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PRESS RELEASE

Des Moines Christian School  
Urbandale, Iowa

SCHEELS AND RASMUSSEN LEAD THE WAY

Des Moines Christian is pleased to announce a \$1 million gift from SCHEELS and \$250,000 gift from the Rasmussen Group as lead donations for the school's capital campaign to build an artificial turf soccer and football field and 8-lane track and field facilities on the campus, located at 13007 Douglas Parkway in Urbandale.

As a part of the initial capital campaign, the Elementary building will be remodeled during the summer of 2014 – to add another Elementary classroom for the school's expanding student population (up 30% since DMC's move from First Federated Church in Des Moines to Urbandale in 2005). The track and field construction is scheduled to begin in November, 2014, with a tentative useable date of August, 2015.

Upon completion of the track and field project, the next priority for fundraising and facility expansion is the east-end Activities Center, which will have multiple purposes: a second gymnasium, staging for music and drama performances, additional restrooms, and a concession stand which will serve the interior gym and exterior softball field.

"We are EXTREMELY grateful to SCHEELS and West Des Moines SCHEELS Store Leader Larry Theis [pronounced tice] and his wife Rashelle, Jeff and Brenda Rasmussen, and the Rasmussen family for their incredible generosity in this fundraising campaign," said Dr. Bob Stouffer, Des Moines Christian Superintendent since 2000. "These are historic donations for Des Moines Christian. We now sense a palpable momentum and excitement about advancing with additional development of the school property and student achievement. All the while, we are absolutely dedicated first and foremost to Jesus Christ, academic excellence, and the families of DMC. To God be all praise and honor and glory!"

Stouffer continued, "We at Des Moines Christian hope we can continue to be an asset to the City of Urbandale, the Timberline neighborhood, and the body of Christ in Greater Des Moines. We envision many positive, constructive, and God-honoring activities on these new facilities."

To schedule interviews with Dr. Stouffer, please contact him at 515-252-2480, Extension 1008.