

Dear Friend of Hearts Academy of Excellence,

Hearts Academy is beginning it's 13th year serving homeschool families of our community. We are anticipating an incredible year "raising the bar" to take this ministry to the next level. We wanted to include you as a potential partner in our efforts. Hearts Academy is a 501c3 non-profit corporation and any monetary gift would be tax deductible. We do operate on a very tight budget and any contribution is an incredible blessing.

You may be interested in the projects underway this summer.

We are looking forward to a great year of community and learning with the addition of the STEM program(Science, Technology, Engineering and Math)under the direction of Aloma McKay and more computer classes with Andrea Wright for most age groups, including parents. We also purchased four interactive projectors which will add technology to the classrooms.

I am most excited about the security improvements. We are purchasing 22 new cameras throughout the building as well as outside the building. In addition, we are in the process of instituting a new sign-in/sign out system which will be computerized, notifying parents when students depart for the day(mostly helpful for parent of older children). I am sure there will be a learning curve but I believe the parents will appreciate the added safety benefits.

You will be seeing many cosmetic improvements to the building in the way of paint, flooring in some of classrooms and sanctuary, lighting, etc. We are hoping to make improvements in the kitchen as time and finances allow, adding additional cabinetry/storage. Additional storage cabinets are being purchased for classes and we have already acquired many new(to us) chairs, tables, cheer mats and science supplies.

We will be meeting this week concerning our computers and software to see what updates are needed. We will most likely need to begin purchasing new computers and are looking for the best options.

We have set as a goal this year to purchase a bus in order to transport students to sporting events, field trips and extra-curricular events. (We are currently looking at a 14 passenger bus at a cost of \$17,000 plus insurance coverage). If fundraising allows we will purchase a second in the future. A CDL license is not required for 14 passenger busses which make it an attractive option.

Finally, we have tutor training this week and we always try to supply our tutors with fresh supplies such as scissors, expo markers and erasers, staplers, etc.

These are just a few of our current and upcoming projects to let you know any contribution you so generously choose to give would be put to good use. Please feel free to direct your giving to a particular project if you prefer. If you are giving through a business you own we would like to also thank you in the way of adding your business to our Partner banner to be displayed at sports events, business directory, and yearbook. I am attaching that information for you.

Please feel free to call my personal cell with any further questions at 404-915-8517.

Sincerely,

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