



Students Make Annual Trip to Appalachia

For 21 years, NDA young women have traveled to Harlan, Kentucky to spread Christmas cheer. This year 44 students, 10 parents, two NDA staff members, **Sr. Mary Ann Culpert, SND, president of Notre Dame Academy**, and Sr. Mary Nancy Vance, SND, of the Sisters of Notre Dame will travel to one of the poorest areas of Kentucky to host a weekend of holiday activities December 18–20.

Almost 1,000 gifts have been collected by everyone at NDA for the men, women, and children of Harlan. In addition to providing a gift to the children and adults, students organize and run a toy store that consists of gifts donated from sources.



A few NDA students who will be making the trek to Kentucky.

In addition, students host a Christmas party where they prepare a meal and entertain with a talent show. And Santa may just appear as well!

The program was started by Sr. Mary Delores Gatliff, SND, who now serves as provincial of the Sisters of Notre Dame. That first group was just 18 young women. Since then, almost 550 young women have participated. For the

44 students going on the trip it is an opportunity to practice the NDA Mission Statement for “leadership and service,” and it encourages the young women to step out of their comfort zone while giving back to those less fortunate.

“We not only give them a Christmas gift, we give them hope, which is the greatest gift of all,” said Cheryl Pryor, NDA Director of Pastoral Services.

Grateful for Alumnae Support!

The Fall 2009 Phonathon exceeded expectations and raised just over \$11,300—that’s \$4,000 more than last Fall’s phonathon.

We are unbelievably thankful for all alumnae financial support of ANY gift amount, great or small. Our student callers adore chatting with alumnae of all ages: recent ones or those who walked the halls of the building on Bancroft.

It’s not too late to give in 2009! Continue your Notre Dame Academy legacy and support deserving young ladies (that may remind you of you!).

Go to www.nda.org, click on Advancement and then click on Give Online.

Over half of our students receive financial aid and YOU can help them change the world!

Merry Christmas!

Please forward to other alums and send us their e-mails so we can keep everyone in the loop!

Upcoming

Alumnae Events

- *Alumnae Association Meeting*— NDA Resource Center (Library) 5:30 to 7p.m., Wed., Feb. 3
- *College Age Christmas Party*— Wed., Dec., 30 6 p.m. in the Dining Hall. Then, catch the NDA vs. Springfield b-ball game or hang out at Claddagh. Reserve by contacting Liz Schurrer 419.475.9628 x3137 or lschurrer@nda.org