hall, to The Priory Alumni 60th Anniversary Reunion to The Priory Fall Mixer, all constituents felt that they were part of something very special – their Priory Family. In addition, the 2008 Annual Campaign exceeded expectations with more families participating

than in previous years and the ever popular 8th Annual Priory Golf Tournament broke a new fund-raising record raising \$53,000. It truly was a year of celebration!

A WORD FROM THE CHAIR, by Robert Berger

I feel privileged to chair The Priory School Foundation, working with a group of dedicated volunteers who understand that in order for The Priory to remain competitive within the English private school community, additional funds other than tuition fees need to be raised. We can all be extremely proud of the fact that since its inception in 2001, The Priory School Foundation has collectively raised \$1.3 million as well as \$400,000 in planned gifts. We could not have reached these heights without you!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your incredible support and for playing an invaluable role in this past year's success. Together we are fulfilling The Priory's dreams!

Through the generosity of parents, alumni and friends

1. Joy of Learning:

The remainder of the SMART Boards were installed completing our goal to have all students benefiting from this superb technology.

2. Home Sweet Home:

Our Priory athletes play with pride in their new basketball uniforms!

3. Helping Hand:

Bursaries in the amount of \$26,500 were distributed to deserving Priory students who would otherwise be unable to remain at the school.

IN
2008



THE BURSARY PROGRAM MAKING A PRIORY DIFFERENCE

The Priory is a community that values its diverse population by truly reflecting the global village in which our students will be active participants. We understand that true inclusiveness means bringing together all students regardless of differences of race, religion, language, financial capability or physical ability and we are committed to this vision.

In these challenging economic times, we do not want to deny a child the opportunity of a Priory education because of financial limitations. Our commitment is to support and help those who are facing a challenge. This year, under the guidance of Bursary Chair Collette Coty, six families received a helping hand through the generosity of our established family bursaries as well as through the golf tournament. Thirty-two families have been helped since the program was established. These are numbers we can certainly be proud of!



In Her Words, Anonymous Bursary Recipient

I spent the most amazing six years of my life at The Priory! The teachers instilled in me a joy of learning which I now realize is a great gift. Each year brought new experiences and each year I worried that the next grade would never be as good as the one before. However, this was never the case! The skills I learned and the education I received, provided me with a strong foundation for high school. So many of the things that I learned at The Priory serve me well today and have made my transition to high school very smooth. I am now proud to say that I am attending one of the best high schools in the city and that I am at the top of my class in all subjects.

If it had not been for the Bursary Program I would not have been able to complete my elementary schooling at The Priory. My parents and I are forever grateful to the people who decided to donate money to this program. The Bursary Program gives children with less affluent backgrounds the chance to receive the well-rounded education that The Priory offers. I hope that one day I will be able to donate money to this program, as I know that it will help other children, just as it helped me.

FORE THE KIDS— FOUNDATIONS'S GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Priory spirit of generosity and support for its school burned brightly despite threatening rain clouds at The Priory Foundation's 8th Annual Golf Tournament held at the Ile Perrot Golf & Country Club this past May. One hundred four golfers showed their true mettle as they participated in a fun-filled day that



began with a delicious brunch, followed by 18 holes on the greens, a lively cocktail hour and a delectable dinner. CJAD sportscaster, Rob Martier, hosted a spirited live auction that accompanied a silent auction filled with items for every palate. Golf Committee members Jim Wyzykowski, Darren McGuire,

Dave Matthew, Sian Matthew, Diana Ferrara, Johanne Di-Silvestro, John Regimbal, John Marinelli, Deborah Heuff and Jill Quinlan Bird, had much to be proud of as the \$53,000 raised at this event exceeded expectations and was put to good use in the "Greatest Needs of the School" fund.

Over the past eight years, \$238,000 has been raised through this wonderful sporting day. Our heartfelt thanks go out to all who have participated over the years and to those who will add their support in tournaments to come!





SIXTY YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

On October 13th, past and present parents, teachers and friends gathered together to celebrate The Priory's 60th Anniversary with a special commemorative Mass held at the school followed by a Dinner/Dance at Le Centre Mont-Royal. Past principals Teresa McConnon and John Marinelli and present principal Deborah Heuff were honoured for their dedication and outstanding commitment to The Priory through a special video presentation capturing the school's long and storied past. A welcoming cocktail, scrumptious three course meal and live auction combined to make this event one that would not easily be forgotten. The generosity and support of those present was both amazing and gratifying, with a final fund-raising total of \$21,425. These newly raised funds enabled all grades at The Priory to have SmartBoards in their classrooms.



No anniversary celebration at The Priory would be complete without its former students. On February 9th, over eighty alumni returned to "their home away from home" to reminisce with each other, rekindle friendships and create new memories with former classmates and staff. Paré-Howlett Hall was filled with mouth-watering aromas from the homemade pasta lunch lovingly prepared by The Priory's very own Italian cooks. Photo displays of the school from its inception in 1947 to present day and Anita DiStefano's presentation of "The Priory through the Decades" were well received by all in attendance. The highlight of the afternoon came with Nicolas Duchesne's 2008 version of The Alumni Zany Games. This year's victorious team was the Blue Berries, whose name was inscribed on the Zany Games Plaque in the lobby. The afternoon ended with tired but well fed alumni leaving the "little red schoolhouse on The Boulevard" with laughter and joy in their hearts. As Meghna Bajaj '98 put so well, "The building has expanded, we have grown, but the warm coziness of The Priory still remains!"



Through the generous donations of patrons and the tireless efforts of fundraisers and volunteers, The Priory School continues to blossom and remain true to its strong roots. At a celebratory **Wine & Cheese** honouring its supporters, the wonderful sense of community that The Priory is so well known for, was much in evidence. Over the past sixty years, the school has provided Priory students with a strong academic foundation from which to take flight, instilled core values into its students' everyday living and taught the children a genuine love of learning.

FULFILLING A DREAM

The Priory has always believed that friend-raising was just as important as fund-raising. Under the dynamic leadership of Sara Provencher and Julian Haber, the 60th Anniversary Annual Campaign was a true testament of this belief as more donors than ever before contributed to our school's annual fundraising event. With such dedicated supporters, the campaign could not help but be successful and raised a total of \$20,660, ensuring that The Priory's mission continues into the future.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2008-2009

- Robert Berger, Chair
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- Jill Quinlan Bird, Ex-Officio



Fond Farewell



Stephen Aikins

Stephen Aikins began his association with the school as a student and graduated from The Priory in 1967. In 1989 he was nominated to the Board of Directors and assumed the position of president in 1992, a position he held until January 1999. In 2000 he was asked to be president of The Priory

School Foundation. During his time as President (Board and Foundation):

- We held our first ever capital campaign
- We purchased the property next door (skating rink).
- We improved our physical facilities (building of Paré-Howlett Hall, The Kriebler Library and an ICT Resource Centre)
- We established The Priory School Foundation
- We began our Annual Golf Tournament and Annual Campaign

On April 26, 2005 The Board of Directors passed a motion officially recognizing Steve Aikins' leadership, support and tremendous contribution over the many years by naming the west side playground and skating rink area "The Aikins Field". A plaque was placed in the lobby of Paré-Howlett Hall to serve as a testimony to his outstanding contribution to The Priory.

**THANK YOU STEVE
FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE
FOR THE PRIORY!**

2007-2008

REVENUE

Annual Campaigns:	\$20,660
Special & Major Gifts:	\$68,134
Annual Golf Tournament:	\$60,795
Interest:	\$43,050
Total:	\$192,639

ENDOWMENT

Joy of Learning:	\$308,730
Helping Hand Bursaries:	\$131,560
First Things First:	\$ 19,910
Interest:	\$ 71,534
Total:	\$531,735

THANK YOU

IN APPRECIATION The Priory School Foundation gratefully acknowledges everyone who gave donations between July 1, 2007 and June 30th 2008. Donors listed below have been recognized in the giving circle which reflects their cumulative giving.

Founder's Circle

\$100,000 +

Stephen Aikins
Collette Coty
Pierrette Wong

Family Circle

\$25,000 to \$99,000

David DeSanctis
Dr. Judi Fish & Allan Levitt
Geoffrey Moore & Krista Leitham
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Parent's Circle

\$10,000 to \$24,999

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Child's Circle

\$1,000 to \$9,999

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And the many contributors to our Annual Golf Tournament

THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS

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