

LEONARD ECA FOUNDATION NEWS

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The William B. and Helen S. Leonard Foundation for the Endowment of
Evangelical Christian Academy (ECA)



Resourcing, Supporting, Endowing
ECA

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4. Information Technology

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7. Fine Arts/Sciences

8. Athletic Program

9. Free Enterprise

Foundation Office Open for Volunteers

The lights are on, the phones are ringing, we're connected to the Web. LECAF has opened an office across from the ECA secondary campus for the sole purpose of promoting ECA. **Steve Leonard**, LECAF Board member and son of Bill and Helen Leonard, noted that the office will provide a place where staff and volunteers can work together to promote ECA. **Robert K. Spees, MD**, LECAF President, promoted the office as a step in the foundation's long-term goal of creating an office and staff that are full-time and self-supporting while raising funds for resourcing, supporting and endowing ECA.

But how do we get there? The next step is to enlist the help of volunteer staff!

The LECAF Board of Directors will interview and appoint like-minded volunteers to fill the various positions to help us reach the broad mandate before us. (List of positions Page 3).

Bruce Owens, from Mission to the World, and a LECAF advisor, compared the foundation's development efforts more to a marathon than to

LOGO: Three ECA supports are Supporting churches, School Board, and LECAF



a sprint. The relationship and friendship-building that will result in developing ECA will involve great effort for at least 4 to 7 years before steady results are measured. The LECAF Board has concluded that if the Foundation's

The long term goal is a full-time, self-supporting office and staff raising funds to resource, support and endow Evangelical Christian Academy.

task were easy it would have been done within the past 35 years. Like-minded ECA supporters who feel called to use their gifts to develop ECA can contact the Foundation Office directly, through our Website or Email address. **Harve Wolfe** is our first LECAF office volunteer.

Campaign 2010 Features Nine Funds and Endowment Opportunities

The LECAF Board of Directors announced late last year a four year effort to raise a significant endowment as well as funds designated for particular uses at ECA. **Campaign 2010** has been planned following a presentation to the ECA School Board last Spring to meet particular needs at ECA while providing an opportunity to donate to a perpetual endowment for future needs. **Jeffrey Castillo**, LECAF Board Member, noted that some will want to contribute to a particular focus at ECA. Others will be moved to build a perpetual endowment that will become a foundation for stability and growth for ECA for generations to come. (The funds are listed in left column) Each fund is headed by a fund Champion, a LECAF contributing member selected by the Board of Directors to guide the fund through the campaign. When completed, the campaign is designed to raise 2.5–3 million dollars for ECA including 1 million dollars in endowment giving. Please pray for ECA and LECAF and join the campaign! You can request a brochure through our website or office.

Endowment A Wise Part of ECA Stewardship

By Robert K. Spees, LECAF President

1. **Why does ECA need an endowment?** Simply stated, for security and growth: to secure our stability during periodic changes in the economy, and for future growth and improvement in our school, faculty and educational programs.
2. **Can ECA afford an endowment with on-going immediate needs?** We can't afford not to build an endowment. But an endowment resource must be built with giving above immediate needs. Endowment returns will grow and create a source of stability and development for ECA.
3. **What kind of endowment are we building?** A general, perpetual endowment.
4. **What will it take to be successful in building an endowment?** Consultants say it will take a few champions with large gifts but also a multitude of smaller gifts given regularly over a longer period of time. (Proposed gift-range table available on request)
5. **How much return to ECA can we expect?** An annual return of five percent as long as investment exceeds five percent (according to a Harvard University Endowment study).
6. **Why is LECAF concerned about endowment?** LECAF was created without direct responsibility for ECA immediate needs (unlike the school board) with the primary mission for fundraising with investment (unlike the supporting churches). LECAF is designed to fill the need for raising and investing addi-

tional funds for ECA beyond current annual fund activities.

7. **Why is LECAF offering opportunities for giving other than the perpetual endowment?** With LECAF the endowment is our central mission but not everyone is motivated to give for this purpose. For those who want to designate their gift for a particular purpose or program, the funds (page 1) provide an opportunity to give a charitable donation with a more immediate and measurable result.
8. **Why is LECAF starting now and not during the past 35 years of ECA history?** Now is the time the Lord has given for this opportunity. Competing dynamics in education in our day make this effort a wise choice of stewardship.

“An endowment is simply a donation of funds that brings with it a stipulation that it be invested; the principal stays intact and the organization feeds off the investment return.”
 J. Murtz, K. Murray



As we develop the LECAF Office we ask that you let us know how you would like us to communicate with you.

Please send us an Email, letter or call with a phone message to let us know how you would like us to keep you informed of LECAF and ECA news.



LECAF NEWS Reader Feedback

We want to hear from you. Please complete this form and return to us or contact us by phone, fax, email or by visiting our website.

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Calling A Few ECA CHAMPIONS

In every area of excellence at ECA you'll find a **champion**.

- A champion is one who shows outstanding, excellent, untiring, visionary, sacrificial leadership. Like Gideon.
- A champion inspires others to work together for greater success. Like a vortex, pulling together.

The LECAF Board and School Board have considered the scope of development

needed to build ECA (Page 4). We have interviewed several consultants and organizations who would like to assist us.

What does it take to be successful in development for ECA? Uniformly it's agreed. We need 8-12 champions from ECA and our community guided by the experience of consultants...to draw together, fuel, and ignite explosive growth for ECA.

Are you a champion? Do you recognize the Lord calling you to be a champion for ECA?

Do you awake thinking about ways to advance ECA? Are you restless about developing ECA and Christian education? Are you praying about what you can do to glorify God through ECA using your gifts and talents?

Pray about working with LECAF over part or all of the next four years.

We are calling and praying for a few strategic ECA Champions. RKS

...In every area of excellence at ECA you'll find a Champion...

How Can I Support ECA?

"I'm so thankful for ECA's ministry to my family...How can I support ECA?"

1. Pray for ECA and LECAF.
2. Volunteer in the Foundation office.
3. Recommend a family member, friend, or neighbor who may be able to help ECA.
4. Consider a monthly or regular pledge for the 4 year Campaign 2010 (Auto-debit).
5. Consider a planned gift to ECA through LECAF.
6. Request a **Campaign 2010** brochure.
7. Host a LECAF Coffee Break for 8-10 people....we'll bring the people, updated information and coffee!
8. Consider the gifts and talents the Lord has given you and how you could use them for ECA...let us know if we can help.
9. Consider a one time or regular donation to a LECAF fund to help provide a scholarship, teacher training or other ECA Need (Page one).
10. Discuss with your family giving up a meal out or a treat regularly to create a scholarship opportunity for a student wanting to come to ECA (Tuition Benevolence).
11. Write a note of thanks to an ECA faculty/staff member.

Discuss with your family giving up a meal out or a treat and send the savings to LECAF to create a scholarship opportunity for a student wanting to come to ECA.

LECAF Volunteer Positions

- Office manager
- Receptionists
- Newsletter Editor
- Webmaster
- Database manager
- Grant Writers
- Donor Coordinator
- Liaison Pre K-2 families
- Liaison Grade 3-6 Families
- Liaison Grade 7-8 Families
- Liaison Grade 9-12 Families
- In-kind Giving Director
- Alumni Relations Director
- Graduate Class Liaison (7)
- Faculty Liaison
- Prayer Coordinator
- IT Director
- Graphic Designer
- Materials Development
- Your other talents



For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians 2:10

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Our Mission and Vision

LECAF exists to honor William B. and Helen S. Leonard in their vision for Christian Education in Colorado Springs and to ensure the continued ministry of Evangelical Christian Academy (ECA).

We serve ECA faculty, students, alumni and families through support and endowment for ECA.

It is our desire to expand the influence of Christian education in the community, nation and world.

We endeavor to be a foundation of excellence in design, integrity, responsiveness and stewardship.

It is our heart to honor God in providing a dependable and enduring means to support the ongoing ministry of ECA.

We want to be an outstanding example of cooperation of community leaders and resources.

Our goal is to further Christian education through the classical approach ECA provides with trusted educational programs that both inspire and enlighten.

LECAF Boards, Scope and Services

Board of Directors

- Robert K. Spees. MD
President
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- Javier Mazzetti
Mazzetti and Co.
- Margo Baker
UCCS
- Steven Bruce
ABN AMRO

Board of Advisors

Available on request

Board of Reference

Under Development

Scope of Development

1. Major Donor
 2. Grant Writing
 3. Planned Giving
 4. Campaign 2010:Faith Giving
 5. In kind Donations
 6. Relationship Building:
- Student, family, alumni, church,
faculty, staff, foundations

Services

- Student scholarships
- Faculty Development/
training/ Need Funds
- Automatic Checking
Draft (US Bank) ACH
- Merchant Account Card
Drafts (Pending)
- 501(c)3 tax deductible
receipts for qualified
donations
- Confidential Data Base
Support
- LECAF Office Use by
Board Approval



**But those who hope in the Lord will
renew their strength. They will soar
on wings like eagles; they will run
and not grow weary; they will walk
and not be faint.
Isaiah 40:31**