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Christian academy hoping to open in January

Sahuarita Christian Academy hopes to open its new school campus as soon as January.

This past summer, SCA agreed to acquire three acres at 2285 E. Sahuarita Road, three miles east of Interstate 19, for its new open-enrollment school, according to the academy's executive director, David Lyon.

So far, the academy has invested approximately \$40,000 of donations into its first modular school building.

Many construction projects have been completed on the building and the new school site campus. However, work is ongoing, with several of the remaining projects requiring additional donations to complete.

SCA recently received a grant contribution from the Green Valley's Country Fair White Elephant.

"I am grateful to the board and the many community volunteers of the White Elephant for their \$5,000 contribution to SCA in helping us get our new campus open," Lyon said.

"The grant received was very much needed and is very much appreciated, as it is being used in the purchasing of building materials as well as making a payment towards the purchase of our three-acre school site."

In the final days of 2006, SCA is hoping that people will remember Sahuarita Christian Academy as a recipient of year-end giving.

As a 501(c)3 non-profit entity, the academy invites others to partner with it in making a difference in the lives of children and young people in local communities by giving a year-end gift.

SCA is also seeking Arizona residents who will consider giving SCA their Arizona tuition tax credit donation.

Arizona residents qualify for a dollar-for-dollar tax credit for contributions up to \$1,000 for married persons filing jointly and up to \$500 for a single person.

"All Arizona tuition tax credit donations will be utilized in providing student scholarships on the basis of student family needs and qualifications," Lyon said.

Anyone interested in making a donation for the benefit of Sahuarita Christian Academy may do so at www.ibescholarships.org.

Or to request a donation form to mail in a donation to the Institute for Better Education, contact Lyon at 481-6905.

To receive credit for 2006, the donation must be received via the Internet by the Institute for Better Education no later than Dec. 31, 2006, or, if mailed, postmarked by Dec. 31.

Year-end donations also can be mailed directly to Sahuarita Christian Academy, P.O. Box 1704, Sahuarita, AZ 85629.

SCA is a nondenominational open-enrollment private school that offers quality Christian training along with a solid academic foundation in the basic fundamentals of learning for the average and above-average student.

Academic and spiritual standards are high, with added emphasis on patriotism and character training.

The academy began educating area students as of July 2005 in grades 5 through 12.

To date, SCA has received calls from more than 50 families who reside in local communities and represent as many as 150 potential students who would like to attend in grades K4 through 12.

"What a privilege it has been to be part of starting a much needed and wanted Christian school in this place that we call our home of Sahuarita/Green Valley, Arizona," Lyon said.

"I am hoping that SCA can broaden its contribution to our community area and in line with this goal, SCA recently joined the Green Valley Sahuarita Chamber of Commerce."

SCA uses the widely recognized A Beka Academy/Pensacola Christian Academy curriculum.

Through its affiliation with A Beka Academy and the use of its "All DVD Program for Schools," SCA student families now have the optional added benefit of a fully accredited education for their children.

A Beka Academy is accredited by the Florida Association of Christian Colleges and Schools; the Commission on International Trans-Regional Accreditation, which includes the North Central Association; and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement with the benefits of local, national and international reciprocal accreditation.

For additional information about Sahuarita Christian Academy, visit the Web site at www.sahuarita-sca.org or call Lyon at 481-6905.

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