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Lyford Cay International School sincerely appreciates those who have generously donated to our school. Annual contributions are fundamental to our students' success.

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Every Gift Counts Whether it is giving time, talent, knowledge, or resources, the gifts we share have a significant impact on our school. Thank you to all

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Message from the Principal

Every Gift Counts

I am happy to have this chance to **thank you** for your unwavering support of LCIS. As you will see in the pages of this Development Report, many people committed to supporting the school last year. We are delighted to announce that

in 2009-10, we raised **\$1m**! This outpouring of generosity in times of such economic turmoil demonstrates the enduring value that parents, benefactors and friends see in this wonderful institution.

With your help, LCIS continues to excel. In this issue you will read about how this support ensures that LCIS achieves a level of excellence above and beyond what is covered by tuition. Each and every donated dollar is an investment in our students' future, and this report demonstrates the power your generosity has to make an impact. We are proud to present a sample of the extraordinary giving that is helping us move from good to great. Thank you for your commitment and trust in us.

Of course, your investment in our students is also an investment in the future. Thanks to your generous donations many diverse learning experiences are in place for our students. Our goal is to challenge students intellectually, promote social growth, and guide them toward independent thinking and problem solving.

We encourage students to demonstrate their strengths - every moment of everyday - and to make positive contributions to all aspects of their personal and academic lives. We strive to instill within our student body a collective pride for our school, as well as to help

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students individually realize personal pride and goals.

As we continue to **Celebrate Differences and Honor Excellence**, we must concentrate on the processes that spur advancement:

evaluating what we have, determining what we can do to improve and identifying what we need to make those improvements.

Every donation counts - every dollar is used to make LCIS a better place. Thank you again.

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Stacey D. Bobo **Principal**



Your Donations at Work

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Engage. Connect. Communicate. \$353k Raised for for Technology Improvements

LCIS has a long-standing commitment to the integration of technology in teaching and learning. As an integral part of school life, technology is central to the functioning of LCIS.

Every classroom on campus, including the Early Learning Center (ELC), now boasts a Promethean Board. These whiteboards are an all-in-one interactive, collaborative, multimedia experience designed to capture the imagination of the 21st century, global learner.

Head of the ELC Tammy Kemp commented on the new additions, "The introduction of the interactive whiteboards for our younger students enables our teachers to make learning

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much more interactive. The lessons are colorful, imaginative and the students seem to grasp the lesson concepts more quickly - and they are so excited to get their turn!"

A Pre-K student added, "I like writing on the big board as I can choose any color and I like using the special pen."



Along with the new boards, the school has introduced "ActivExpression" devices - a new generation of learner response systems. The devices, similar to a mobile phone, are used to encourage collaboration and contribution. Full text capability enables students to respond in full sentences as well as in numbers, symbols, maths equation, true / false, Likert scales and more. Also, there is a self-paced learning capability that allows teachers to assign full quizzes of varying difficulty and gives students the opportunity to register answers at their own pace.

Grade 5 teacher Denize Markham commented: "One of the most valuable contributions of the ActivExpression devices has been its ability to engage my students - every child has a say and can take part, without fear of embarrassing themselves if they get it wrong."

Also this year, over a 100 new computers were purchased including the latest MacBook Pro laptops for the mobile computer cart, iMac desktops for the classrooms, upgrades to our servers, and digital video cameras and scanners.

LCIS' technology platform continues to develop to help meet the diverse needs of today's learners and prepare all our students for now and the future.

Enriching the Curriculum \$230k Additional Support for Academic Programs

A wide range of academic programs have been enriched throughout all areas of the school from the addition of new textbooks, scientific equipment, on-line research tools, and a variety of resources.

Supporting Advanced Sciences

The LCIS senior science students are appreciating new technology to support advanced science instruction with the use of digital microscopes to capture images for analysis. The images seen through a digital microscope can be projected to a computer monitor and saved on a computer file. The data saving capabilities of a digital microscope make them a great tool for research.

Grade 12 student Felicia Taylor commented on how this new equipment is enriching her IB biology extended essay: "I am currently completing my research entitled 'Sexual Ecomorphism within the Anolis Sagrei species, and having the digital microscope has allowed me to have high quality data while carefully examining the toe pad lamellae on the bottom of the lizard's feet."





Support for Literacy Program

The rigorous literacy program that starts in Nursery has been given the latest Guided Reading books to improve the selection of books available to classroom teachers to support reading instruction. Guided Reading takes place in small groups, every day, with the teacher. This approach helps students develop efficient processing strategies to better understand and explore the meaning of written text. It also promotes the development of higher level thinking skills and problem solving. Literacy Co-ordinator Tracey Farquharson commented: "It is important that students are exposed to a variety of texts and read for a variety of purposes in order to become proficient readers. The new books will provide all of our students with greater choice and variety."

Teachers report that the new titles are also a wonderful resource to support the PYP units of inquiry or writing units. As students study a particular genre of writing or content area topic, teachers are able to incorporate guided reading selections into

these units. "Providing this type of curricular integration and reading in the content areas is a wonderful way to encourage inquiry and develop a love of reading. We are fortunate to have access to some of the best fiction and non-fiction titles in children's literature." said Mrs. Farquharson.

Book Boost for Library

The LCIS library received over 250 new books that will appeal to students across the school, as well as the latest



Achieving Academic Excellence

Every day LCIS students have opportunities to learn, to problem solve, to serve, to lead, to mentor, and to collaborate with their peers, in part, from gifts made to the Annual Giving Program.

Mapping It Out

Over the past two years, the staff at LCIS, along with the

alignment and articulation of the curriculum.

invaluable help of a consultant, have been able to construct a Curriculum Mapping system that will ensure even greater

Principal Stacey Bobo commented on the process: "Curriculum

Mapping benefits all our students. It allows us to use computer

software to evaluate the effectiveness of classroom instruction.

Its basic premise is that student learning can be improved by

EBSCO database subscriptions that will provide access to the most-used reference resource around the world.

Latest Numbers & Words

The Everyday Math program, the highest ranking elementary mathematics curriculum in the United States, has been upgraded to the latest version. This program emphasizes the application of mathematics to real world situations. Numbers, skills and mathematical concepts are not presented in isolation, but are linked to situations and contexts that are relevant to everyday lives.

Also, new textbooks were provided for science, art and humanities that take advantage of the best practices and most recent instructional approaches that help students foster a love of learning.



documenting and evaluating what is being planned and what is being taught in the classroom. In other words, a curriculum map is one way to hold schools accountable for teaching "standards" or what students are supposed to learn. It is like our glue!"

This map will have many uses including the mapping of assessments and assessment types across all grade levels (N-12). Additionally, essential elements of the IB will be integrated into the system, which will be web-based, to provide the basis for continued refinement and improvement of the curriculum.

Your Gift....Their Dreams \$200k Raised for Scholarship Fund

Maintaining a Diverse Student Body

LCIS offers financial aid because it believes that economic diversity is part of the school's strength and definition. Attracting outstanding students to LCIS enriches the educational experience for all students. LCIS's small class size ensures a high level of interaction among students from a wide variety of social circumstances.

Successful graduates of LCIS enhance LCIS's reputation at college admissions offices and, later, in the marketplaces where LCIS graduates will eventually work and contribute. In short, LCIS's financial aid program makes LCIS a better school for all its students.

During the 2009-10 school year, 27 students – 10 percent of the student body – received \$196,648 in financial assistance awards ranging from 5% to 55% of total tuition. The average award covered 39% or \$6,929 of tuition fees.

Merit Scholars Success

An additional \$46,900 was awarded to students in the form of Merit Scholarships. One of the Class of 2010, Danisha Higgs (pictured below), secured a merit-based scholarship in 2006



from C.R Walker High School, and she was exposed to a variety of experiences at LCIS which allowed her to obtain her full International Baccalaureate Diploma. Danisha's time at LCIS, afforded her an excellent education, confidence, opportunity, support, discipline and the ability to succeed in an interdependent, challenging, and changing world.

This fall, Danisha entered Albright College obtaining a full scholarship for her pre-med program in Biology and Chemistry.

Danisha commented, "LCIS has beyond doubt opened my eyes and mind to multifarious aspects of life, which I believe will be a valuable asset during my time at college and as I continue to progress in life." She added: "I look forward to the time when I will have finally achieved my long term goal of becoming a doctor. Then I will reflect upon my times at LCIS and smile when I remember the thoughtfulness that was shown to me."

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Merit scholarship monies are used by LCIS to attract the brightest and most motivated students, like Danisha, regardless of financial circumstances.

Great Teachers Help Create Great Students. \$80K Raised for Professional Development

Last year, donations accounted for 100% of the annual Professional Development budget that ensures that the LCIS faculty and staff are able to continually update their skills and knowledge to ensure that LCIS continues to offer the highest level of education. The best teachers have a continuing interest in honing their skills and gaining valuable training in the latest innovations in their fields and in teaching excellence in general.

In addition, as one of only 157 schools worldwide authorized to offer all three International Baccalaureate (IB) programs, LCIS teachers are required to actively participate in the design and implementation of the IB Program worldwide. These needs are met thanks to the generous funding by our community.

Christine Murdock, French teacher, recently attended an IB Middle Years Programme (MYP) workshop and commented on the experience; "The conference was most valuable. I really appreciated every minute and see the benefit of it everyday in my classroom. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to

teach myself as well as my peers."

Elementary teachers, Bernadette Fox (Grade 6) and Yannique Charlton (Grade 2) were able to attend a level 3 Primary Year's Programme (PYP) held at the American Museum of Natural History in New York; "This workshop session engaged us in

meaningful experiences that will help us better understand, plan and implement meaningful inquiry within our



classrooms. The museum setting provided a resource rich environment and helped us generate new ideas to enrich our students' learning experiences."

Professional Development is the key to help sharpen skills, expand knowledge, and kindle the enthusiasm of our worldclass faculty.

Developing our Talents. Enriching our Lives. \$40k Raised for Expansion of Visual Arts Program



LCIS is committed to fostering innovative artistic expression and creative process by exposing students to a variety of artists, genres and styles. The school believes that the Visual Arts should be an important part of every student's life and the LCIS students have been involved in some incredible artistic endeavors thanks to the continuing support of the community.

The LCIS Art Institute for Grades K-12 continues to be a successful addition to the art curriculum. A number of renowned Bahamian artists have been involved with students to allow for practical exchange while simultaneously delivering a more rigorous art history and visual arts program.

The students continue to be exposed to both local and foreign



artists living in the Bahamas. The visits by John Cox, Antonius Roberts, Max Taylor and others have enhanced the students creative skills.

The Visual Arts program encourages students to work with and experience a rich variety of media. Working with clay is a new, important and exciting experience for the students. This year, LCIS has been able to install their very own kiln which has greatly enhanced the ceramics program.

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The continued success and development of the Visual Arts program meant that there was a need to expand the existing Elementary Art Room to create a more functional and effective instructional space. An individual donation enabled that expansion to take place this summer. It included additional space for students to work, more storage space for materials and display areas for student's work.

A Grade 6 student commented on the program: "Art is everywhere in our school and teaches us that there are many ways to look at the world."



Learning to the Right Beat \$25,000 Raised for Music

Music is fundamental to the human condition—it is an essential source of communication, expression and understanding. Studying music prepares children for a lifetime involvement with music not only as audience members, but also as active participants in performing and creating. It enables students to contribute to the richness and beauty of their own culture.

This year, thanks to the help of the LCIS Parent Teacher Association (PTA), the LCIS music program added a number of new instruments and musical equipment.

To help augment the LCIS band and orchestra, a Remo professional drum kit, bass clarinets, saxophones and trombones were acquired. A number of Remo world percussion drums and xylophones were also purchased and will provide LCIS's youngest students with exciting ways to make music and discover rhythm with their very own instruments. The percussion drums will enable an entire class to participate as an

ensemble and the drums will help with learning tone and pitch. The xylophones have introduced melodic reading and playing at a more advanced level.



Donations have also added specialized music chairs for students. LCIS music teacher Ms. Lindsey Berthiaume commented: "Posture is the basis for everything you do as a musician, and having the right posture alleviates problems for students. The new chairs have made the students more comfortable and hence more focus on their playing."

Well-Balanced Students \$20,500 Raised for Gymnastics Program

Gymnastics has been proven to help important developmental areas for children. Not only does gymnastics provide an excellent way for children to become physically fit, it also teaches discipline, self-confidence and determination.

With the generous support of the LCIS PTA and other individuals, a range of high quality, new equipment was able to be purchased. It enabled the LCIS gymnastics program to

expand both in the curriculum and after-school. Students in Nursery through Grade 6 now have gymnastics in their formal PE classes, as well as access to an enhanced after-school experience.

Athletic Director Mr. Craig Massey commented:"This is a fantastic discipline for our students to be exposed to. Not only does it keep our students physically fit, gymnastics develops coordination, balance, flexibility and strength."





The equipment was purchased through AAI - the world's leading manufacturer of gymnastics apparatus - and a specific storage facility was built this summer to house the specialized equipment.

Well Balanced Students (with Paddles) \$17,000 Donated to Introduction of Kayaking

Thanks to a generous individual donation, the LCIS kayaking after-school program was launched last Spring. Many students enjoy this new activity. The new program is part of an overall effort to promote a healthy lifestyle and to encourage students to consider the IB learner profile aspect of being balanced in their lives. Kayaking connects the students to the nature that surrounds Lyford Cay and The Bahamas.

"I am excited to take part in the kayaking. It is challenging, but so enjoyable to be close to nature."

The value of this vertically structured program, involving grades 4-12, is that students from various age groups work together and learn from each other. The Secondary School students are helping to mentor the younger students in responsible kayaking procedures, steering and boat maintenance.

A Grade 4 student commented: "I am excited to take part in the kayaking. It is challenging, but so enjoyable to be close to nature."



Where does tuition go?

Like all independent schools, tuition alone does not cover the cost of a LCIS education. Each year, charitable gifts to the Annual Giving Program (AGP) greatly enhance the educational experience for all LCIS students. In fact, <u>all</u> LCIS students receive a "hidden scholarship" from gifts to the AGP, which closes the gap between the actual cost of an education at LCIS and income from tuition fees.



Where do donated dollars go?

Each year, the LCIS administration set fundraising priorities to support our three vital funds:

Educational Enhancement Fund

This fund provides essential support for the school's faculty and academic programs including Professional Development, instructional tools and equipment. A gift to this fund supports everything that happens at LCIS - in the classrooms, on the sports field, on stage, after-school.

Scholarship Fund

This fund supports the Financial Aid Program which is an essential element of what makes LCIS so special. The learning environment at LCIS is immeasurably enhanced by the diversity of it's student

Capital Improvements Fund

This fund supports necessary ongoing campus maintenance and improvements.

It also includes donations to **Technology** that allow LCIS to provide students and teachers with the most effective technology platform to meet the needs of today's learners and prepare all the students for a successful life in the 21st century.





<u>DEVELOPMENT REPORT</u>



Why does LCIS need an Annual Giving Program?

- LCIS generates its operating revenue from tuition.
- The School consistently has been fiscally responsible.
- The Annual Giving Program covers the extra costs of programs and materials not included in the School's budget.

LCIS Annual Giving Program Fast Facts

- Your gift puts our students first in the world of technology using laptops/desktops and interactive whiteboards across the curriculum.
- Your gift enables our student body to remain diverse.
- Your gift enriches the classroom with the latest curriculum advances that help students develop a lifelong love of learning.
- Your gift helps retain exceptional teachers and ensures their ongoing professional development.
- Your gift extends our exceptional science program with the latest equipment and labs.
- Your gift helps each student tap into creative expression through art, music and writing.
- Your gift enriches our sports program and offers an enhanced PE program.





Giving Societies

LCIS is extremely grateful for every contribution to the Annual Giving Program and acknowledges all through our recognition societies, which are prominently displayed on a donor wall on campus and published in school publications including the official website. LCIS is happy to honor donor requests to remain anonymous, as well as requests of gifts made in the name or honor of others.

LCIS Friends : up to \$1,000 . The Cay Council : up to \$10,000 EP Taylor : up to \$25,000 Turquoise & Gold : up to \$100,000 Founder's Circle: \$100,000+





~ With a robust giving program, we help our students to achieve their personal best ~

The funds raised each year through the Annual Giving Program benefit our students tremendously by enriching their educational experience. It is the lifeblood of LCIS fundraising efforts. It supports every student, in every program, in every grade, every year. The amount each family and individual gives is a personal decision. Your contribution—along with those of all donors directly enhances a child's education. We hope that all members of the LCIS community will participate to the best of their ability.

Every Gift Makes a Difference!

In Appreciation ~ 2009-10



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Lyford Cay International School



Over the past five years, the LCIS Gala Dinner & Auction event has been the largest single fundraiser for LCIS raising almost \$1.9m to significantly help to sustain the school's commitment to providing each student with the highest quality international education possible.

In the past, this event has been supported by many LCIS community members, as well as guests and sponsors from Nassau and around the world.

This year, the event will be held on Saturday, March 26th, 2011. at the Sheraton Grand Ballroom, Cable Beach Resorts. Based on the phenomenal success of the past events, we anticipate attendance of more than 300 community members. We are indeed hoping to raise a substantial amount of money for LCIS initiatives, through sponsorship of tables and the live and silent auctions. The success of this event is dependent on generous donations from individuals and corporations.

This year the proceeds from this event will be split between three vital funds: the LCIS Educational Enhancement Fund, the Capital Improvements Fund, and the Scholarship Endowment Fund, unless otherwise directed by the donor.

We are extremely fortunate that Baha Mar will again be generously hosting the event and Bristol Cellars will be donating the bar in it's entirety, which allows almost 100% of the proceeds to benefit LCIS. Table sponsorship is \$10,000 (table of 10) and individual tickets \$1,000.



We hope that we can count, once again, on the support of the community. We look forward to an enjoyable night while raising a substantial amount of money to significantly impact LCIS students.

LCIS Gala Dinner & Auction Committee







Mission Statement

In its commitment to academic excellence and celebration of internationalism and diversity, Lyford Cay International School strives to challenge its students to become respectful of self and others, disciplined, ethical, and healthy global citizens with the ability to succeed in an interdependent, challenging, and changing world.





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