



Educating Children, Shaping Lives, Preparing Leaders

Emerging Scholars Program Receives \$5,000 Grant from the Giving Circle of HOPE

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Reston, VA – January 15, 2008 – Northern Virginia based Emerging Scholars Program, “ESP”, is pleased to announce that it has received a grant for \$5,000.00 from the Giving Circle of HOPE. Funds will directly support a volunteer tutoring program for ESP students.

ESP is one of twelve non-profit organizations in Northern Virginia to be a beneficiary of combined grants totaling over \$50,000 from The Giving Circle of HOPE. The Giving Circle of HOPE, an organization of 100 members based in Reston, was founded in 2004 to promote volunteerism and effective philanthropy. Members seek to make a difference in the community by contributing their time, talents and money to projects which encourage self-sufficiency and well being among people in need in Northern Virginia. Since its inception, the Giving Circle has awarded over \$200,000 through the grant program.

ESP was selected as a recipient because of its potential to change the lives of boys and girls. By training its students to reach their academic potential and to become individuals of high moral character who possess strong leadership skills, ESP students will become tomorrow’s leaders. The Giving Circle of HOPE grant will help fund the salary for a coordinator of the new tutoring initiative. ESP recognizes the need to provide individualized and small group instruction and guidance for its students. ESP’s goal is to successfully place its bright, talented fifth graders from Washington, DC, Maryland and Virginia into participating area independent schools. This grant will also help provide continuing academic assistance and leadership development to its graduates.

About Emerging Scholars Program

Emerging Scholars Program (ESP) is a fourteen-month program whose mission is to provide an academic, social and leadership enrichment program for a diverse group of students who, without financial assistance, could not consider an independent school education. Established by a consortium of Northern Virginia independent schools, ESP’s program prepares students for success in independent schools and beyond. Students come from Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, DC.

For more information about ESP and to learn about volunteer opportunities and how to contribute, please go to www.emergingscholarsprogram.org or call ESP at 703-584-2307.

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