



Crossroads Academy Receives \$1 Million from Upper Valley Supporter

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CROSSROADS ACADEMY RECEIVES \$1 MILLION GRANT FOR ENDOWMENT

Lyme, NH—On January 17, 2014, Jean Behnke, Head of School, announced that a longtime supporter has made a \$1 million gift to Crossroads Academy. The gift will support the school's endowment for financial aid.

The announcement was made at the school's annual assembly in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. "Through this generous gift and the ongoing support of this wonderful community," said Behnke, "we are on our way to realizing one of our dreams: providing financial aid to all deserving students."

In his remarks, Board President Sean Gorman reminded the audience of the aspirations of the founder of the school. "At Crossroads, students immerse themselves not just in history, literature, and science, but do so through kindness, courage, and generosity." The gift and its contributor, he said, "exemplify these values."

About Crossroads Academy:

Crossroads Academy is committed to academic excellence and moral integrity. It inspires its students to love learning, act honorably, and contribute actively to intellectual, cultural, and civic life.

Founded in 1991 by Mary Beth Klee, Crossroads Academy is an independent, coeducational day school for students in kindergarten through grade eight. Crossroads

sequential, classic curriculum is based on the Core Knowledge philosophy as developed by E.D. Hirsch, and on the Core Virtues Program, a character education program created by its founder. According to Head of School Jean Behnke, "Our practices and our campus support our engaging and experienced faculty in delivering these two programs to our student body. Upon graduation, our students attend the finest public and private high schools in New England."

In 2004, Crossroads was accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC), whose visiting committee noted, "Students at Crossroads Academy appear happy to be there...[they are] actively engaged in their work with a sense of fun, respect, curiosity, and enthusiasm."

Crossroads enrolls approximately 130 students from within a 50-mile radius. Students are drawn from numerous Upper Valley communities including Lyme, Hanover, Orford, Lebanon, Piermont, Monroe, Grantham, Enfield, Grafton, and Warren in New Hampshire, and Norwich, Thetford, Randolph, Windsor, Fairlee, Bradford, Topsham, White River Junction, Vershire, and Woodstock in Vermont.

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