Dear Friends,

At this time of the year, I often hear friends say how the year has gone by so fast, and many take to quoting the old saying “time flies”. For me, the year has certainly seemed to go by quickly, but it has also been a year filled with many successes at Lena Pope Home — successes that would not have been possible without your help.

Just think, a year ago the possibility of a Lena Pope Early Learning Center for very young children was just that — a “possibility”. Today, that possibility has been turned into reality and the Bass House is now filled with the excited, young voices of 2 ½- to 5-year-old children learning, growing, and developing right before our eyes.

Only a year ago, we were working on the expansion of Chapel Hill Academy to accommodate more families who desired for their children to experience the unique learning environment of our charter school. Today, that expansion has resulted in our ability to serve nearly 500 children in grades Pre-K through 5th providing them with a top-notch education and, at the same time, ensuring they grow into exceptional citizens.

A year ago, we set out to serve more children, youth, and families than ever before in our history — and 12 months later, we have accomplished that goal. Through our counseling and education programs, we have impacted thousands in our community and set a new record of service.

Why do we do these things? Because of our mission — to help create hope, happiness, and success for children and families. And we couldn’t do it without you. As you read the stories in the pages of this year-end Legacy, I hope you will take great pride in knowing you played a part in the success of these children and families. As always, I hope these stories will encourage you to continue to support our mission with your year-end gift.

As great as 2012 was, 2013 promises to be even better. We are looking forward to growing so we can continue to serve our community. And we can’t wait to share those plans with you in the months to come. In the meantime, on behalf of the children and families your gifts allow us to serve, thank you for your support, and we look forward to a new year filled with exciting new developments to help create hope, happiness, and success.

With Gratitude,

Todd A. Landry

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Holiday Giving
Each year, Lena Pope Home has dozens of inquiries from good hearted people looking for ways to help fill the holiday gaps for the children and families we serve. Here are some ways for you to be an angel this holiday season.

ADOPT AN ANGEL
Little ones of all ages love the thrill of a holiday gift. Our angel forms make it easy to please any child with his or her own wishes and sizes.

ADOPT A FAMILY
From single parent families to multi generational households, choosing to adopt a family during the season can address many needs. These lists may include basic bedding, a holiday meal, to special gifts under the tree for everyone. Families with the greatest needs are selected for this special holiday “adoption.”

If you would like to support our children and families during this holiday season or during the coming year, please contact Abigail Bebee at 817-255-2662 or abebee@lenapopehome.org
INSPIRING HOPE

We are products of our environment until we are given the tools needed to create our own stories. At Lena Pope Home, we are ensuring that children and families have those tools.

Blake was a young teenager pulled in two opposing directions, as he split his time between his separated parents' houses. His mother was an alcoholic who allowed Blake to drink, and ended each night either by starting a fight with Blake or passing out, whichever came first. His father did not understand Blake's increasingly bad behavior, and would not tolerate Blake's rebellious attitude. After Blake hit his mother back when she took her physical abuse too far one night, Blake was at a loss, and so was his father.

Our Functional Family Therapy counselors worked diligently to show Blake his power to choose his own story, free from his mother's poisonous control. They also taught Blake’s dad how to stop blaming Blake for his situation, and he began to take responsibility for Blake’s chances of a happy life.

Blake still stays with his mother occasionally, but now knows how to appropriately stand up for himself. He also knows that walking away from one story often opens the door to a much better one — one where he and his dad are ready to fill his life with hope, happiness, and success.

CREATING HAPPINESS

Every child needs high self-esteem to make it through the challenging years of elementary school. Ben, a 4th grader with anger issues and no friends, had no self-esteem to speak of.

Because Ben’s anger got the better of him on a daily basis, he found it impossible to make friends, so he quit trying. But Chapel Hill Academy does not know the word ‘quit.’ Through our Reading Friends program, Ben was matched with an adult volunteer to read with him every day after school. Acustomed to being hated for his behavior, however, Ben chose to give his Reading Friend, Brad, the same treatment. Ben insulted him, refused to read with him, and did everything within his power to let Brad know he didn’t like him.

Brad remained committed and continued returning week after week to prove to Ben that he wanted to help him, despite his behavior. Ben was confused by the thought of someone liking him despite his aggression, and eventually stopped resisting Brad’s attempts to befriend him.

By the end of the school year, Ben asked his teachers on a daily basis when Brad was coming back. Brad was his first friend, and his first step to having a healthy self-esteem. Our Reading Friends program showed Ben that if he was going to quit anything, it was going to be his refusal to let happiness into his life.

ENSURING SUCCESS

A person’s life should never be written before they get the chance to pick up a pen. Janet, a 13-year-old with several psychological disorders, knew what this felt like.

Though Lena Pope Home’s counselor is still working with the family on these issues, she feels confident that Janet is close to closing the chapter on her “bad girl” story and starting a new one where she is the hero. Her teacher called Linda to tell her how well Janet was doing in school and Janet began focusing her energy on her passion for basketball.

“Everyone quit on Janet, including me,” Linda told our counselor. “For you to come into our home and meet us where we are in life without immediately writing us off is an honor.” At Lena Pope Home, writing people off will never be the end of anyone’s story.
IN THE

LIMELIGHT

19th Lena Pope Home Nike® Golf Classic

We deeply appreciate the sold out field of sponsors and players as Lauren Kwedar and Allen Mederos led a tremendous committee for another record year. Our heartfelt gratitude to our presenting sponsor, Nike Golf, our video producer, Red Productions, our auction donors, and our wonderful food sponsors, Bob’s Steak and Chop House, Fuzzy’s Taco Shop, Lanny’s Alta Cocina Mexicana, Cakeballs in Cowtown, and Trader Joe’s!

Corey Scott and Courtney Summers

CHA students and teachers welcome the golfers

Nike and Lockheed — a powerful combination

David Rapisand, Bruce Davin

Brandon Watts manning the YPA Monster Grill

Record Set Once Again

The 2012 KRLD Restaurant Week has set another record number of diners which equals another record donation to Lena Pope Home. Central Market Fourth Course participants were up and long time supporters of the one to three week foodie dream are convinced that dining out for charity is calorie free! To the delight of many, this year several restaurants offered, in addition to their evening menu, a three-course Cadillac Lunch Experience that proved to be very successful.

Young Professional Advocates

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Chapel Hill Academy Grows Again

by Marilyn Sammons

Five Years. 522 students. More than 300 on the waiting list. On August 24th, the first fifth grade class of Chapel Hill Academy began the last days of their elementary years. The teachers eagerly awaited their returning students to see how much they had grown over the summer! And what a contrast from the tiny, timid Pre-K students in the classrooms just down the hall.

It was again one of those astonishing mornings for those of us who watched the hundreds of parents and children file excitedly into the halls and classrooms — their arms full of supplies and new colorful backpacks. There were a lot of tears from both children and moms, and plenty of photographs capturing shy grins across the room. Yet with all the potential chaos, noise and tears, the hallways miraculously cleared and quickly became silent. By 8:20 a.m., classes had begun and another school year was underway.

I have yet to miss a first day of school at Chapel Hill Academy. I believe it is my favorite day of the school year. I am always impressed how quickly the teachers calmly take control of the eager students, order is restored, and a new school year begins with everyone’s right hand over their hearts and the Pledge of Allegiance.

This summer Chapel Hill Academy met and exceeded all of the federal accountability standards.

- In Reading/Language Arts, CHA had 90% of students that met the standards, above the federal requirement of 87%.
- In Math, 86% of CHA students met the standard, above the federal requirement of 85%.
- In attendance, 97% of CHA students met the federal requirement of 90%.

The Texas Education Agency reported that only 44 percent of Texas campuses met federal accountability standards this year.

Early Learning Center Ribbon Cutting

by Susanne Luebke

After months of planning, our new Early Learning Center has finally opened! Each day is now filled with the little voices that are busy learning. Yesterday, I was “discussing” with a 2½-year-old the value of acorns. Since there are multitudes falling from the trees in our center’s backyard, we were talking about how one little acorn can turn into a huge, tall tree. It made me think about the parallels of what our wonderful teachers are doing.

I have realized that they bring to the kids remarkable skills and experience. I have heard the excited squeals of 4-year-olds learning to read their first words. I have seen pecans found outside used for a science lesson, used to solve a math equation, and then turned into jewelry all in the same day! Most importantly, I have seen how the teachers’ rich understanding and passion for children allows them to see each child’s strengths, struggles, and interests as an opportunity for social, academic and emotional growth. It is amazing!

For me, this is also where the rubber meets the road. Bringing learning alive for young kids is no easy task, but when it is done right, the results are evident and unlimited — sort of like that oak tree that started as an acorn in the backyard of an Early Learning Center in Fort Worth.

Sweet Ending

All good things must come to an end. And so it is with the much loved and delicious Sweethearts Dessert Fantasy. For those of you who have enjoyed the last 16 years of incredible desserts and magnificent fantasy cakes, we say thank you for your support. To each of the talented chefs, bakers, restaurants, caterers and volunteers, we are so grateful and we say, “Thanks for the memories.”
Remembering Mamie Ellis
1919 – 2012

In 1953, Mamie Ellis came to Lena Pope Home with her four children, ages three to fifteen, and started a life of dedication to serve children in need. We are sad to say that in July of this year, she left this life after dedicating 59 years of service to Lena Pope Home.

Mamie worked side by side with Mrs. Pope for many years at Babyland, where she was employed as a supervisor. She kept her youngest daughter with her, while her two older girls and son stayed in the dormitories at the location on Camp Bowie. At her death, she still lived on the grounds of Lena Pope Home where she was an active employee. In her capacity as Building Supervisor, she made the morning coffee, sorted the mail, was keeper of the keys, and watched over the campus overnight and during weekends.

She held more titles than any other in the history of Lena Pope Home. Some of these were nurse, postman, gas attendant, security officer and record keeper. Mamie spoke fondly of her days as Building Supervisor; she made the morning coffee, sorted the mail, was keeper of the keys, and watched over the campus overnight and during weekends.

Through the years, Mamie supported Lena Pope Home financially because she believed, “that Lena Pope Home made a difference.” She gave from the heart and, even with limited resources, she proudly became a Charter member of the Circle of Hope Planned Giving Society. Mamie’s presence is dearly missed, but she left us with a legacy of lasting memories.

EASY WAYS TO MAKE A PROFOUND DIFFERENCE BY LEAVING A CHARITABLE LEGACY

In my experience as an estate planning attorney, many clients first priority for their estate plan is to provide a lasting inheritance for family members and friends. Often, once people feel confident that they have provided for those individuals who have made a difference in their lives, they then consider ways to leave funds for charitable causes and organizations they supported during their lives. If you have committed to supporting Lena Pope Home during your life, I encourage you to consider leaving a legacy of support to Lena Pope Home through planned giving. This can be done through a bequest in your will or trust. If you are looking to make a planned gift to Lena Pope Home without updating your current estate planning documents, consider the three ways described below to make planned gifts to Lena Pope Home using financial assets:

1. Contact your retirement plan administrator about naming Lena Pope Home as the beneficiary of your retirement account. Traditional retirement accounts are subject to income taxes at your death and are includable in your gross estate for estate tax purposes. If given directly to Lena Pope Home, these funds will escape all income tax and estate tax, which results in Lena Pope Home receiving 100% of the retirement account. If the funds are instead included as part of your estate, the IRS could be entitled to over 70% of these assets by way of income and estate taxes.

2. Consider naming Lena Pope Home as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy. If you name Lena Pope Home as the owner and irrevocable beneficiary of a life insurance policy, you will receive an immediate income tax deduction for the cash value of the policy. Or, if you want to maintain flexibility during your life to change the designation, you can designate Lena Pope Home as a revocable beneficiary. If you do not change the beneficiary, upon your death, your estate will receive an estate tax deduction equal to the full value of the policy proceeds.

3. Call your banker to discuss titling a current bank account or opening a new account so that, upon your death, any assets in the account pass directly to Lena Pope Home. Financial accounts that are designated as pay on death (“POD”) accounts pass directly at death to the designated beneficiary and do not pass through the probate process, thus avoiding both the delay of the funds reaching the charity and fees associated with the probate process. Time deposits, annuities, and bonds are other types of financial accounts that can be used to make charitable gifting quick and easy.
Benefactor $20,000+
- Communities Foundation of Texas
- Del Frisco’s Double Eagle Steak House
- Donald L. Hunt Trust
- The Holland Foundation

Advocate $5,000 - $19,999
- Anonymous
- Bank of America Charitable Foundation
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- Leland Hodges
- Ms. Martha V. Leonard
- Lockheed Martin - Fort Worth
- Mr. Michael J. McVean
- Ruth’s Chris Steak House
- Truluck’s Seafood, Steak & Crab House
- United Way of Hood County

Sustainer $1,000 - $4,999
- Anonymous
- Bank of America
- Blue Mesa Grill
- Mr. and Mrs. Smith Brownlee, III
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- Chicken E. Foodservice, Inc.
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- Ms. Juanita Casas
- Mr. Johnny Cooper

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The Marty Leonard Community Chapel is available to anyone seeking a spiritual refuge while on Lena Pope Home’s campus. It is also available for weddings and other events.

Please visit the Chapel website for more information: martyleonardchapel.org, or call Katherine at 817-255-2576.

Calendar of Events
For information about Lena Pope Home’s Special Events call 817-255-2606, or visit www.lenapopehome.org

December 5  Young Professional Advocates “Learn More” at the Early Learning Center
To inquire about joining the YPAs, contact Abby Rodgers at 817-255-2616.

March 26, 2013  Community Connect Luncheon, Marty Leonard Community Chapel, 12 p.m. – 1 p.m.

April 16, 2013  34th Fiesta de Oro at Joe T. Garcia’s
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