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## February School Spotlight



“Some of our students are one day away from being homeless,” shares Sammi Hester, Head of School at the First Presbyterian Christian Academy (FPCA), “and those are the students in the most desperate need of our help.”

Located in Hinesville, Georgia, FPCA began serving students in 1975 as a Preschool with less than 20 students. Today they now serve approximately 350 students in Pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade, and they are on course to accommodate 400 students for the 2013-2014 school-year. This dramatic growth is due to their high academic standards and strong support from the surrounding community. In addition, FPCA’s partnership with AAA Scholarships (and the companies that support us through the Georgia corporate tax credit scholarship program) has provided them with much-needed resources to offer scholarships to low-income children. “Our school is a home and a family for kids whose parents

might be deployed, working several jobs or even deceased,” said Hester. She explains that the school has both financial and racial diversity, “A scholarship from AAA Scholarships is the catalyst for low-income families to see a brighter future for their children.”

In fact, in Under Armour’s 2011 national high school competition for the school with the most conviction, determination, and drive (the most “Undeniable” school award), FPCA’s 110 person high school student body made it to the top three finalists from a pool of more than 900 applicants (some with student bodies of more than 1,500 students). FPCA’s determination to instill knowledge and character through both curricular and extracurricular offerings, to nurture the child’s humanity – spirit, mind, and body – was clearly a reason for this tremendous acknowledgement.

FPCA’s leadership believes that every child has the right and responsibility to learn and the school’s goal is for their students to develop the intellectual skills and personal habits upon which responsible, successful, independent, and productive lives are built.

#### **About First Presbyterian Christian Academy**

First Presbyterian Christian Academy is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). The standardized testing method used at FPCA is the SAT 10. The cost of tuition at the school is \$4,233 for Pre-Kindergarten; \$5,180 for Kindergarten through fifth grade; and \$5,563 for grades sixth through 12th.

#### **About AAA Scholarship Foundation**

The typical AAA scholarship student is an ethnic minority living with a struggling single parent/caregiver in a high crime community. The average household income of families accepted to receive scholarships is \$23,559 for a family of four. Many children are either below grade level, failing at their previous school or both when they receive a scholarship. Parents, who find their children in these circumstances and care about their future, look for viable options. They seek an atmosphere that challenges their child to reverse inadequate learning and/or social patterns and the potential lifelong negative impact. They wish to change their child's learning environment, acquaintances, and the unfortunate predictable outcomes associated with school failure.

AAA Scholarships are funded in Arizona, Georgia and Pennsylvania by corporations that redirect a portion of their state tax liability to the AAA Scholarship Foundation in exchange for a tax credit (dollar for dollar in Arizona and Georgia and up to 90 percent in Pennsylvania). The AAA Scholarship Foundation is the only 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and approved Scholarship Organization exclusively serving eligible, low-income children through these Scholarship Tax Credit. AAA Scholarship Foundation provides your company with the convenience and efficiency of a single-solution for participating in multiple state tax credit scholarship programs. For more information or to learn how your corporation can participate in the program, visit [www.AAAScholarships.org](http://www.AAAScholarships.org), or contact Kerri Vaughan at [kerri@aaascholarships.org](mailto:kerri@aaascholarships.org) or 888 707-2465 ext. 730.