



**DEMOTTE**  
CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS



Academic Excellence

Spiritual Growth

Service to God and Others

## THE FOUNDATION FUND

### Quick Facts:

- The DeMotte Christian School Foundation Fund was established in 1982.
- The Foundation Fund has distributed over \$1,500,000 to the DeMotte Christian General Fund over the last 20 years.
- The Foundation Fund currently contributes over \$95,000 annually to the General Operating Fund of DMCS. This equates to tuition reduction of about \$400 per family.
- The Foundation Fund Golf Outing raises approximately \$40,000 each year for the Fund. This has been the single largest fundraiser for the Foundation Fund. The Foundation Board thanks the members of the Golf Outing Committee and all those who contributed to each year's outing.
- Several years ago, the Foundation Fund built a Foundation House (using donated and reduced cost materials and labor). The Foundation Board thanks the area contractors and builders who made this possible. Proceeds from the sale of the home were added to the Foundation Fund.
- The Foundation Board of Trustees utilizes the services and advice of Jack Sytsma and Dave Van Wingerden, who are with the Grand Rapids office of Morgan Stanley.

### Investment Policies and Objectives

The Foundation Trustees have developed comprehensive operational policies and guidelines to assist the Trustees in managing the investment of the Fund's assets. Included within the guidelines are the Foundation Fund's risk posture, asset allocation policy, investment objectives, guidelines, and restrictions. Also included are the responsibilities of the investment sub-committee and the investment manager, evaluation and review procedures, as well as a statement of policy on social responsibility and investments.

### Financial Planning Concepts

The Foundation Trustees are constantly exploring new and creative ways to raise additional resources for the Foundation Fund. The Trustees use an estate planning and investment team led by Jack Sytsma from the Grand Rapids, Michigan, office of Morgan Stanley. This team takes a holistic, no pressure approach in helping families responsibly manage their financial resources. They believe that planning begins with your immediate family and encompasses the larger Christian family, which for many of us includes DeMotte Christian Schools.

Effective financial planning produces significant charitable benefits for the Foundation Fund, while also having a significant impact on reducing overall tax liabilities for the contributors.

The cost of educating our children in Christian schools continues to rise each year. The Foundation Fund is an ever increasingly important tool for the DeMotte Christian School.