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Dear Friends and Benefactors:

This year begins my nineteenth year of working in Catholic education and my fourth year at Christian Brothers High School. I continue to be inspired and energized by the students, alumni and friends of this proud school. This past summer, I received a letter from Charles Schumacher '99 that stopped me in my tracks and reinforced for me the extraordinary impact of a CBHS education.

Enclosed with his letter was a donation to the Annual Fund. "I apologize for returning this to you so late, but your letter did not reach me until last week. I am currently deployed to Iraq with the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division, so mail can take a while to reach me." He then went on to say "Really, the more I look back on the things I learned at CB - service to others foremost amongst them — the more I am grateful for my experiences there. CBHS and the lessons I learned there played a big role in making me the person I am today."

To say that I was humbled by Charles' letter would be an understatement. Thinking about what this young man must face each day, and that he still took the time to send a generous gift to the Annual Fund, reaffirms my commitment to ensuring that we remain thoughtful and careful stewards of each and every donation.

As a Catholic, Lasallian school, we are first and foremost an educational ministry of the Catholic Church and the De La Salle Christian Brothers. But, we are also an independent, not-for-profit organization. In order for our mission to survive (and thrive!) we must deliver our services in a professional manner and employ sound business practices. Our dedication to doing so remains steadfast.

The following Annual Report and list of donors reflects gifts received during the July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007 time period. We are grateful to all of our benefactors and recognize that only through your generosity can we continue providing an excellent, value-centered, Catholic, Lasallian education to tomorrow's leaders.

Live Jesus in our hearts!

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