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Project 2010: TD's Next Chapter

Embracing the Future

The Time is Now

by Ren Siebenga, Principal

As many of you know, our science classrooms are tired and want to be brought into the 21st century. The gas has been shut off for some years, there has been minimal water use, and the rooms have limited experimental work space. Contrary to the belief of some, education has changed in the past few decades, yet these rooms are much like they were when you attended TD in the 1960s. We were going to upgrade them in our last major construction phase, but ran out of funds. So for the past few years, the science area has been that part of the school tour that I have tried to skip past when taking potential new families through the school building.



The community must address this need, and the time is now. Since our architect Roland Jonker tells us it is wiser to build new than try to fix the old, the Board's plan is to build a complete new wing onto the facility. As with all construction projects, we will also try to fix some other nagging deficiencies at the same time, such as music practice rooms, the art room, and quiet study spaces.

The old axiom "Work and Pray" is one we all know well—and this working, praying community knows that, when needed, it also pays. When you are called on to give to this cause, please give as the Lord has blessed you with money. Do it, if not for your children, then perhaps for your grandchildren or maybe just for the common good of all. TD has a 45-year history of graduating students into all corners of the world and all people groups. Our 4000-plus graduates serve as environmental advisers, entrepreneurs, doctors, dentists, ditchdiggers, musicians, missionaries, ministers, parents, grandparents, lawyers, etc. All of them have been touched by our mission of Educating Teens for Service in the Light of God's Word. We thank God for the wonderful way in which this school has equipped and continues to equip youth with the skills and tools they need in order to be Christian in this world.

Our last major building drive was in 2000—that is, eight years ago. It is time to do it again. The good news is that many have already given to this campaign to realize science rooms, for in addition to the million-dollar kickoff gift, almost \$900,000 more has been raised. However, \$1.1 million dollars is still needed. For some, \$10,000.00 is a little; for others, \$100.00 is a lot. I encourage you to give a little and give a lot.

Campaign Update

by John Meiboom, Campaign Director

In May, TDChristian received word of a \$1,000,000 matching challenge grant. This is a pledge made by a supporter who, after hearing from Principal Ren Siebenga of the school's need for added space, agreed to kick off a campaign with this wonderful gift.



Immediately afterwards, the TD Board asked the Society membership for its support of a capital campaign to raise an additional \$2,000,000 to expand the school facility. The proposal received 97% approval from the members at that meeting. The money is being raised in two phases as follows:

LEADERSHIP PHASE: Since late spring we have asked Board, staff, and about 30 key donors to make pledges matching the \$1,000,000 lead gift. This has resulted in gifts totalling \$893,665 so far, made up as shown below. (We await responses from a number of donors, and more will be visited in the coming days and weeks.)

• Board and Staff	\$ 181,065
• Key donors	\$ 712,500
• TOTAL (as of Sept 4)	\$ 893,665

Let us thank God for the generous support of these dedicated people.

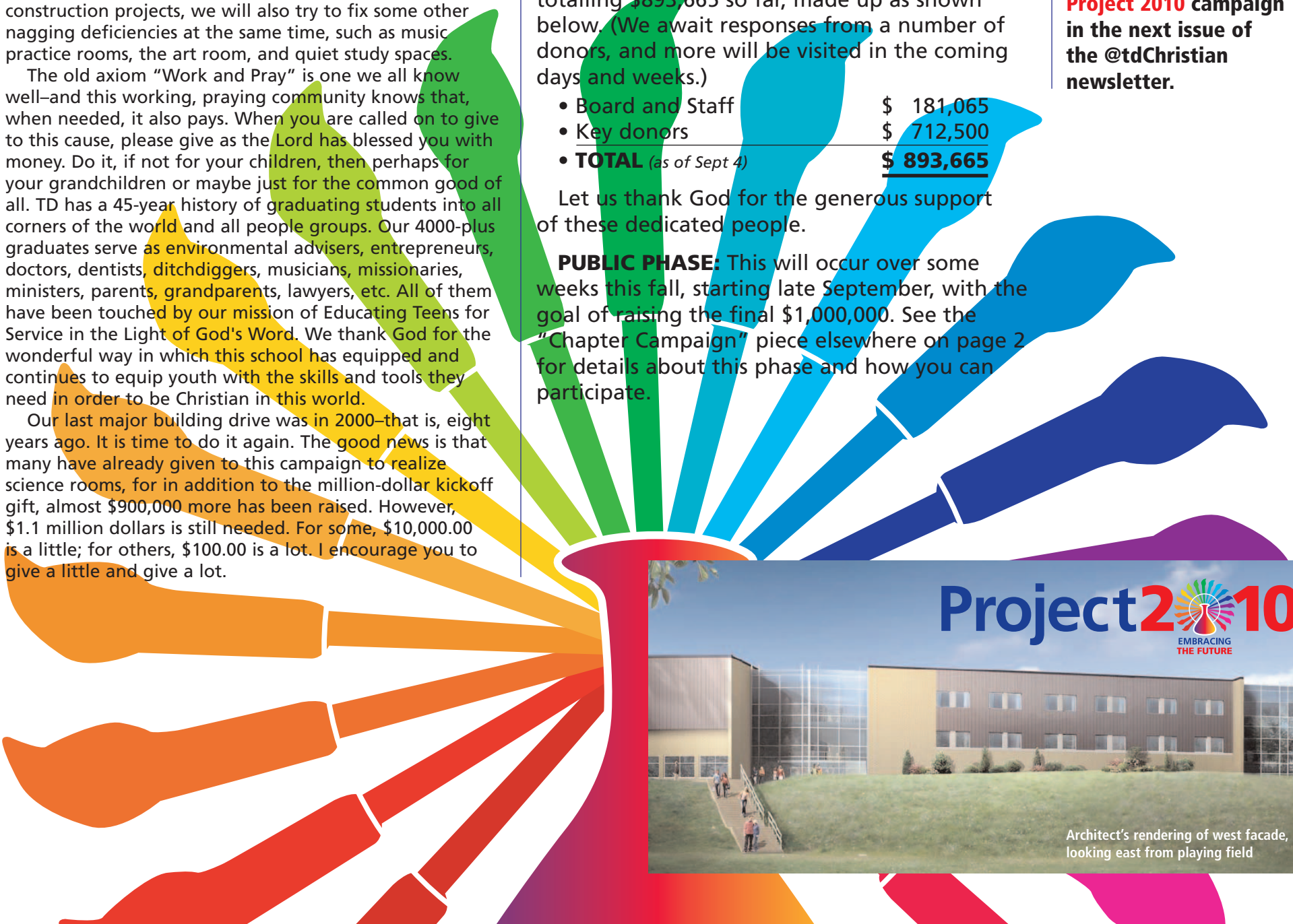
PUBLIC PHASE: This will occur over some weeks this fall, starting late September, with the goal of raising the final \$1,000,000. See the "Chapter Campaign" piece elsewhere on page 2 for details about this phase and how you can participate.

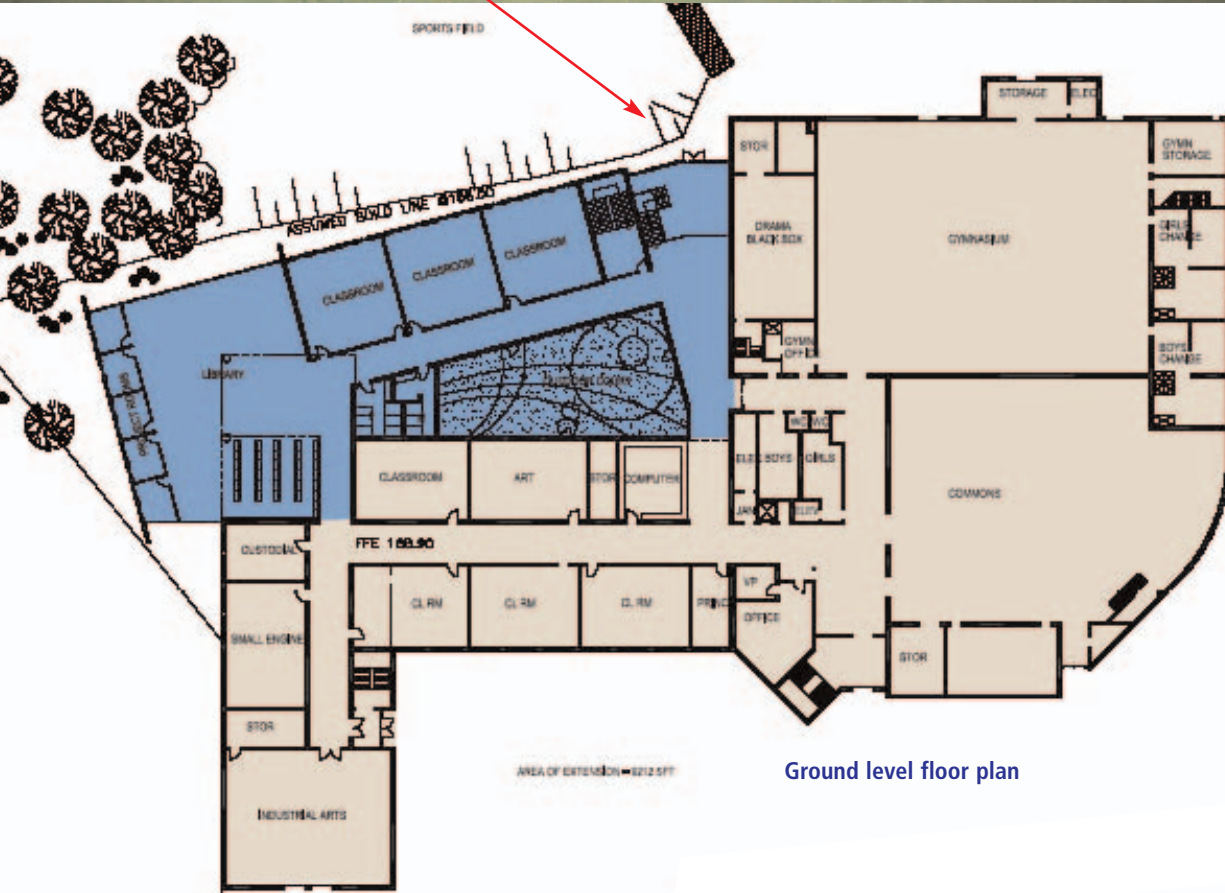
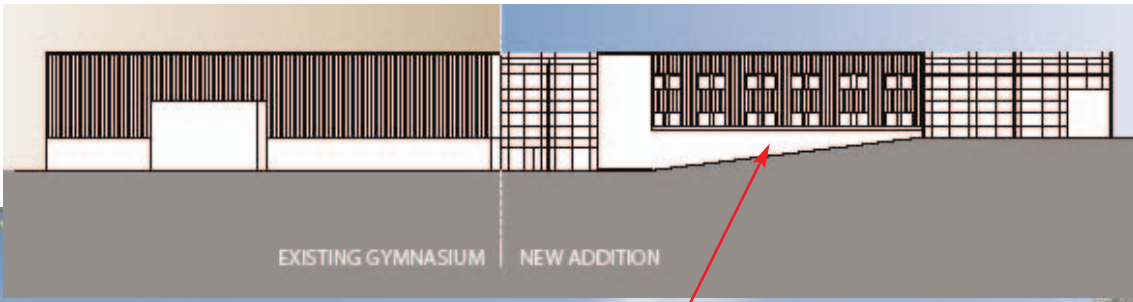
This special issue of the @tdChristian newsletter provides exciting information about the campaign introduced in the June issue, **Embracing the Future: Project 2010**.

The campaign began in May when the membership overwhelmingly (97%) approved a Board directive to begin raising funds for an expansion to the school facility.

This issue of our newsletter includes information about the reason for the campaign, how it is going, what staff think about the proposed expansion and, most importantly, how you can be a part of this exciting venture.

Watch for more information about the **Embracing the Future: Project 2010** campaign in the next issue of the @tdChristian newsletter.





Chapter Campaign:

When Someone Calls, How Will You Respond?

by John Meiboom, Campaign Director

TD Christian is blessed with a dozen "chapters" which promote the school in their local community and help to raise money annually for important projects that enhance education at TD.

This year these chapters have the added challenge of presenting the "Embracing the Future: Project 2010" capital campaign to current TD parents, past parents, and long-term supporters of the school. They will be working with me as Campaign Director to raise the last \$1,000,000 and will visit or phone over a thousand people between September 29 and October 10. A couple of chapters will be running their campaigns a bit later due to local situations.

You are asked to give prayerful consideration to their request for your support. Are you willing and able to double or even triple your annual chapter support for a three-year period so that, for years to come, TD students will have new science rooms and more space for art, industrial arts, quiet study, and practicing music? If you haven't given a donation to TDChristian High School in the last few years, will you give a one-time gift or three-year pledge for the expansion of this thriving school where teens receive an excellent, Christ-centred education?

For more information call your local representative or John Meiboom, Campaign Director, at 416-587-7998.

Project 2010

EMBRACING THE FUTURE

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Ben Freeman,
Environmental Studies Teacher

Please do your part to enhance



Q&As on Project 2010

Q When was the last major capital campaign?

A About eight years ago, for Project 2000. Since then a few key donors have been asked to help fund special projects.

Q Will the cost of this expansion impact tuition?

A There will be a minimal impact on tuition. At most it will add 1.5% (assuming \$3,000,000 is raised).

Q Does the expansion take any growth in enrollment into account?

A This project is intended to meet the needs of our current population, but it does allow for an increase of 50 to 100 students.

Q What about the economy? Isn't there a recession coming?

A Unemployment is still low, and interest rates are very low. We are incredibly blessed. This is the time to move ahead.

Q When will the building project start?

A We hope to begin construction in early 2009, with a completion date of September 2009.

Our staff on Project 2010

Sue Larratt-Smith, Science Teacher



"As our school has grown, so has our science program. Since we no longer have enough science lab space to house all the science courses, some are being taught in classrooms with no sinks or running water. Also, our prep room can be accessed only by walking through adjacent classrooms, so that science teachers needing to get equipment or prepare lab materials must interrupt other classes. The proposed expansion will create more dedicated science classrooms and allow much easier access to the prep room."

Vivian Templeton, Science Teacher



"A larger science prep room will help ensure that chemicals are stored even more safely and securely while still leaving plenty of space in which to work—a very welcome improvement!"

Kevin Hayward, Music Teacher



"Music is one of our great loves here at TDChristian, but many of the current challenges in the department arise from inadequate space for ensemble rehearsals and individual practice. Designated practice rooms will allow TD students to reach new heights musically."

Ben Freeman, Environmental Studies Teacher



"A dedicated space for Environmental Science (Gr. 10 & 12), with sinks, storage, and immediate outside access, would allow these innovative, project-driven courses to expand dramatically. We have the program developed, the student interest, and community involvement; now all we need is the space!"

June Tenyenhuis, Art Teacher



"The current art room is too small, lacks adequate storage space, and has poor ventilation. It does not give students enough scope to try projects in different media. The proposed expansion will create space for a kiln, a ceramics area, a drawing and painting area, and a printmaking area complete with a printing press and a drying rack. We're looking forward to branching out!"

Judy Van Schepen, Science Teacher



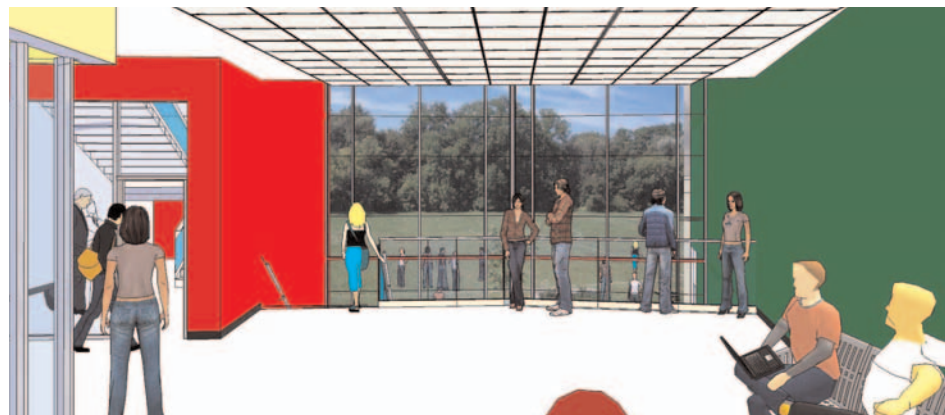
"As a science department we're imagining and discussing the many possibilities the expansion would provide. In addition to operating sinks with hot water, there is the wonderful prospect of possible 'grow windows' or a greenhouse. We're excited!"

Joanne Booy, Librarian



"The library is always busy. It is a work site for many classes, as well as for individual students in search of a place for quiet study. The proposed expansion will enhance learning by increasing the amount of space designed for comfortable quiet study or reading. And that can only be good."

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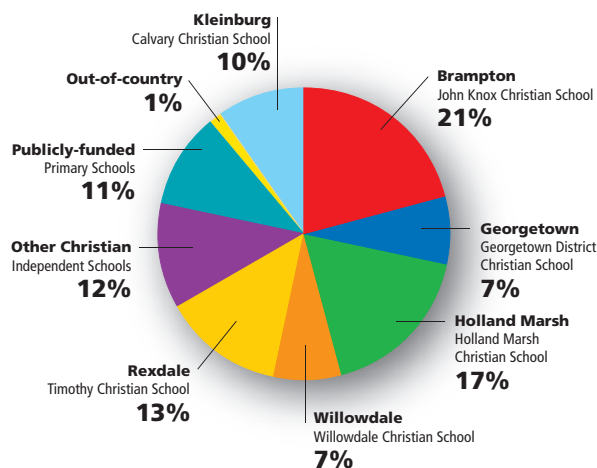


Enrolment Exceeds Expectations

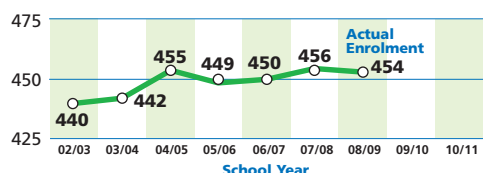
by Jennie Das

The school community welcomed 122 new students; 104 Grade 9 and 18 Grades 10 to 12. The total student population of 454 slightly exceeds the numbers projected last spring. We are thankful for the continued interest in the TDChristian brand of high school education. A growing proportion of Grade 8 students from our core Christian primary schools are also choosing a Christian education at the high school level. This has helped to offset the effects of the 15% decrease in students graduating out of Grade 8 this past June as compared to the previous year. TDChristian also enrolls students from many other schools. The 23 Grade 9 students who came from either other independent Christian or publicly-funded schools came from a total of 19 different schools across our region. We count on our community to spread the good news about TDChristian. Project 2010 will also help generate more interest in the coming years and hopefully help the school maintain its enrolment numbers into the future.

Current Grade 9 Student Enrolment 104 Students - (Originating schools)



TD Student Enrolment



Alumni News td

(formerly RBC) and the two of them are living in Grand Rapids for now. They can be contacted at wemakedoodles@gmail.com.

- Joel Dykxhoorn (04) married Rachel Van Egmond, August 16, 2008.

• Births

- Marcus (91) and Tracy Peron had a daughter Amelia Marae, May 31, 2008. A little sister for Cathryn, Benjamin, and Ciaran.
- Jeremy and Karen (Rupke 94) Kriense Lokker had a baby girl, Keira Alexa, June 22, 2008.
- Alan Groombridge and Andrea Vander Kooij (93) had a baby boy, Kees Alfred, June 29, 2008.
- Dave and Joy (Van Daalen 00) Van Hemert had a baby boy, Noah David, July 2, 2008.

• Marriages

- Ben Koerssen (02) married Heather Pastoor in Grand Rapids, MI on June 2, 2007. Ben recently graduated from Kuyper College

• Reunions

Attention graduating Class of 1979!

Can you believe next year –yes, next year–it will be 30 years since we graduated from TDCH! Are you interested in celebrating this momentous occasion, meeting older friends and classmates? If so, and if you are interested in helping to set up the reunion, please contact Ed Sikkema by phone (905-775-0792; cell 416-550-0033) or email (kema@rogers.com). Looking forward to seeing all of you!

CONGRATULATIONS, EVERYBODY!

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Taking Action

Please give to this exciting project campaign using the pledge form below or when contacted by a campaign representative. Please send your completed pledge form to:

EMBRACE THE FUTURE: PROJECT 2010 Campaign

Toronto District Christian High School
377 Woodbridge Avenue,
Woodbridge, ON L4L 2V7

THANK YOU in advance for your support as together we "Embrace the Future!"

(SAVE Pledge REMINDER for your records)

Our Pledge Reminder Project 2010

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

I / We pledged to donate \$ _____ over a _____ year period as follows (taking into account our Chapter giving as well):

Date (month/year)	Project 2010 CAMPAIGN	Annual CHAPTER SUPPORT
2008	\$ _____	\$ _____
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TOTAL	\$ _____	\$ _____

Our gift was paid by cheque.
 Our gift was in the form of appreciated securities (stocks, bonds).
 RECEIPTS are issued in February for the previous calendar year.

Signed _____

(Please RETURN bottom Pledge form to TDChristian)

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