

Hill

Annual Report

The Hill Center | 2007–2008

We transform students with learning differences into confident, independent learners.

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Hill Center Annual Report

THANK YOU!

This year was one of great accomplishment at The Hill Center. We celebrated our 30th anniversary of transforming children with learning differences into confident, independent learners. Thanks to the generosity of many friends, we achieved record-breaking support for school operations and programs, in part because of a wildly successful benefit auction. We made significant progress in expanding our unique educational methodology to a wider audience. And we broke ground on a new teacher training facility that will help us reach other struggling learners across the region, the nation, and the globe. Thank you to all Hill Center donors and volunteers in 2007-08 for making these achievements possible.

SUMMARY OF GIVING 2007-2008

Annual Fund	\$180,138
	<i>(includes \$70,153 from Auction)</i>
Building and Technology Solutions	\$1,535,030
Financial Aid Endowment Funds	\$286,341
Outreach Solutions	\$2,090,338
Research Solutions	\$739,321
Teacher Scholarship Solutions	\$560,140
Unrestricted Solutions	\$217,692
Other Restricted Funds	\$197,622
Total	\$5,806,622

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The Hill Center is a financially autonomous affiliate of Durham Academy. The two schools have a unique, mutually beneficial partnership, sharing staff support, facilities, and professional exchanges. Through its relationship with Durham Academy, The Hill Center receives dual accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and the Southern Association of Independent Schools.

ABOUT THIS REPORT

This Annual Report includes all donations received by The Hill Center between July 1, 2007 and June 30, 2008. Every attempt was made to ensure the accuracy of donor lists. If you have questions or believe there is an error, please contact the Development Office at 489-7464 x 731 or x 732.

An audited financial statement prepared by Thomas, Judy & Tucker; P.A. of Raleigh, NC is available upon request.

Annual Fund | Honor Roll

We are grateful to the many friends who contributed a record \$180,138 to the Annual Fund in 2007-08. This achievement is testament to your generosity and is a significant endorsement of The Hill Center's unique education programs. The Annual Fund helps assure Hill students' success by providing important unrestricted support for general operations.

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Auction | The Sky's the Limit Donors

The Hill Center's inaugural auction benefit was a tremendous success. Some 140 guests raised \$70,153 for the Annual Fund at The Sky's the Limit Auction on October 25, 2007 — a fabulous evening hosted by Trustee Charles "Bucky" Oliver II and his wife Wendi. More than 100 individual and business friends donated live and silent auction items. Giorgios Batakias catered the event at the General Aviation Terminal at Raleigh/Durham International Airport. The auction raised awareness and significant financial support for the model school and its programs.

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Campaign | Sharing the Solution Campaign Overview

The Hill Center made significant progress this year toward achieving the \$12 million Sharing the Solution campaign goal to strengthen its model school, expand and enhance outreach programs, provide new facilities and technology for students and teachers, and assure its future success.

During 2007-08, parents, grandparents, friends, foundations, and corporations contributed a total of \$5,684,279 to the Sharing the Solution campaign. These gifts brought the capital campaign to \$8,409,347 through June 30.

At the school's 30th anniversary celebration last October, students, alumni, parents, and other friends recognized The Hill Center's life-changing impact on struggling learners. A successful campaign will assure that students receive intensive individualized instruction based on current research and that the Hill methodology is made available to other struggling students and those who seek to help them become confident, independent learners.

We acknowledge the donors who are helping to sustain and grow The Hill Center through the Sharing the Solution campaign and thank you on behalf of the students who are served, not only at The Hill Center but among all of our program sites.

SHARING THE SOLUTION CAMPAIGN DONORS

Goal: \$12,000,000; Through June 30: \$8,409,347

SUPPORT FOR OUTREACH PROGRAMS

Goal: \$4,000,000
Through June 30: \$3,354,659

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Master-Mentor Program Endowment

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SUPPORT FOR ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

Goal: \$2,000,000
Through June 30: \$1,515,695

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SUPPORT FOR GENERAL OPERATIONS ENDOWMENT

Goal: \$2,000,000
Through June 30: \$1,000,000

Anne Gibson Hill

SUPPORT FOR FACILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

Goal: \$3,500,000
Through June 30: \$1,536,180

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San Salvador School Is Fourth Hill Center Replication Site

ESCUELA AMERICANA's Trojan Learning Center (TLC), an independent, international school in San Salvador, El Salvador this summer became the fourth replication center to adopt The Hill Center's half-day model.

The relationship began in 1998 when El Salvador teachers met Hill Center staff members at a National Association of Independent Schools conference. Shortly afterward, Hill staff were invited to El Salvador to train teachers to work with students with learning differences. Since then, TLC has grown to 118 students. When Escuela Americana administrators learned about the first international replication site in Geneva, Switzerland and the significant student achievements there, they sought to provide the same opportunities for their students.

This past May, Hill Center Director Dr. Shary Maskel visited El Salvador to observe teachers and meet with administrators and board members. TLC Director Carol Johansing attended the Hill replication conference in Durham in July, and two Hill Center trainers presented teacher training workshops in San Salvador in August.

Ms. Johansing said she is excited about providing the professional development that is needed to take her program to the next level. "The Hill Center is going to help us become an even higher-quality program that will be recognized as one of the better special needs programs in Latin America," she said. "In addition to training TLC teachers, The Hill Center will help our Escuela Americana general educators understand learn-



ing differences and how to provide accommodations."

"We are thrilled to be helping struggling students in Central America learn how to be successful and look forward to a growing partnership with the Trojan Learning Center," Dr. Maskel said. 🌍

Donations | Appreciation Lunch Donors

Thank you to the following parents for making possible a wonderful appreciation lunch for Hill Center faculty and staff on May 2.

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Carteret County Partnership Expands

IMPRESSED WITH IMPROVED end-of-grade scores and overall growth of students in Peg Midyette's Exceptional Children Resource classroom, Morehead City Primary School principal Renee Newman asked what made the difference. Ms. Midyette's response: The Hill Center methodology.


Having taught at the model school in Durham for years before moving to Beaufort, Ms. Midyette became a master teacher in Hill methodology and used it in her Morehead classroom. Ms. Newman wanted other Carteret County school teachers working with struggling students to experience similar results and approached The Hill Center.

Hill Center board member Bucky Oliver and his wife Wendi, part-time residents of Carteret County, facilitated the initial partnership. School principals and central office staff came to The Hill Center, where they observed classroom instruction and discussed ways to help students. In 2006, 19 elementary school reading and Exceptional Children teachers implemented the Hill Reading Achievement Program (HillRAP) methodology in Carteret County.

Because the academic gains have been so impressive, investors in Front Street Village announced this spring they are funding a new, four-year partnership to implement HillRAP system-wide in Carteret County. The grant will help certify 40 teachers in the methodology, provide scholarships for general educators to take online courses, allow 300 students to participate in HillRAP, offer meetings with parents to share information about working with struggling readers, and permit administrators to attend a leadership institute to learn more about multi-sensory structured language instructional approaches.



"We are thrilled that our teachers and students have the opportunity to participate in this program. It will revitalize professional development for our teachers and make learning possible for students who have been frustrated in school," said Brad Sneed, Superintendent of Carteret County Schools. Participating students know they are

making progress. A Newport Elementary fourth-grader said, "I think The Hill Center is GREAT! It helps students learn how to say the words and how to spell out the words. I like it a lot because my friend couldn't read when he got to fourth grade and now a few months later, he's doing great. It's like magic." 

This excerpt from a letter to Hill Center Board member Bucky Oliver and his wife Wendi from Jeanne Huntley, a Carteret County administrator and former teacher articulates achievements students make with the school's unique methodology.

I have tremendous gratitude for all of the "players" in the Carteret-Hill Center Partnership. We have continually witnessed the gaps of special needs children widen as there are so many more environmental and familial conditions today which can exacerbate learning difficulties.

It is not OK for students to remain trapped in their own illiterate world. Our schools are not about one "best strategy or practice," rather we use multiple means to tap into the best for each student. The Hill Center training has opened doors to countless students who may have faced a very gloomy future with very minimal skills.

There is no shortage of causes that you could invest your time and resources in, but I cannot believe there could be any greater one than the gift of literacy...for with this we develop great scientists, statisticians, teachers, business leaders, physicians, citizens and, best of all, stronger families.

Outreach | Sharing Our Success Through Partnerships

NEW AND ONGOING OUTREACH PARTNERSHIPS FOR 2007-2008:

Partnerships with corporations and foundations enable The Hill Center's transforming methodology to reach struggling students on a broad scale.

Bank of America—A \$6,000 grant to fund scholarships for public school teachers serving low income students in the Triangle area to attend best practices professional development workshops at The Hill Center this year.

Broyhill Family Foundation—A five-year grant to fund professional development training for public and private school teachers at Hill.

Duke University Health System Community Affairs Charitable Giving—A 2007-2008 partnership to conduct a community speaker series to share combined expertise in research and intervention related to psychopharmacology and education.

Durham Merchants Association Charitable Foundation—An \$8,000 grant to provide professional development for Durham K-12 public school teachers from schools that did not meet Annual Yearly Progress goals under No Child Left Behind federal legislation.

Fox Family Foundation—A \$150,000, five-year grant to provide professional development scholarships for K-12 public and private school teachers.

Front Street Village, Inc.—A large, multi-year project grant to support implementation and evaluation of the Hill Reading Achievement Program (HillRAP) in public schools in Carteret County, North Carolina.

The F. M. Kirby Foundation—A generous \$1,500,000 grant to partially fund the construction of the new Kirby-Horton Teacher Training Center on The Hill Center campus.

Mebane Charitable Foundation—The Mebane-Hill Early Literacy Project (HELP)—Final year implementation of a multi-year, early literacy-focused grant project serving preschool children and K-3 students in Davie County, North Carolina, with independent evaluation by RTI International.

The Mebane Middle School HillRAP II Project—First year implementation of a four year, \$1,000,000 grant to develop and implement a Middle School Reading Achievement Program for public school students in grades 6-8.

NC GlaxoSmithKline Foundation—A new, multi-year, \$1,000,000 grant to extend the Hill Reading Achievement Program (HillRAP) to more elementary and middle school students in the Durham Public Schools, with an additional written language remediation component.

A grant of \$250,000 was also made to The Hill Center's Student Financial Aid Endowment, which will increase access for struggling learners to the model school program.

State Farm Good Neighbor Citizenship Grant—A \$2,500 grant to provide professional development for K-12 public school teachers.

Zeist Foundation—A \$100,000 grant to support teacher scholarships for North Carolina and Georgia teachers and Hill Outreach curriculum development and evaluation.



Endowment | Assuring the Future

Founder George Watts Hill created the first endowment fund to provide ongoing annual support for The Hill Center, and we are grateful to 2007-08 endowment donors for their contributions to the school's long-term fiscal health.

Anonymous Fund, est. 2002 in support of scholarships for students of color
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The Buck Family Scholarship Fund, est. 2002 in honor of Rebecca and Jonathan Buck
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LOWER SCHOOL INNOVATOR EARNS EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD



Lower school teacher Margie Baldwin works with her class.

MARGIE BALDWIN, a lower school Hill Center teacher for 13 years, was honored with the 2008 Excellence in Teaching Award. The award recognizes Ms. Baldwin's passion for helping younger students achieve success and her expertise as a curriculum innovator.

She has received grants to create widely published hands-on activities such as board copying and dictation, finding the main idea, and expository text structure. She was one of the first lower school teachers to organize step-by-step instructions for note-taking and compilation of ideas for research papers. This past year she led a new curriculum project creating riddle books and sharing them with other classes.

The Excellence in Teaching Award was established in 2000 by the late George and Julia Brumley, Durham Academy parents and past Hill Center Board member.

Matthew Beason '95 Wins Road Less Traveled Award

Matthew Beason, Class of 1995, is the 2008 recipient of The Road Less Traveled Award. This award, presented on May 15, honors a Hill alumnus/a whose accomplishments are a result of the challenges he or she has overcome.

Mr. Beason studied 10th- and 11th-grade English and writing at The Hill Center. He graduated from Jordan High School in 1995 and from Kenyon College in 1999 with a degree in philosophy. Graduation meant that he had to determine a road, and his temporary choice to wait tables turned into a career path.

He has been a manager and/or co-owner of such Durham favorites as Nana's, Pop's, and Rue Cler, where he has offered guests a warm welcome, delicious food, and, when conversation would allow, high praise for The Hill Center. Mr. Beason now is co-owner of Six Plates, a wine bar in Durham. He and his wife Grace have a dog, J.P.

The title of the annual award is from Robert Frost's famous poem. The spirit of the poem reflects on the challenges Hill students and alumni face because of their learning differences.



Matthew Beason '95 receives The Road Less Traveled Award from upper school writing teacher Kathy Klein in ceremonies at The Hill Center in May.



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