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Saint Albert Receives \$215,000 Gift to Child Care Center and Elementary

Saint Albert President James W. Rouse announced that the school has received a \$215,000 contribution to fully fund the furnishings for the school's Sheryl K. Johnson Early Childhood Development Center, as well as to equip the new elementary school wing with state-of-the-art technology.

The donation was made by Mrs. Jacqueline Johnson, whose daughter is the namesake for the school's child care center. Last year, Mrs. Johnson's \$2 million donation to build the center in Sheryl's honor was the largest single donation in school history.

Rouse said the donation will allow the school to fully furnish the child care center with the highest quality items, ranging from furniture, appliances and window coverings to toys and playground equipment. The donation also will allow the school to equip all of the elementary classrooms in its new wing with wireless laptop labs, "Smart Boards" interactive learning systems, LCD televisions, ELMO digital visual presenter systems and laptop computers for each teacher.

As a former teacher, Mrs. Johnson was inspired to make the donation in order to "make learning fun and exciting." She intends for her gift to give families greater access to quality child care and educational programs for generations to come.

"The items we will purchase as a result of this generous donation will greatly enhance the care provided at our child care center," Rouse said. "When you combine this first-rate child care center with our technology enhancements and new building, Saint Albert is offering an elite learning environment that is unmatched in the Council Bluffs area."

Saint Albert Schools is the only Catholic grade school and K-12 system in the State of Iowa or Nebraska that is both state and regionally accredited. Committed to the teachings of the Catholic Church, the mission of Saint Albert Schools is to foster spiritual, moral, physical and intellectual growth for all students.