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The planned giving program is a visionary step that benefits our schools and its supporters. As partners in giving, your gift is invested. The income earned from the investments is given back to the Christian Schools.

If you would like to hear more about the Foundation, we would be happy to make a presentation to your interest group. Don't hesitate to give us a call!

Thank you to the many people who have arranged a planned gift. Your legacy in stewardship is a continued blessing to a Christ-centred education.

For more information on how you can leave a legacy to your school, please contact the Foundation's Executive Director or speak with your professional advisor(s).

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# Moving Forward

## Executive Director's Report

By Henry J. Koornneef

At all of our five member school spring membership meetings, I had the opportunity and privilege to personally present a cheque from the *Foundation* to each of our member schools. This cheque represented a portion of our prior fiscal year earnings from the endowment funds. These current disbursements represent only a fraction of what will be realized in time from planned giving commitments already received – and only a tiny fraction of what could be annually gifted to our schools if everyone participated, each according to their means. Developing an endowment is making a commitment to plan for the present – but especially for the future. Conservative projections indicate that annual disbursements of a million dollars and more are possible!

In August, the *Specialties Robert Legault* company held their 3rd Annual Charity Golf Tournament in Niagara. The *Foundation* has again been designated as the primary beneficiary of the proceeds that will, in turn, to honor the wishes of the organizers, be gifted proportionately to our member schools this fall.

Please join us on October 23rd for a concert organized by the Mountainview Music Performance Committee for the benefit of the *Foundation* member schools (see announcement elsewhere). Individuals or businesses that wish to sponsor this event should contact me as soon as possible. Sponsorship funds will be tax receipted and 100% of the funds will flow through to our member schools. This is a unique opportunity to financially support five societies at one time through one gift.

The Chairman's report includes a promo for the upcoming *Foundation Awareness Dinner* to be held on November 6th in Wellandport. A limited number of complimentary tickets are now available from any Board member or by calling me at the *Foundation* office.



The promotional lapel pins featuring our new logo are now available and our plan is to gift them to our committed donors and regular supporters. Maybe you are not quite sure yet what type of planned giving arrangement is best for you – but yet you would like to be considered a supporter of the *Foundation*. By becoming a **Friend of the Foundation** through your commitment to begin making annual donations, you too may receive one of these beautiful pins. The *Friend of the Foundation* program is not intended, however, to compete with your current annual financial support of our member schools. Call or email the *Foundation* office for additional details.



### The Foundation at work!

PJ Vermeer (on right), Board Chairman of NACE, accepting a *Foundation* annual disbursement cheque from Henry Koornneef at the NACE membership meeting in May.



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Christian Schools

# LINK Legacy

Fall 2004

Association for  
Christian Education  
of St. Catharines  
(Beacon Christian  
Schools)

Dunnville  
Christian School

Niagara Association  
for Christian Education  
(Covenant/John Knox  
Campuses)

Smithville District  
Christian High School

Wellandport  
Christian School

*"to enable our  
children to grow,  
in the love of our  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
in the knowledge  
of the Father's  
world and in the  
love of others"*

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## Daniel & Tina Bremmer Memorial Endowment Fund

By Cynthia Slagter (Bremmer)

When someone dies there are always many phone calls to make: to the funeral home, to the pastor, to friends and relatives. Many of these calls are difficult to make and sometimes increase the feeling of loss and sorrow. When my Dad died last summer, in the process of informing all those who needed to know, and of making all the necessary arrangements, there was one bright spot. I had the privilege of informing the leadership at SDCH and NACE that they were named as beneficiaries of a generous bequest in my parents will. Although the loss of a loved one is always a difficult thing, in the midst of my sorrow, I was able to feel pleased, proud, and honored that my parents' lifelong commitment to Christian education would continue beyond their deaths.

Mom and Dad had informed us many years before that they planned to leave a substantial portion of their estate to the local Christian that my brother and I respected and agreed Mom and Dad modestly, there doubt about their and school were list. Thus they felt it to take measures gift behind for had so faithfully many years.



Dad had always been a "behind-the-scenes" kind of person: he rarely served on committees but spent countless evenings doing bookkeeping for the Christian schools. He occasionally made anonymous financial contributions for those in need. And he always worried about families who didn't send their children to Christian schools because they couldn't afford it. Although he did not like to call attention to himself, I'm confident he would have been pleased to know that the request my brother Fred and I made of the SDCH and NACE school boards to use the bequest to develop a fund through the *Foundation for Niagara Christian Schools* in their memory has been honored. The **Daniel and Tina Bremmer Memorial Endowment Fund** will target its earnings for tuition relief and thereby allow more children to benefit from a Christian education. This named fund, held in trust by the *Foundation*, will also recognize the dedication and spirit of sacrifice that Mom and Dad so exemplified in their lives.

I am proud of my parents and grateful for their example of devoted Christian stewardship. I urge everyone to consider a similar action.

You are invited!

## 5th Annual Foundation Awareness Dinner



Henry Contant

Saturday, November 6, 2004

Wellandport Christian School Gymnasium  
84008 Wellandport Road, Wellandport, ON

Guest speaker: Mr. Henry Contant

Punch Reception at 6:00 p.m., Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Complimentary tickets available from any Board member  
or by calling the Foundation office

## Two Important Anniversaries

By John Kikkert, Board Chairman

This November we are planning to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the *Foundation* at our annual promotional dinner. The *5th Annual Foundation Awareness Dinner* will take place on Saturday, November 6th at 6 pm. in the Wellandport Christian School gymnasium. As the name suggests, rather than a fund-raiser, this a promotional event held to focus on the "bigger picture" of planned giving and the work of the *Foundation*. We are also very pleased to have Mr. Henry Contant from the Society of Christian Schools in B.C. as our guest speaker for the evening. He is looking forward to spending some time with us in Niagara, the area where he began his teaching career many years ago. Tickets are complimentary and are available from any *Foundation* board member or by calling or emailing the *Foundation* office. Please join us for an evening of good food, great fellowship and an excellent message.

Early October marks the 3rd anniversary of Henry Koornneef's service to the *Foundation* as its Executive Director. Considering that the average tenure in this line of work (development) is usually around 18 months, I speak for the entire Board when I say we are very pleased with Henry's work and commitment to date. For decades, the concept of leaving a planned gift for the schools was very unfamiliar to Christian school supporters but through the promotional efforts of Henry and the *Foundation*, and through our partnering with Christian Stewardship Services, we are better informed today. In many instances, a prospective donor needs to be willing to share personal financial information. As a board, we are confident of Henry's proven ability to respect your privacy and maintain confidentiality. We are also greatly encouraged by Henry's willingness to continue in this important work and would respectfully ask you to consider giving him the opportunity for a visit.

The Mountainview Music Performance Committee is planning a benefit concert for the



### Foundation for Niagara Christian Schools

on Saturday, October 23, 2004 at the Grimsby CRC



The Niagara Chapel Singers, an 80 voice mixed choir with Joyce Rempel as Conductor will be performing - accompaniment by Andre Knevel.

All net proceeds will be gifted to our member schools to supplement their tuition assistance program.

Show your support and plan to attend - tickets are available at the Dutch Shop in Grimsby, through the Foundation office and will also be available at the door.

Sponsor inquiries are also still welcome - 100% of sponsor proceeds will be included in event net proceeds.

## A Child Called Charity

### An excellent way to begin

You likely have read or heard that there are two basic ways of arranging a planned gift - within and outside of your will. Planned gifts arranged "outside" of your will would be received by the intended charity without first being pooled with the remainder of your estate upon your death. Gifts of life insurance wherein a charity such as the *Foundation* is named as beneficiary, or naming the *Foundation* as beneficiary or second beneficiary of your RRSPs and/or RRIFs are just two of the many ways this can be accomplished. Planned gifts arranged in this manner are also exempt from probate fees.

A planned gift arranged "within" your will is commonly called a bequest. Leaving a bequest for a charity, such as the *Foundation*, can be arranged so that a specific dollar amount or asset is bequeathed or by allocating a percentage of the total dollar value or residual value of the estate. For many individuals this can be most easily accomplished by adopting a child called *Charity*. Depending on your particular circumstances, the *Charity* child could be designated to receive a portion of the estate equal to, greater than, or less than your children - and these proportions can be adjusted if needed every 3 to 5 years when you review your will. In many instances, the tax receipt generated by the gift to charity that your estate will eventually receive will offset the estate taxes owing, allowing the heirs to receive nearly as much as if there had been no bequest. For many individuals and couples, adopting a child called *Charity* is the best way to begin with a planned giving commitment.

Along with the significant tax savings to your estate that can be realized through planned giving arrangements, there are also benefits that 'touch your heart'. Your planned gift arranged for the Christian schools, no matter the size, is an important contribution to the development of a significant pool of endowed funds that will provide a perpetual source of additional annual funding - a necessity to ensure the long-term financial viability of our Christian schools to benefit not only our children and grandchildren, but generations to follow.

Settling your affairs adequately through good estate planning will ease the stress on family left behind. As well, you can rest assured that your estate will be distributed according to your wishes - and out of gratitude to the Lord for His many blessings, an appropriate portion put to service in His kingdom as well. This is good Christian stewardship! HJK

### Endowment Fund Report\*\*

	Dec 31/03	New Donations	Disbursed	Aug 31/04
Dunnville	\$18,798	\$661	\$820	\$18,639
NACE	\$19,333	\$678	\$841	\$19,170
Beacon	\$93,712	\$3,310	\$2,851	\$94,171
SDCH	\$34,724	\$2,074	\$849	\$35,949
<small>(Includes \$800 in the SDCH Comp. Tech. Fund)</small>				
Wellandport	\$21,564	\$1,258	\$837	\$21,985
<small>(Includes \$2,605 in the WCS Transportation Capital Fund)</small>				
General*	\$40,002	\$4,531	\$1,000	\$43,533
Daniel & Tina Bremmer Memorial Endowment***				\$0
	<u>\$228,135</u>	<u>\$12,512</u>	<u>\$7,198</u>	<u>\$233,447</u>

\* for unspecified gifts - to benefit member schools proportionately \*\*cents have been omitted

\*\*\* Editors note: Although this "named" endowment fund has been established, the funds from Mr. Bremmer's estate have not yet been received. It is not uncommon for CCRA to take up to two years or more to accept the final tax return from the estate of a surviving spouse and until such time, bequests cannot be distributed. Mr. Bremmer had also designated the Christian schools to receive a portion of his investment portfolio and this was arranged "outside" of his will. The designated schools have already received these gifts early in the fall of 2003.

## REPLY FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to learn more about making a planned gift for my local Christian school(s).

I would like to learn more about the series of funds developed by the Foundation (e.g.. Tuition assistance, Capital, Technology, Alumni, Donor Advised and/or Named Funds).

I would like to make an endowed gift now:

for a specific school(s)

for the Foundation's Endowment Fund: to benefit all the member schools.

### PLEASE COMPLETE FORM BELOW:

I (We) hereby give to the Foundation for Niagara Christian Schools under specific instruction that this gift of

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

or any property substituted therefore, be held by the Foundation for a period of (10 years or more).

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Donor \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please make cheques payable to the Foundation for Niagara Christian Schools.