



## Fresh from the Village Green

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No sooner was Issue #8 of the *Campaign Brief* published than more blessings were showered upon us. Within four days we received grants of \$50,000 from Saint Luke's Foundation; \$37,000 from The Andrews Foundation and a gift of \$10,000 from Fairhill friends Stanley and Hope Adelstein. We have reached - and exceeded! - the \$300,000 target set by the Kent H. Smith Charitable Trust to collect their \$100,000 renovation challenge grant. We are grateful for these gifts which made Thanksgiving even more meaningful at Fairhill this year. Thank you!

We are now at \$700,000 towards our overall target of \$3.5 million and plan to take the Campaign for Kinship Village public, approaching some larger funders (locally and nationally), when we have received \$750,000 in gifts and pledges. In wishing you every joy this holiday season, we leave you with a thought. **What a boost to the initial 2008 momentum of the Campaign to receive that extra \$50,000 before the end of the year!**

Comments/enquiries about the Campaign?  
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# Village Vignettes



## CKV Q&A CKV Q&A CKV Q&A CKV Q&A CKV Q&A CKV Q&A

Every issue of the Campaign Brief features a CKV (Campaign for Kinship Village) Q&A - frequently asked questions (and some answers) from readers, donors, friends or team members. The last issue focused on:

Q: Why Kinship Village and Fairhill?

A: Mrs. Montgomery is raising five grandchildren - ages nine to two. She says: "Fairhill is all about people - a social worker called me every evening when she knew I needed support. A teacher at the school on the campus took my then nine year old grandson under her wing and gave him confidence, and a staff member at the front desk said 'bring the kids in early and they can sit behind the desk with me.'"

***Some of you asked for more information on this Fairhill and Kinship Village match.***

***Mary McNamara, team lead for Kinship Programs at Fairhill, sat down with Yvonne Montgomery to continue the conversation.***

Every day Yvonne Montgomery drives 25 minutes each way to the Fairhill Campus. She is bringing her grandchildren to TIS - The Intergenerational School. She does it because she loves her grandchildren and loves TIS. Not because she loves the commute.

She remembers being at Fairhill for a kinship care luncheon over 6 years ago. Yvonne has been raising 5 of her grandchildren since they were infants. On her way to the meeting, she walked by the school, just relocated from a townhouse to the 2nd floor of the main building. She made a mental note to learn more about the school. There was no denying that Kenneth was growing up. He was in kindergarten now and she needed to start thinking about first grade. She ended up leaving the kinship care luncheon 5 minutes early that day to learn more about the school. She couldn't wait.

Today, three of her grandchildren are enrolled and one is ready to join next year. You can find Yvonne

at TIS one day a week too - as a volunteer tutor. Despite the fact that she works weekends and whenever she can find the hours to make ends meet, she remains very involved with their school lives.

To Yvonne, it matters that the school is family oriented, that every teacher has her phone number and calls her when they have a concern and that the children are learning so much. She even told her pediatrician about the school.

When Yvonne imagines Kinship Village, she thinks it will be a healthy, learning and living community for other grandparents raising grandchildren.

Families like hers won't have to commute and juggle work shifts to get to a great school.

They'll just walk across the parking lot.



**Emerging learners (ages 5-7) line up for recess on the playground located on the 10 acre Fairhill Campus. On wet or cold days, they play in the multipurpose room on the 2nd floor.**

**The Intergenerational School is the only charter school in Ohio rated excellent on the state report card four years in a row. TIS epitomizes the spirit of lifelong learning and curiosity that characterizes the organizations and programs that find a home at Fairhill. An excellent fit for Kinship Village!**