

February 15, 2011

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Dear Sam,

Last year's 50th Reunion fund drive was an outstanding success. We won two awards from Penn Charter, one for the greatest amount and one for the highest participation for a reunion class at least 25 years out. Our numbers were \$44,900 and 75%. The theme for our fund drive was "Pay It Forward." Many PC students could not attend the school without financial aid and the school has helped many in the past, including some of us. Now it's our turn to help future generations, not by paying it back but by paying it forward. For details see our class website at "<http://www.users.fast.net/~francis/pc/home.htm>."

Penn Charter has agreed that our class will play an active role in sponsoring two Penn Charter students to benefit from our class gift. A committee of two classmates (initially, the undersigned) will meet with Penn Charter at the appropriate time each year to discuss how our gift can be used most effectively in support of our "Pay It Forward" objective. Donations in future years will be pooled with our 50th reunion gift, to extend the life of the "Pay It Forward" project. We are proud to be the first Penn Charter class to take the initiative to manage our gift-giving in this way.

We have chosen two ninth graders to benefit from our donations this year. Both students require almost full financial aid. One lives in South Philadelphia with her mother and was previously enrolled in the Philadelphia Performing Arts Charter School. During her first trimester at Penn Charter she worked hard on adjusting to the demands of PC's rigorous academic curriculum and earned a B- average. She's settling in well, and teachers often comment on her bubbly personality and general love of life.

Our other beneficiary lives in Northeast Philadelphia with his parents and four siblings. His family's financial circumstances meant no computer at home, so he made standing appointments with the Writing Center and the school's Learning Specialist, spending long hours on campus during his first trimester using school computers to complete his demanding workload. Recently, the Grace Fund supported him by purchasing a computer for his home. He earned a B- average in his first trimester and was the top freshman runner on the cross-country team. According to his advisor, coming to Penn Charter was a life-changing event for him.

These students will be notified that they are being sponsored by the Class of 1960, so that they can appreciate the interest that alumni take in the school in general and in them in particular. We hope to continue to support them through their Penn Charter career, if their need persists and our resources are adequate.

Please use the enclosed form to make your 2011 donation. Our target is to raise \$25,000, or \$500 per class member. Let's keep the momentum going!

Best regards,

Jim Arrison

Sam Francis

Enclosure: Donation form

**The Penn Charter Annual Fund
Class of 1960
September 1st through June 30th**

I/We _____

are pleased to support the Annual Fund and OPC '60s Pay-it-Forward Program with the following gift:

\$ _____ by check, stock, or charge my Visa MasterCard American Exp.

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Month Year

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