

A Quarterly
Newsletter
from the
Miriam Foundation

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Construction Progress Continues



Both fundraising and construction efforts are in full swing on Miriam School's Mary Ann Lee Multi-Purpose Addition. Students have been enjoying a new playground since September 23 (see story on page 4) and it is anticipated that the Multi-Purpose Addition may be completed ahead of schedule as early as late January 2011.

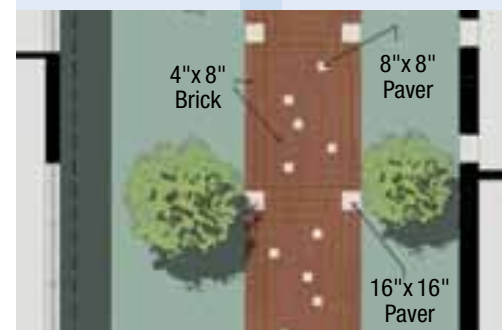
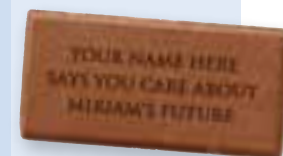
Progress also continues on the capital campaign for the Addition and, to date, \$1,778,000 million of the \$2.2 million total goal has been raised. The Mabee Foundation has presented Miriam with a challenge grant of \$250,000. Provided Miriam raises \$172,000 in cash and pledges by April 1, 2011, the Mabee Foundation will contribute the \$250,000 needed to complete the campaign.

For more information about how to help Miriam reach our fundraising goal please contact Andrew Thorp, Executive Director, or Sarah Scott, Development Director, at 314.962.6059. [m](#)



Give a Gift and Pave the Way to Miriam's Future

Construction on the Mary Ann Lee Multi-Purpose Addition is expected to be completed in early 2011. Now is your chance to make your mark and be a permanent part of Miriam's expansion. Have your name, the name of a loved one, or any other personalization of your choice engraved on a paver or brick in the pathway. Leading through the courtyard to the new multi-purpose addition, the pathway will be surrounded by beautiful landscaping and seen daily by students, parents, and friends of Miriam. This picturesque campus landmark will be a permanent tribute to those individuals who have made and continue to make Miriam School so special. [m](#)



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The Celestial Gala was Heavenly

The Miriam Foundation marked 100

years of service to the St. Louis community in grand style at the Celestial Centennial Gala on Saturday, September 25 at the Four Seasons Hotel. The evening's festivities included a video presentation celebrating Honoree Lucy Lopata and another detailing the history of the Foundation and the many people who have contributed to its success. The event raised more than \$330,000 for Miriam School's Scholarship Fund which provided \$675,000 in assistance to 60% of the students for the 2010-11 school year. [m](#)



Lucy Lopata and event chair Judi Scissors at the Celestial Centennial Gala on September 25.

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21st Century Learning

It is hard to believe how much the world has changed in the last 100 years. In the field of education we have gone from one-room schoolhouses to virtual classrooms. It is often hard to keep up with the technological changes that affect our everyday lives. Thanks to a committed staff and foundation and the generosity of the community, Miriam has been able to increase our ability to teach the skills necessary for our students to be successful in today's technological world.

What is 21st century education? It is bold. It breaks the mold. It is flexible, creative, challenging and complex. It addresses a rapidly changing world filled with fantastic new problems as well



Technology in the classroom has changed from being a novelty to being a necessity.

as exciting new possibilities. If you observe in one of our classrooms, you will see that the Miriam School faculty has committed to transforming our classrooms to meet these new possibilities through the generosity of Miriam Foundation members and a partnership with local community organizations.

In Room 1 you may see a lesson that was developed on a new computer thanks to a donation to honor one of our Miriam Foundation Board members, Larry Langsam. You may see the students of Room 5A using math manipulatives while viewing an online projectable book thanks to a donation of a portable projector from the Junior League. In various classrooms you may observe a student's work being shared on the whiteboard or a student checking out a library book thanks to an Assistance League donation of a new scanner and library computer. Thanks to the family of Virginia Sharp, a lifetime Miriam Foundation member of more than 50 years, two students are able to organize their writing on new NEO computer companions.

These tools have enhanced our program to allow teachers to add exciting new tools to their lesson planning. Students are more engaged, less frustrated and better equipped to meet this ever-changing world of possibilities with confidence. **m**



Taking on a New Role

Anne Tolan, former Miriam School parent and immediate past president of the Miriam Foundation Board of Directors, took on a new role as Program Manager for the Miriam Learning Center on October 29. Anne was instrumental in the creation of the Learning Center and believes wholeheartedly in the value it adds to the community and to Miriam. Anne says, "I am looking forward to working closely with Miriam staff, children and families in delivering the high quality services that Miriam is known for. It is exciting to be involved in the day-to-day workings of the program that I helped to develop three years ago."

Miriam Learning Center opened in September 2007 in response to a rapidly growing need to provide services to children with learning disabilities and their families throughout the St. Louis Metropolitan area. A natural extension of the Miriam School, the Learning Center serves more than 200 children each year and operates on a fee-for-service basis; services provided include speech/language evaluation and therapy, occupational evaluation and therapy, art and music therapy, social skills groups, tutoring, adapted enrichment classes and achievement and IQ assessment. **m**



Anne Tolan, new Program Manager for Miriam Learning Center

Spirit Week

Miriam School students celebrated the days leading up to Miriam Foundation's Celestial Centennial on September 25th with a spirit week filled with contests and activities. The week culminated in a formal dress-up day and "mini" Miriam gala at which Student Council officers, on behalf of all the students, presented Miriam Foundation Executive Director Andrew Thorp with a \$500 contribution to the Miriam School Scholarship Fund. The \$500 was raised through a week long coin drive. **m**



Playground Opens

At a ceremony on September 23 Miriam School's new 5,500-square-foot recreation area was dedicated in honor of Margie and David Frank, two longtime Miriam Foundation supporters who donated the money to design and build the new playground. Construction of the Mary Ann Lee Multi-Purpose Addition required removal of the school's old playground which was built in 1995 in honor of Hazel and Sidney Landau, Margie Frank's parents. The old equipment was still in good condition and was donated to a school in Haiti.

The recreation area includes tire and belt swings, a starburst climber, a zip line structure and a climb and play structure. Much of the equipment on the playground is designed to develop balance, coordination and body strength and has components for all abilities and age groups. **m**

Board Member Wins Service Award

Barbara Silver was given the 2010 Community Service Award sponsored by Commerce Bank at a luncheon held on Friday, October 1 at Algonquin Golf Club. The Commerce Bank Community Service Award is dedicated to recognizing individuals who make an exceptional contribution to their community and the people who live there. Grants totaling \$10,000 funded by the William T. Kemper and Commerce Bancshares foundations were given in Barbara's name to the Miriam Foundation.

Seth M. Leadbeater, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Commerce Bank, presented the service award and grants, saying, "Barbara's dedication to the community makes her an ideal choice for the community service award. She exemplifies the spirit of volunteerism in her community activities."

Barbara's love and interest in children led to an introduction to Miriam School. Her involvement with the school community spanning 50 years is a testimony to Barbara's commitment and dedication. She has successfully raised funds and awareness to improve the educational achievement of Miriam students in her services as past president and current member of the Miriam Foundation board, scholarship and facilities planning committees. **m**



Seth Leadbeater, Sandy Washington, and Sue Hutchins of Commerce Bank join Miriam Foundation's Executive Director, Andrew Thorp, and Barbara Silver as she receives the 2010 Community Service Award on October 1.



Judy Zafft (wearing corsage) is surrounded by friends at the Women of Worth awards dinner on October 14

A Woman of Worth

On October 14 at the Missouri Athletic Club Judy Zafft received the 2010 Women of Worth Award from OWL, the Voice of Mid-life and Older Women. The Women of Worth ceremony is an annual event honoring outstanding women who have contributed greatly to the community through their professional and/or volunteer work and most represent the OWL mission to improve a variety of interrelated economic, social and health issues facing mid-life and older women.

Judy has been working tirelessly for Miriam Foundation for more than 40 years and is a past president as well as a current board member. Miriam's Executive Director, Andrew Thorp, praised Judy's dedication saying, "Judy's energy and passion for Miriam is inspiring. She does not hesitate to do whatever needs to be done to be sure that Miriam School students have the best education possible."

Other organizations fortunate enough to have Judy's support include St. Louis Breast Cancer Coalition, Jewish Family & Children's Service, Jewish Federation, and Rainbow Village. **m**

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The **Legacy Society** honors all who include the Miriam Foundation in their estate plan or create life income gifts ultimately benefiting the foundation and inform us they have done so.

For more information or to enroll, please contact the Foundation office at 314.962.6059. *Thank you.*

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July 1 to October 8, 2010

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