Annual Report

2021

Kate Duncan Smith DAR School

The "Gem" of Gunter Mountain

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The mission of Kate Duncan Smith DAR School, Inc. is to provide opportunities for educational and personal growth for students, while emphasizing patriotism, responsible citizenship and the historical legacy of the school.

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Message from the Chair

Cheryl Harrison , Chair
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When I think about all the changes that have taken place in our country and our society in the last hundred years, it is mind-boggling that so many achievements and innovations have occurred in such a relatively short amount of time.

Our school is no different – KDS has grown from a four-classroom community school opened in 1924 to a 240-acre campus with three schools and nearly 1,400 students. And while change has been necessary to keep up with the times and to equip our students with the knowledge and skills required by a modern society, KDS has also held tight to the principles that make it special - instilling in children a sense of patriotism and an understanding of American ideals through the teaching of our nation's history, promotion of responsible citizenship, and strengthening our connection with our roots by celebrating our unique history and traditions.

As Kate Duncan Smith DAR School approaches its 100th anniversary, we have all begun to think about how we can best celebrate this milestone. I have appointed a committee, made up of a dynamic and passionate group of KDS supporters, to plan a centennial celebration befitting our Gem of Gunter Mountain. The plans are progressing nicely, and we are all excited to share them with you over the coming months, culminating in a yearlong celebration in 2024.

Gardening is one of my personal passions, so I was thrilled for KDS to receive statewide recognition last year for its innovative agriculture programs. Alabama Governor Kay Ivey visited the KDS campus on October 5, 2021, to promote National School Lunch week and Farm to School month. She toured the Agriculture Department's hydroponics garden where students grow lettuce and other produce and sell it to the Lunchroom to be used in student lunches. This is a true farm-to-table initiative and has been cited as a model program with the state and the region.

So even though our world and our school has changed beyond measure in the last century, KDS remains committed to connecting students to their history and traditions. I want to thank each of you for your continued support that enables us to do just that.

Executive Director's Message

Heather W. Green
KDS Executive Director

Spring always brings with it a sense of renewal and rebirth. This year maybe more than any other, Spring held a great deal of hope that after a long two years of upheaval and uncertainty, we are returning to some new type of normal.

In a school setting, Spring is always an extremely busy time for students, teachers and parents. Spring sports like baseball, softball, track, tennis, golf, and yes, even fishing, returned in full swing - the lost season of 2020 now forgotten. Parents will tell you that there is no place colder and windier than Gunter Mountain on a Spring evening, and I have to agree. My son's first school baseball game was played amid snow flurries, but he always came home from fishing tournaments with a sunburn. Much like Forrest Gump's box of chocolates, when it comes to Spring weather in Alabama, you never know what you're going to get.

State standardized testing wrapped up for the year, and all KDS juniors took the ACT. Regardless of our opinions about the effectiveness of these assessments in evaluating what a child has actually learned, they are the standard by which schools and students are measured and are an important part of the school year. The administration, faculty and staff at KDS are to be commended for the care and efficiency with which they carry out these tests, most of which are now computerized. It is a massive undertaking.

Once testing is complete and everyone breathes that sigh of relief, "Spring Fever" emerges. We've all been there – staring out the window and thinking about how we're going to make the most of all that daylight when we get home in the afternoons. Well, KDS students get it in spades. High school seniors get their own form of it. "Senior-itis" is real, and it is a real challenge to keep our soon-to-graduate students focused on all the details required to get them to the next phase of their lives. But our faculty and staff members continue to encourage, counsel, coerce, and sometimes even threaten, the students through it.

And although Spring is an end to the school year for our students, there is no end to the dedication of our staff and their commitment to ensuring our students have opportunities for educational and personal growth while learning about patriotism, responsible citizenship, and the historical legacy of the school.

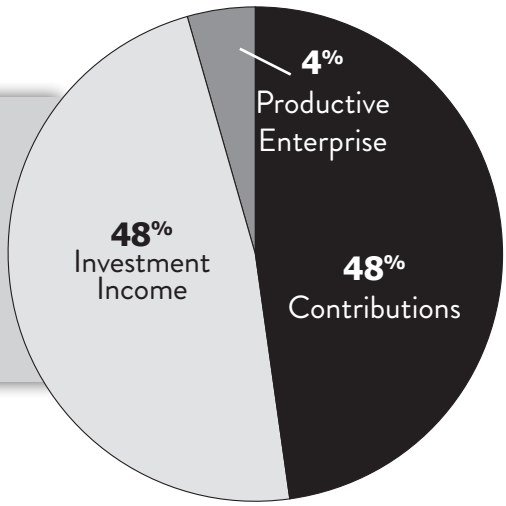
In many ways, KDS is just like any other school. We experience the same challenges as public schools across this country. But what makes KDS special is the people who care deeply about kids and want to ensure their success – our faculty and staff certainly, but also our friends in the community and in the DAR chapters, organizations, and state societies who believe in our mission. You provide us with the support needed to get through the tough times, the good times, and the times of rebirth and renewal, during Spring and always.

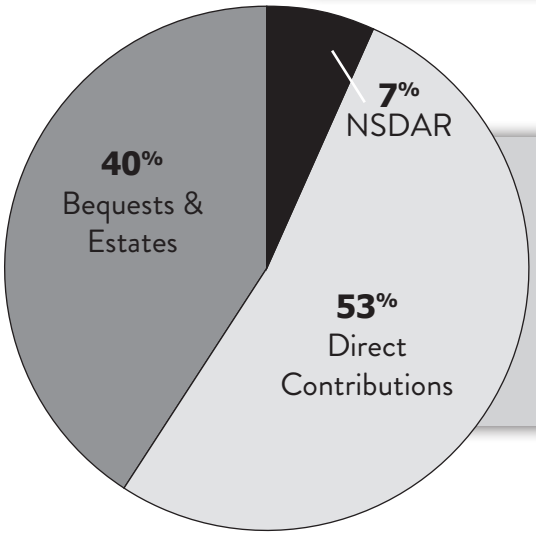
2021 Report to the Friends of KDS

Information is based on audited financials from October 1, 2020, to September 30, 2021

Total Income

Contributions*	$ 962,072
Investment Income	$ 961,163
Productive Enterprise	$ 102,358
TOTAL	$ 2,025,593



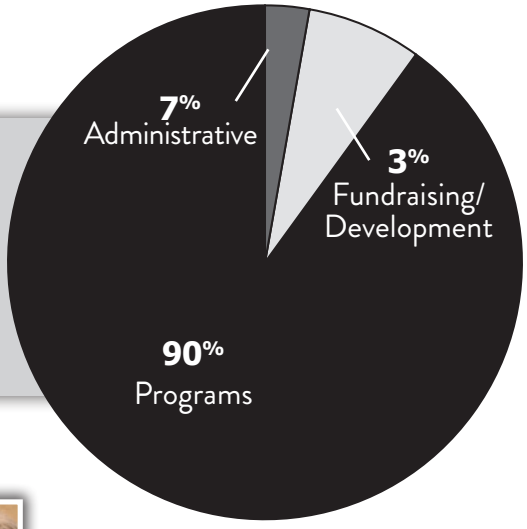


Contributions* Break-Down

NSDAR	$ 63,116
Direct Contributions	$ 505,567
Bequests & Estates	$ 393,389
TOTAL	$ 962,072

Total Expenses

Programs	$ 1,078,428
Administrative	$ 86,877
Fundraising/Development	$ 29,663
TOTAL	$ 1,194,968



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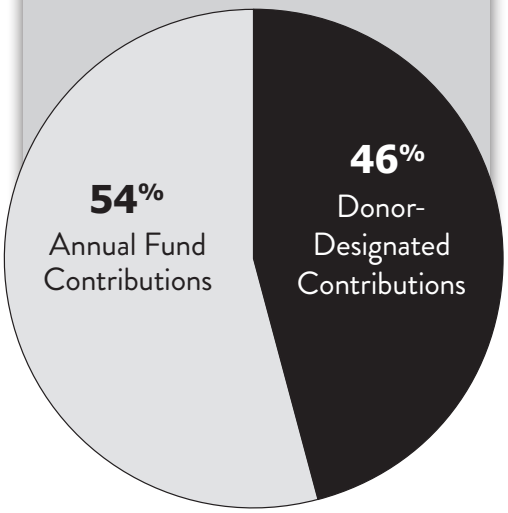
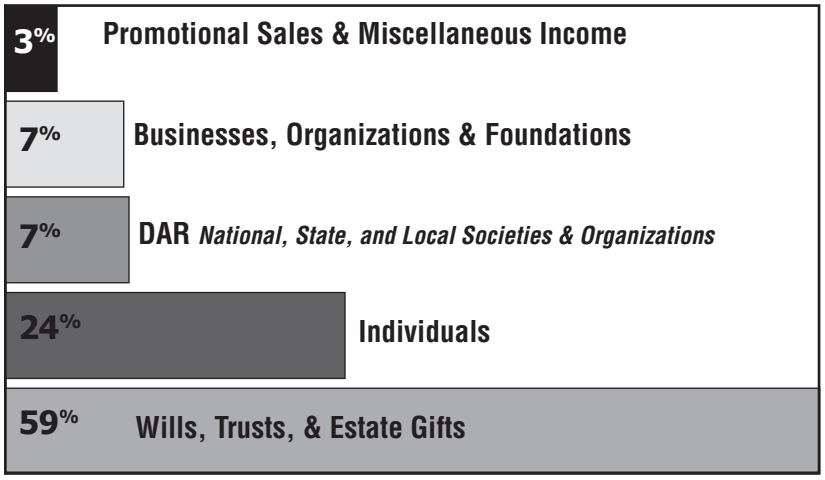


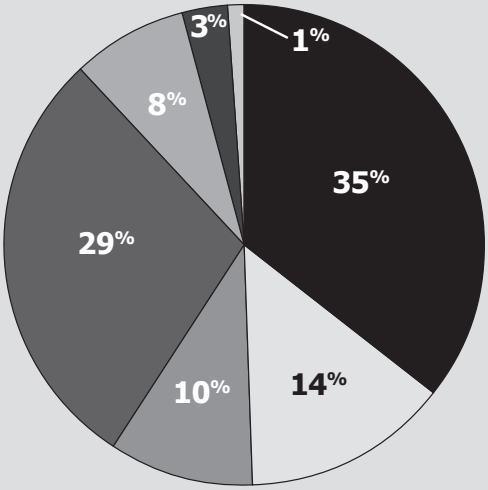
Where Our Donations Come From

Percentages based on Annual Fund (Unrestricted) Contributions from October 1, 2020, to September 30, 2021



What Our Donors Support

Percentages based on Donor-Designated (Restricted) Contributions from October 1, 2020, to September 30, 2021

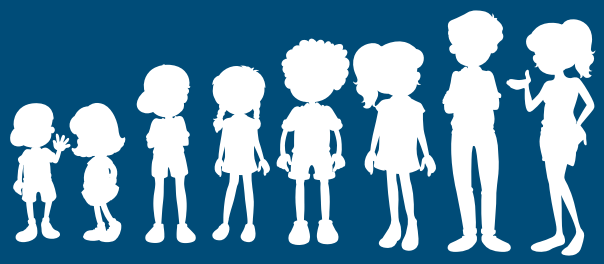


College Scholarships & Student Awards	**35%**
Student Aid *Children's Fund, Christmas Fund, Student Health/Clinic, Book Fair & Blessings Bags*	**14%**
Work Scholarship *Student Work Program*	**10%**
Campus & Facilities *Building, Renovations, Repairs & Construction Projects*	**29%**
Classroom Needs *Classroom Supplies and Equipment, Student Supplies & Club and Activity Support*	**8%**
Historic Preservation Projects	**3%**
Other	**1%**

Enrollment Figures

as of March 8, 2022

Elementary School *PreK – 4th grade*	**582**
Middle School *5th-8th grade*	**362**
High School *9th-12th grade*	**423**
TOTAL ENROLLMENT	**1,367**



2021 Student Stats

183 Students Receiving Assistance with Personal Needs or Healthcare Needs through the Children's Fund or Helen Pouch Memorial Fund

250 Elementary and Middle School Students Receiving Blessings Bags

155 KDS Graduates attending College, Technical, or Trade School on DAR Scholarship

345 KDS Students Receiving a Book through the Book Fair Bucks Program

35 Students Employed through the KDS Work Scholarship Program

65 Students Receiving Christmas Gifts through support of the Snowflake Holiday Giving Fund

KDS Welcomes Alabama Governor in Celebration of School Lunch Week

KDS welcomed Alabama Governor Kay Ivey and Agriculture Commissioner Rick Pate to its campus on October 5th as they visited in celebration of Farm to School Month and National School Lunch Week.

Congress established Farm to School Month in 2010 as a way to promote and celebrate an initiative that encourages schools to purchase produce from local farmers as a means to support nutrition in school cafeterias. KDS DAR High School Agri-Science students and their teacher, Chris Hicks, have taken the initiative to a whole new level by growing produce on campus which is then purchased by the Marshall County Child Nutrition Program and served to students in the DAR Lunchroom.

The project began two years ago when Mr. Hicks applied for and was awarded a grant to help fund the program. With the grant, the school was able to purchase equipment during the spring of 2020 for a 300-plant hydroponic growing system which allows students to grow lettuce from seed to harvest in about 45 days.

The school was approved this school year to be a designated Farm to School grower. The program operates as a student-run business. There is a team of students in charge of growing the vegetables, another in charge of transportation, and a third takes care of the financial aspect of the business such as invoicing.

Mr. Hicks said, “Our students do everything from start to finish, which obviously gives them great real-world experience. It is awesome for this to begin with a few ideas and to now see it grow into something where we are being recognized for providing food for people.”

2021 Annual Fund

As Kate Duncan Smith DAR School enters its 98th year, we look to the future while remembering and honoring our storied past. And when challenges inevitably arise, support for the KDS ***Steadfast, Loyal, Ever True*** **Annual Fund** campaign enables us to address those head-on.

Through generous donations made last year, we completed critical repairs to the chimney on the Pennsylvania Log Cabin; began scanning student transcripts and other irreplaceable historical records; repaired the canopy covering the main entrance of the Middle School; repaired and replaced heating and cooling units; repaired roof leaks in various buildings; paid for fire alarm service and monitoring; completed inspections for fire extinguishers; repaired the cupola marking the entrance to our central campus; provided maintenance for lawn mowers, tractors, and other vehicles; paid for pest control inspections and service for 40 buildings; and so much more.

We could not have done any of this without donor support. The ***Steadfast, Loyal, Ever True*** **Annual Fund** campaign addresses those areas of greatest need, including the school's essential day -to-day operations, and can only be achieved through the financial support of friends.

2021 Annual

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We ask you to consider supporting the Steadfast, Loyal, Ever True campaign to help KDS remain:

- ***Steadfast*** to our mission of instilling in children a sense of patriotism and an understanding of American ideals through the teaching of our nation's history, promotion of responsible citizenship, and participation in DAR contests and programs
- ***Loyal*** to the day-to-day maintenance and upkeep of a picturesque 240-acre campus and 40 buildings, including the cost of insurance and utilities
- ***Ever True*** to perpetuating our unique history and traditions and bolstering heritage and community education initiatives designed to strengthen our connection with our roots

Please join us in ensuring this important work continues by becoming a Steadfast, Loyal, Ever True partner by making a secure donation online at www.kdsdar.org/donation-form.

The need is great, but with your generosity, you make it possible for KDS DAR School to provide a solid foundation for students and to preserve the very special school we all love.

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KDS Welcomes Children of the American Revolution

The National Society of the Children of the American Revolution recently visited KDS DAR School for their Southeastern Regional meeting and day of service. More than 70 CAR members and senior leaders were in attendance including Jacob D. Shadinger, National President; Lori B. Walters, Senior National President; Brooks Morton, Senior National Co-Chairman Mountain Schools Committee; Robert Moore, Senior National Vice President, Southeast Region; Spencer Daniels, National Vice President, Southeast Region; and Tammy Clemons, State Regent, Alabama Society DAR.

The 2021-2022 CAR National Theme "Keeping Everyone on the Move" was put into action as members worked in the KDS garden, assisted with landscaping, and retired U.S. Flags. Members enjoyed a campus tour, donated school supplies for the students at KDS, and planned activities for the coming year. It was an awesome two days of training good citizens, developing leaders, and promoting love of the United States of America and its heritage among young people.

Patriots Take a Stand Against Litter

On April 16th, more than 50 KDS DAR High School students and teachers, calling themselves "Patriots Against Litter", gathered to hold a clean-up day in the community. These volunteers were taken by school bus to pick up litter on roadsides in the Grant community. The group included Librarian Tammy Sutton and members of the Leo Club, Teacher Ashley Weems and members of the Student Government Association, Teacher Zan Edmonds and members of the Art Club, Teacher James McDonald and band students, Coach Jacob Maynard and baseball players, and Coach Joel Poole and football players. Also participating were members of the basketball teams, track team, and cheerleaders.

The day was made safe with the help of escorts provided by the Marshall County Sheriff's Department, including KDS School Resource Officers Jim Manor and Terrelle Mitchell. Marshall County District 2 Commissioner Ricky Watson provided trucks to haul away the bags of litter. Marshall County PALS (People Against a Littered State) supplied trash bags and safety vests for the day.

The Community Clean-Up was a huge success with more than 150 bags of trash hauled away. "Patriots Against Litter" hope that this will encourage others to keep our beautiful community clean and that other towns and schools will start their own clean-up projects. Congratulations to KDS DAR High School for winning the Alabama People Against a Littered State Governor's Award for their very successful Spring Clean-up.

Continental Congress 2021

Kate Duncan Smith DAR School was honored to be part of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution's Virtual 130th Continental Congress June 30th – July 4th. While we missed being in our nation's capital, enjoying the festivities with friends, the school and its students still featured prominently during the various events.

The DAR School Committee "luncheon" looked a little different this year. In addition to being held utilizing a virtual format, the program was broadcast live from the high school library on the campus of KDS DAR School.

National DAR School Chair Morgan Lake and representatives from all five DAR supported schools gathered together for this event which was held on July 2nd on the KDS campus with the help of PatriotVision A/V Club students and their sponsor, Dr. John Finley.

KDS Executive Director Heather Green provided a brief report on the last school year during the presentation that streamed on the KDS YouTube Channel, and KDS Juniors Cole Edwards and Lizzie Hammett shared what it means to them to be the 2021 KDS Student Representatives to Continental Congress.

In addition to participation in the DAR School Committee event and the gifts presented during the Junior Membership Committee event, KDS student performances were shared during National Defense Night on Thursday, July 1st. Elementary students singing "DAR, Oh How We Love You" and "Firefly" were shared during the evening program.

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KDS Celebrates 97th Dedication Day

The crisp fall air and brief morning showers could not dampen the 'sunshine' brought by visitors from across the country to KDS DAR School's 97th Dedication Day celebration on Thursday, October 21st and Friday, October 22nd. This year's festivities were even more special as 175 guests eagerly returned to the KDS campus after last year's event was held virtually in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Awaiting the DAR ladies as they arrived on Thursday morning was a warm "welcome to campus" where students lined the sidewalks, waved signs, and presented them with flowers and artwork while the KDS Marching Band and cheerleaders provided lively tunes and cheers. Entertainment during lunch was provided by the 6th Grade J.A.C. Club, performing a program in commemoration of the Centennial Anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery.

Following the program, visitors toured the Greenhouse and the Ag Department Hydroponics Garden where students grow produce for the Lunchroom. Thursday afternoon consisted of a variety of "at your own pace" activities including campus tours, classroom visits, and meetings, as well as a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Seimes-Thomas Building and a service project with visitors packing Blessings Bags for KDS students in need. On Thursday evening the group enjoyed a casual and fun Game Night at the Hampton Inn in Guntersville.

The traditional Dedication Program on Friday is always the highlight of the festivities, and this year was no exception with 23 state societies, groups, and organizations qualifying to dedicate. National School Chair Morgan Lake presented the Dedication Day message, which featured her challenge to students to "live your own great story." The program also featured musical performances by the Fourth Grade Choir and the High School

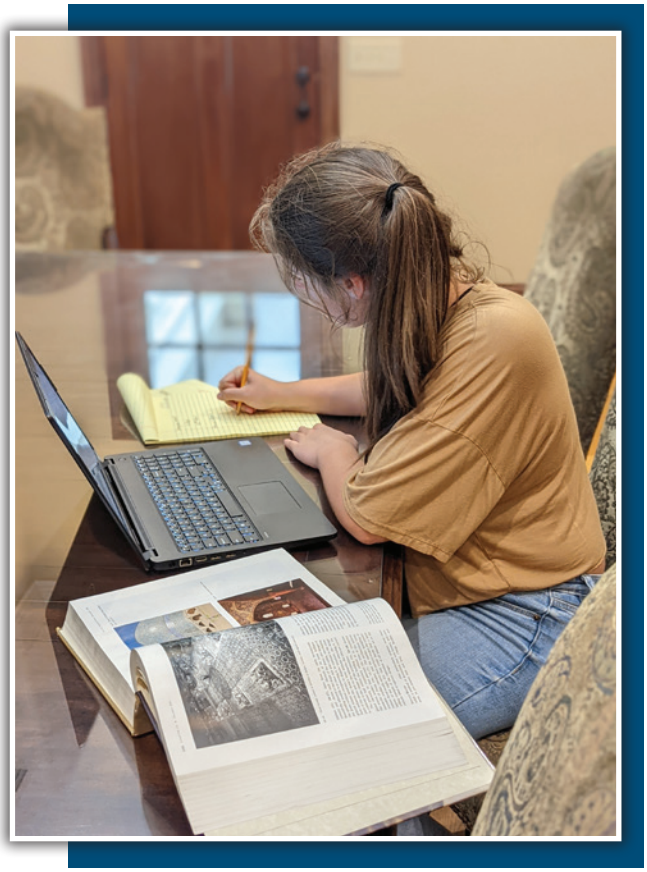
Choir and all KDS students singing "DAR, Oh How We Love You" to a rousing response. There was even a special performance by the adorable KDS first graders who sang "Oh, Mr. Sun", and the KDS Jazz Band who performed during intermission. The program was followed by the famous Basket Luncheon, which was modified this year as a safety precaution for the guests.

Among the other highlights of this year's KDS Dedication Day was the annual Craft Show which was held in the Doris Pike White Gymnasium, with more than 30 crafters offering their handmade goods. The proceeds from the Craft Show provide funds for supplies and materials for the KDS High School Art Department.

The 97th KDS DAR School Dedication Day was a truly special time for our "Gem of Gunter Mountain" and its students.

Dual Enrollment Program a Win-Win for Students

For the past two years, KDS DAR High School has partnered with Snead State Community College to offer dual enrollment English, Math, and Biology classes on the KDS campus. The classes are offered during the school day with DAR teachers who serve as adjunct Snead professors.



"This program is unique and an incredible opportunity for our students who want to get a jumpstart on college while also remaining on campus for school activities, practices, and other classes," English teacher Matthew Keller said. "I don't know of another high school in the area that offers as many dual enrollment courses as we do."

KDS faculty members Ashley Weems, Tanya Sanderson, and Matthew Keller teach these courses, allowing students to earn high school and college credit simultaneously.

"I think the students really enjoy having teachers they are familiar with and have built a relationship with teaching these courses," said KDS math teacher Tanya Sanderson. "Many of our students were taking these college-level classes online or off-campus before we partnered with Snead, and now they can have a traditional schedule and still earn the college credit."

Since the 2019-20 school year, students in the KDS dual enrollment program have earned 547 college credit hours.

"This program fosters increased engagement and academic rigor for our students, while also increasing the likelihood of success in college after graduation from KDS," biology teacher Ashley Weems said.

History courses will be offered for the first time during the Fall of 2022, giving students the opportunity to complete two full years of high school core credits and 26 college credit hours all on the KDS campus and during the regular school day.

The cost of the average course at a local junior college is $500, with many KDS students requesting financial assistance to be able to take advantage of this opportunity. KDS is able to offer dual enrollment scholarships for approximately four students per semester.

"We have received some generous contributions over the past several years to help our students take advantage of the dual enrollment courses offered," said Heather Green, KDS Executive Director. "We'd love to be able to expand our scholarship program so that we don't have to tell any child no."

KDS DAR School
Gem Sustained Giving Society

Members of the Gem Sustained Giving Society demonstrate an ongoing commitment to the needs of KDS and its students by making a modest donation each month, creating a consistent and reliable source of income that allows the school to plan ahead and address critical needs before they arise. This exclusive group of supporters provides a steady source of income for the Annual Giving Fund and the most important resource of all – the more than 1,300 children who have the privilege of attending KDS DAR School.

There are a number of benefits to members of the Gem Sustained Giving Society:

- Joining is easy and convenient. Simply complete the form, and return it to KDS.
- Makes setting and achieving a donation goal easy. Your annual giving goal can be broken out over 12 months, taking the guesswork out of when and how much to give.
- The program is flexible. You choose the annual donation amount, and you decide when and how you want the contribution to be made. And, of course, you may change your preferences at any time.
- It's safe. Your contribution will be made via secure electronic funds transfer from your checking account.
- Contributions made through the Gem Sustained Giving Society qualify to receive the same recognition as other Annual Giving Fund donations.
- Members of the Gem Sustained Giving Society will receive a unique and beautiful recognition pin and a new gem charm at the conclusion of each year of continuous annual pledge fulfillment.

For information on how you can become a member of the KDS Gem Sustained Giving Society, contact Heather Green at 256-728-4236 or hgreen@nehp.net.

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- Name KDS as the remainder beneficiary of your estate
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To learn about the possible tax benefits of making a planned gift, contact your financial advisor or attorney. Visit www.kdsdar.org to view and download sample bequest language.

Your legacy gift also qualifies you for membership in the KDS Legacy Giving Society, a recognition club established to honor those individuals who choose to support the school through an estate gift.

For more information about the KDS Legacy Giving Society and how your planned gift can leave a lasting legacy for KDS DAR School and its students, contact Executive Director Heather Green at hgreen@nehp.net or 256-728-4236.

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