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### **"The Lord Provides" by Tanya Figueiredo, Executive Director**

Dear Friends of HPCA,

**Today, I am reminded of the greatness of our God and that where we are weak, He is strong.** Although our work at HPCA has never been easy, I have the great pleasure of seeing God at work performing miracles, sustaining us through every trial and growing us at a time when Christian schools are rapidly closing. **I am thrilled to announce that we began this year with a full staff.** I say "thrilled" because the week before school started, I was preparing to teach middle school. I also say "thrilled" because the teachers we found were perfectly suited for the positions and willing to heed the call of the Lord. God has truly blessed us with a wonderful staff!



*Our wonderful new teachers (left to right):  
Tonia Voss, Middle School Language Arts;  
Doris Arroyo, Pre-Kindergarten; Lavon  
Howard, Middle School Math and Bible.*

The Lord has also been sustaining us financially. **Through generous donations by supporters like you, HPCA has been able to thrive.** The Lord has sent us a new Director of Development, Jen Deane, who helped us secure a grant for Physical Education from St. Christopher's before she even began working for us. Through this grant we were able to buy new gym equipment for the school. We have also received a grant for computerized standardized tests that will help us know right away where our children need to grow. However, in order to take advantage of this program we need a mobile computer lab with 22 laptops. We have received \$4000 to go toward the laptops. **If you know of any companies that are replacing laptops and wanting to give or sell old ones, please, let us know.**



*Some of the new gym equipment purchased using a \$10,000 grant from St. Christopher's Foundation for Children.*

Volunteers have also made a world of difference for us, whether they were tiling our basement or power washing the outdoor walls, or organizing the library, they have made this school a better place.

We appreciate everyone's efforts in providing a hope for a future in our community. **As our school continues to minister to the poor, we ask you to continue in your support and your partnership.** Thank you and God bless you!

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- ♦ Volunteer for building projects



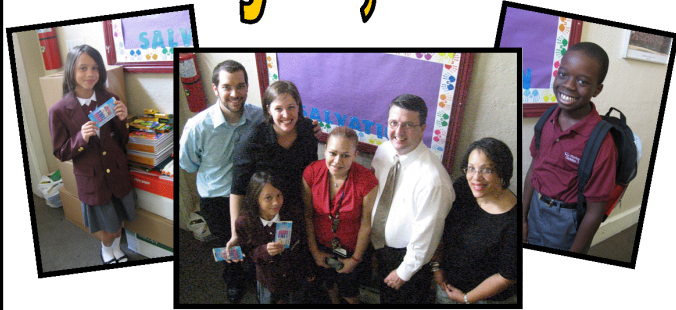
*A new Pre-K family on the first day of school!*

### **Mission Statement**

**Hunting Park Christian Academy's mission is to provide an affordable, quality Christian education that celebrates a diverse community and leads children to know and serve the Lord.**



# Thank you, Donors!



You have blessed us with an abundance of school supplies to start out our school year! US Airways (*above*) chose HPCA as their sole recipient of 8 boxes of supplies, such as backpacks, paper, books, markers, and more - graciously collected by their staff. Supplee Memorial Presbyterian Church (*right, represented by Rose, one of our board members*) continues to support HPCA with supplies and old ink jet cartridges and used cell phones, which we can recycle to earn money for our school! Thank you!



## FYI

- Thanks to your support, we were able to raise \$198,000 for the 2007-2008 fiscal year!
- Upcoming event: The HPCA Choir, New Direction, will be singing at Community Day at Bucks County Seventh Day Adventist Church on November 15. They are generously donating Thanksgiving baskets to all the choir member's families!

## "The Transformation of My Son"

by Amelia, mother of 2 at HPCA

I wanted to tell you about my son's transformation since coming to Pre-K at HPCA. Joseph always dreaded going to school. It was a challenge every morning to get him up and going. He would cry, kick, and scream the whole way there. It broke my heart to see him so unhappy. After seven months of this, I decided to pull him out. That's when I first put him on the waiting list at



Joseph (left) with his new friend after naptime.

HPCA. When I got the phone call that he was accepted, I was so delighted. At first, I was a little wary about how he was going to react to the new class, new teacher, and all that. I'm so happy to say that he loves it. **Joseph wakes up every morning with enthusiasm. I was so blessed to find this school for him.** As an added bonus, his sister Amelia also got into HPCA. She also loves it. I thank you and the staff at HPCA for making my children's school experience a great one.

## Volunteer Story of Transformation...by Carey Dunn

"Miss Carey, Miss Carey, you're here!!" My name is Carey Dunn and I have the privilege of volunteering in Katie Young's 2nd grade class once a week and hearing this welcoming every time I arrive. I started volunteering at HPCA last year, where I first met this energetic, at times bold, but most importantly loving group of students when they were only in 1st grade. **I am so grateful that the Lord has brought me to this school.** Even on days when I am tired and overwhelmed with life in general, the Lord gives me



Miss Carey with her 2nd graders! Thank you, Miss Carey!

strength to drive to the school and patience to listen to each child's needs. This is when the Lord is saying to me "Miss Carey, Miss Carey, I AM here, I AM here to be the power behind your actions and words, to transform your selfish heart to love my children more than yourself, to forget about the schedules or your tired legs or tired brain". Then, once I am here at HPCA, the bright eyes and welcoming words and hugs of each student prove to me the Lord is at work and it is His plan, not mine, that I am following.