

EWA NEWSLETTER info@eaglewingsacademy.org

# A Living Hope

"Hope is a universal human value. We all need and value hope in one way or another. Our hopes may range from the relatively trivial – "I hope it doesn't rain so I can play golf," - to the more serious issues of life like, "I hope my cancer can be treated." Peter reminds us that, as Christians, we have a hope that is unique. He calls it "a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." (1Pet. 1:3) Why a living hope? Because our hope is not merely an abstract sentiment – a desire that things "hopefully" will all turn out in the end. Our hope is firmly grounded in the person and work of Jesus Christ. And it's living hope because Jesus rose from the dead. He is not just an historical figure or teacher– a symbol of hope. Our hope is Christ himself, who died for us and rose again from the dead. Because he lives, our hope is much more than wishful thinking. It is the iron-clad certainty that we have eternal life in him. Our hope for the future cannot be disappointed because it's hope in a living Savior. That is hope indeed!" ~**Pastor Mike Shingler – Hope Presbyterian Church** 



## Through the Eyes of ...

There are many individuals that the Lord raises up to help support EWA. We hope that hearing different perspectives **through the eyes** of volunteers will give you a glimpse of how the Lord works and provides by using many different people.

The following is written by Mr. and Mrs. Lou and Linda Bregou, who are volunteers, supporters, and prayer partners with EWA.

"When we think of Eagle Wings, we think back to the years before it became a part of Faith Heritage School. We were glad to be part of a ministry that served the children of Christian families in our city. At that time, we supported Eagle Wings through prayer and finances. However, since EWA has become part of Faith Heritage, we have become more hands-on! We went from being prayer partners to tutoring students one-on-one on Tuesday mornings. It has been a joy to spend time with them and witness their growth. We believe that EWA's integration into Faith Heritage School has benefited both ministries. With it, God has brought together families of many ethnicities and cultures. This merger has enriched the lives of the students and the teachers as well. We have been blessed and consider it a privilege to serve Jesus alongside them."





Nurse Abby Campbell is a blessing to both the FHS community and our EWA families. Her office is a safe, warm, and welcoming place for our students. She always goes the extra mile to make sure our families and students are educated and understand all that is occurring when they are ill or require medical care. Thank you for being a thorough, kind, and loving nurse. We appreciate all you do!



### What Will Set You Apart?

Our students are rewarded for work or behaviors that **set them apart** from their peers. The students above received awards for doing extra assignments over school breaks, doing excellent work, and serving their FHS community.

Pictured below are EWA scholarship students serving FHS. Our students provided childcare for staff kids and helped custodial staff by cleaning up the outside grounds. They all did an outstanding job blessing their school community!



### Hear from our scholarship students!

In EWA, we strive to give our scholarship students tangible opportunities to serve others, especially their school community, and develop a posture of gratitude for all that they have been given. A few of our students share why they serve and what they are thankful for.



My name is Deborah, and I am in 9<sup>th</sup> grade. I was recently able to serve the FHS staff by watching some of their children. I really enjoyed playing and interacting with the children. This was a learning experience for me and helped me realize the importance of caring for children and meeting their needs. I really enjoyed this experience and I look forward to serving again in the future. This was a small way to say thank you to my teachers for all they do for me. I am also thankful for my prayer partners at EWA and for being able to attend a Christian school."



#### "Hello supporters!

"Hello!

My name is Dawn, I am in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and a part of EWA Scholarship. Recently, I was able to serve my teachers by looking after their children. I wanted to help my teachers because they don't just teach me, but they are someone I can talk to, whether it's related to school or something else. I appreciate everything my teachers do for me and am thankful to attend FHS.

When I was watching the children, I learned that it was not as easy as my teachers make it look! There are problems that come up where you really have to work together to solve them. In the end, we should always try work it out and help each other. Thank you for supporting EWA."

### Making a difference

#### Dear EWA family,

We live in a culture/time that seeks instant gratification, and experiencing delays often reveals our fleshly impatience and tendency to react negatively with grumbling and complaining. The Lord often speaks in His Word about "waiting," which is so contrary to our sin nature! We get short with one another when we think we should get immediate responses or see quicker results. Recently, one of our prayer partners received a note from their student, whom they've been praying for over a number of years, often with minimal indication that their relationship was producing anything meaningful. We share a portion of the note as an encouragement for all of us to continue doing what the Lord tells us to do, leaving the results in His hands. Whatever your role is in EWA's ministry (being a financial supporter, a prayer partner, a Board member, a volunteer) - YOU are making a difference – not always visibly and often with little feedback. But, let this prompt you to be obedient to Him, as this brings glory to Him, and your act of faith will accomplish the work that He has planned for it to do!

"You have been such an encouragement to me, knowing that you are praying for me, sending me note cards, and giving me gifts throughout the year. I know I don't always express this, but I truly want to thank you for the time, money, and energy you have poured into my life. It really means a lot. The Lord uses you to remind me to do my best in school, and He uses you to teach me how to be an encouragement to others. Someday, maybe He will use me to bless another person in the way He is using you in my life!" ~ EWA Scholarship Student



#### Syracuse Police Officer Michael E. Jensen EOW: Sun 14 Apr 2024

Retired Police Officer Mark Techmanski sent a very generous donation to Eagle Wings Academy both "in Honor of, and in Memory of" the life and service of **Syracuse City Police Officer Michael Jensen**. Officer Jensen lost his life in the line of duty, at the age of 29. This tragic loss of life sent waves of grief and shock throughout this community, state, and across the nation. We truly hope that some encouragement and comfort is provided to the family, knowing how so many people are keeping them in their thoughts and prayers. EWA is humbled and blessed to be the recipient of such a donation. May we all be more intentional in showing our gratitude for the men and women who serve to protect our communities, never knowing what dangers they will face in the process.



Mr. Michael Friend came to EWA to share Biblical principles for civic responsibility. Thank you for taking time to come talk about this important life skill!



Are you over 70 ½ years old and have a traditional IRA? You may be eligible for the special tax advantages of a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) while donating to the ministry of Eagle Wings Academy. Speak to your accountant, tax professional, or other financial advisor for details about the procedures and advantages of a QCD.





Thank you to **ALL** who support this ministry with **prayer**, **time**, **and donations**. We praise Him for YOU and are thankful for being able to partner together to do His work. *Stephanie Dow – EWA Administrator* 



Many of our scholarship students participated in Faith Heritage's musical production of "Seussical Jr!"





Go to our website, eaglewingsacademy.org, and there you can give through PayPal or check! *Please note, because we are a ministry, PayPal does not charge a fee, so 100% of your donation will go to EWA!*