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ST. MARCUS SCHOOL RECEIVES \$10,000 HELEN BADER FOUNDATION GRANT TO "DISCOVER AMERICA"

MILWAUKEE, WI – ST. MARCUS SCHOOL RECEIVED A ONE-YEAR \$10,000 GRANT FROM THE HELEN BADER FOUNDATION TO ASSIST FUNDING **DISCOVER AMERICA**, AN 11-14 DAY "SCHOOL WITHOUT WALLS".

"WE EXPECT OUR STUDENTS TO ATTEND COLLEGE," SAID SUPERINTENDENT HENRY TYSON. "HOW WILL THEY ATTEND IF THEY'VE NEVER STEPPED FOOT ON A COLLEGE CAMPUS BEFORE?"

THE INTEGRATED EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATIONAL APPROACH GIVES ST. MARCUS STUDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT 15 COLLEGES AND 21 STATES BEFORE THEY GRADUATE FROM 8TH GRADE. THE PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO INTRODUCE URBAN 5TH THROUGH 8TH GRADE STUDENTS TO THE WORLD AROUND THEM. BESIDES COLLEGES, STUDENTS ALSO VISIT NATIONAL PARKS AND INSTITUTES, HISTORIC SITES, AND ENGAGE IN ACTIVE HANDS-ON LEARNING WITH EXPERTS IN A VARIETY OF PROFESSION.

FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADE STUDENTS WILL TRAVEL TO ARIZONA TO STUDY WATER CONSERVATION, THIS NATION'S EXPANSION, AND THE MEXICAN WAR. FOR EXAMPLE, STUDENTS WILL LEARN THE EFFECTS OF EROSION, NOT JUST FROM A TEXTBOOK, BUT WHILE STANDING ON THE GRAND CANYON'S RIM AT 6:00AM, WATCHING THE SUN RISE, PRIOR TO EXPERIENCING A HIKE UP AND DOWN THE GRITTY, DEMANDING TRAILS. ON THE EAST COAST OF THE U.S., SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADERS WILL EXPAND THEIR KNOWLEDGE BY HAVING EXPERIENCES SUCH AS OUR CAPITALS' NATIONAL MONUMENTS AND MEMORIALS, ARLINGTON CEMETERY, AND THE U.S. HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM.

"WE'RE PROUD TO BE ABLE TO SUPPORT SUCH AN INNOVATIVE APPROACH TO EDUCATION," SAID DANIEL BADER, FOUNDATION PRESIDENT. "ST. MARCUS SCHOOL IS AN INCREDIBLE MODEL OF EDUCATIONAL SUCCESS AND IT'S PASSIONATE, DEDICATED STAFF IS MAKING A PROFOUND DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF YOUTH IN MILWAUKEE,"

ST. MARCUS SCHOOL IS A NATIONAL LEADER AND MODEL FOR SUCCESSFUL, COLLEGE-PREPARATORY SCHOOLS THAT STRESSES THE VALUE OF AN EDUCATION TO ALL STUDENTS, REGARDLESS OF SOCIAL OR ECONOMIC BACKGROUNDS. WITH A MOTTO OF "NO EXCUSES," GRADUATES ARE POSITIONED FOR HIGHER EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP. ONE CHILD AT A TIME, ST. MARCUS IS HELPING TO IMPROVE THE FUTURE OF MILWAUKEE'S INNER-CITY YOUTH.

ABOUT THE HELEN BADER FOUNDATION: THE FOUNDATION SUPPORTS INNOVATIVE PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS THAT ADVANCE THE WELL-BEING OF PEOPLE AND PROMOTE SUCCESSFUL RELATIONSHIPS WITH THEIR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES. WITH OFFICES IN MILWAUKEE AND JERUSALEM, THE FOUNDATION AWARDS AN AVERAGE OF \$11 MILLION PER YEAR IN GRANTS, TOTALING MORE THAN \$179 MILLION IN GRANTS SINCE 1992.

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