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### **GREEHEY FAMILY FOUNDATION DONATES RECORD \$3 MILLION TO LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL**

*The donation, the single largest gift in the school's history,  
will fund phase I of major expansion project*

**(San Antonio, TX)** Lutheran High School announced today that The Greehey Family Foundation has contributed \$3 million to fund phase I of the expansion of the school's campus. The donation, the single largest gift ever received by Lutheran High School, will be used to construct a new building which will include classrooms, a dining area, gymnasium and other athletic facilities.

To recognize the importance of the gift, officials also announced that the school will be renamed Lutheran High School of San Antonio – The Greehey Campus.

"Our family foundation feels strongly that education plays a significant role in the future success of our city's youth," said Bill Greehey, president of The Greehey Family Foundation and chairman of NuStar Energy. "So, we're proud to support a school that's committed to developing the minds and faith of its students. With our gift, Lutheran High School can make major improvements to its campus that will enable the school to expand its tradition of academic excellence for generations to come."

With the foundation's gift, the school will be able to add new, permanent facilities to its campus, which currently includes two modular buildings and one administration building that previously served as a golf pro shop. "Thanks to the Greehey family, we are fulfilling a vision that began in 2001," said Lutheran High School principal Stephen Eggold. "Not only are we delivering on a promise to provide enhanced amenities to our students and local Lutheran Church Missouri Synod congregations, we are also building upon a legacy of preparing our students to become strong community leaders like Bill Greehey.

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“We’re very thankful not only for this transformational gift, but for the many contributions made by Bill Greehey and his family. Because of their commitment to giving back to the community, San Antonio is a better place to live and work,” he added.

The high school was originally located on the former Concordia Lutheran Church campus on Basse Road. In 1998, when Concordia relocated, the church sold the property to Lutheran High School where the school remained until 2004.

In 2001, school leaders developed a five-year strategic plan to move to a permanent location by 2006. Beginning in 2004, the school’s leadership team worked with local architectural firm B&A Architects to develop a master plan for new facilities which included classrooms, athletic facilities, a library, auditorium and a cafeteria. In the same year, the high school moved to the Methodist Mission Home on Whitby Road and operated out of temporary structures for two school years.

In 2005, the high school launched a capital campaign and raised nearly \$1 million, which allowed the high school to acquire its current 54-acre site at 18104 Babcock Road near the IH10 east access road, south of Camp Bullis Road. The property had one existing building, which currently serves as the school’s administration office. Modular structures are being used for classrooms.

“Lutheran High School is located in a growing area, and we’re excited about expanding our campus to better serve our member congregations and the community,” said Lutheran High School board chairman Max Kiesling. “While the school has outstanding academics now, the new facilities will enhance our ability to grow and raise the academic bar even higher.”

The original master plan calls for three phases of development. The first phase of construction, which broke ground in July, is scheduled for completion in March 2009. The new 40,000-square-foot building will house the school’s band and choir rooms, art room, a biology/physics/chemistry lab, classrooms, eating area, gymnasium, weight room, and locker rooms.

The second phase, scheduled to begin in 2013 includes approximately 15,000 square feet of classrooms and administrative office space to be built on four acres of the campus.

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Phase III, scheduled to begin in 2015, includes the construction of a 400 to 500-seat auditorium, the renovation of the original administrative office building to a state-of-the-art library and media center, and the addition of classrooms and a full-service cafeteria. Other plans include the development of 23 acres of athletic fields for soccer, football, baseball, softball and track.

The school's board of directors is currently developing a comprehensive capital program to support the construction costs of phase II and III projects, as well as the new athletic fields.

#### ***The Greehey Family Foundation***

*Bill Greehey established The Greehey Family Foundation in 2003 with a goal of broadening his ability to identify and meet the growing needs of the San Antonio community. The Foundation is committed to supporting health and human welfare issues, children's causes, education, and the homeless. And because the needs of the community are wide, the Foundation is set up and positioned to meet an almost unlimited range of needs within these areas. In its brief history, the Foundation has already granted tens-of-millions of dollars to hundreds of causes. **For more information, visit [www.greeheyfoundation.org](http://www.greeheyfoundation.org).***

#### ***Lutheran High School***

*Lutheran High School of San Antonio (LHS), an accredited college preparatory Christian high school in the Lutheran education tradition, nurtures faith and discipleship and promotes academic excellence to cultivate Christian servant leaders. LHS provides a unique educational environment in which students find identity, meaning, purpose, and power for their life in Christ while developing individual talents, skill and attitudes to make thoughtful Christian decisions. As the city's only Lutheran high school, LHS welcomes students of all faiths and is supported by six congregations of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod forming the Lutheran High School Association. **Online at [www.lhssa.org](http://www.lhssa.org)***

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