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New Donor Match Program for Cristo Rey Columbus High School

Cristo Rey Columbus High School is pleased to announce its largest donation to date. An anonymous donor has pledged \$600,000 to match new contributions and pledges to Cristo Rey Columbus. This “challenge” grant will match all future gifts or pledges of \$10,000 or larger until June 1, 2012 or until the fund is depleted, whichever occurs first. Gifts between \$10,000 and \$50,000 will be matched fifty cents per dollar. Gifts of \$50,000 or more will be matched dollar for dollar.

Tom McAuliffe, the Board Chair of Cristo Rey Columbus, stated that the effort to provide the appropriate resources to seed Cristo Rey Columbus in its initial years has been building momentum over the past few months. “The Columbus community has been very receptive in supporting the opening of a Cristo Rey High School for our inner city youth and this generous matching gift will provide much of the startup capital needed to fund the School until it reaches a sustainable size.”

“This extraordinarily generous gift is a game-changer in our fundraising efforts,” said Jim Foley, the President of Cristo Rey Columbus. “Combined with earlier gifts, this and the matched contributions will push us more than halfway to our goal of raising \$5 million for operating needs until our school reaches full capacity and a break-even budget in five years.”

Cristo Rey Columbus High School will open in 2013. It will be the 26th high school in the nationwide Cristo Rey Network. It will provide a coeducational, Catholic, college preparatory education for urban youth of all faiths with limited economic and educational resources. It will be supported by an innovative corporate work-study program which will provide its students with the opportunity to work five days a month during the school year in a professional job setting. Cristo Rey Network schools have a 15-year proven track record of successfully preparing at-risk students for high school and college graduation.

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