



Daycroft

The Daycroft School Foundation, Inc.

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What is Daycroft?

The Daycroft School Foundation stands for education based on moral and spiritual principles. In addition to making grants to organizations serving Christian Science youth, Daycroft offers a homeschooling program for Christian Science families and spearheads initiatives that support and advance spiritually-based education.

Daycroft's Activities

- Campership funds for all 6 CS camps
- Support for *DiscoveryBound's* NLC
- Online learning for CS families
- Backing for new youth initiatives
- Scholarships and other support for CS-based schools
- Collaboration with other organizations
- Conferences for educators
- Talks on CD by Lona Ingwerson, CS, and *Search the Scriptures*, an audio series by B. Cobbey Crisler.

E3: Elevating Education Everywhere Daycroft Helps Launch New Initiative

E3 is a global initiative designed to promote education based on the principles of Christian Science. **THE VISION IS BIG:** More and more schools around the world educating from the understanding that each student is a valued child of God with an unlimited capacity for good.

E3 aims to support existing schools in developing countries, help launch new schools, and bring together individuals and groups who want to help. This new organization has already been active, visiting schools in Africa and sending a small team to the Philippines.

The seed of E3 was sown in the winter of 2001 when Daycroft invited the Heads of existing Christian Science-based schools to meet for the first time. Eventually, these schools formed a collegial association and began to discuss how they could support Christian Science-based schools in developing countries as well as help establish more of these schools around the globe.

Fast forward to September 2011. Again led by Daycroft, a small group of committed individuals began the process of forming a new non-profit organization that would be dedicated solely to supporting and establishing schools based on universal spiritual truths. In the fall of 2013, E3 was born.

Please visit www.e3schools.org for more detailed information.

Daycroft Online Learning Community (DOLC)

The reasons families choose to homeschool are as unique as the families themselves. Whatever the situation, DOLC works with parents to meet each student's educational needs. Some students enroll full time in Daycroft's program year after year. Others take just one or two courses. Still others join for a year or two before returning to a more traditional educational path. Parents today have choices. They choose DOLC because they appreciate the personal support and guidance of an education specialist who is a fellow Christian Scientist.

Please share the enclosed flyer with families who may be interested in learning more.



E3 Board member Brian McCauley with a young student in Kinshasa, DRC.



Jamie has been with DOLC for 3 years and is preparing to transition to his local public school.

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Welcome to Libby Steckler, Daycroft's Newest Board Member

Everyone at Daycroft is delighted that Libby Steckler recently accepted an appointment to the Daycroft Board. Libby is very familiar with Daycroft, having taught English at the school before leaving to raise her family. She and her husband Don live in Old Greenwich, where Libby is active in church work and volunteering in the community. She has most enjoyed serving on the Fellowship of the Clergy in Greenwich. Libby's sound judgment, knowledge of educational issues, loving heart, and generosity of spirit will be great assets to Daycroft, and we are grateful for her willingness to serve.



Libby Steckler with Ruby

Meet NLC Graduate Makenna Johnson

Makenna Johnson's high school graduation is just around the corner, and in the fall she'll start college near her Southern California home. Active in dance, singing and musical theatre, she's also taken advantage of opportunities for young Christian Scientists. She's gone to camp (A/U, Cedars, and Newfound!) and she's a recent graduate of DiscoveryBound's NLC (National Leadership Council), which she calls "an amazing program!"

When asked about the impact of the NLC program, Makenna answers thoughtfully. She explained that the program is a lot of work, and that she was ready to quit in her sophomore year. But she realized that she had made a commitment, and she decided that it was important to keep it. She feels the NLC "gives voices" to the kids involved. It helps them to know that they can make a difference in the world, and they learn to practice Christian Science more consistently. She thinks of her fellow NLC participants as her brothers and sisters, and says they have been there for her during some challenging times.



Makenna Johnson, daughter of a Daycroft alum, with students at Petals of Africa school

For the NLC's capstone project, Makenna volunteered at Petals of Africa School in rural Kenya. To raise money for the trip, she organized and directed a talent show. Her time at Petals was "amazing, even life-changing." As she put it, "You often think that everyone lives in the same way, but they really don't. I wasn't just a tourist, but I was welcomed into the community and invited to people's homes." At the school, she was interested in how fully content the kids seemed, and how excited they were to learn. And the kids were just as excited that Makenna was there, sharing her love with all of them.

Announcing The ABF Career Alliance

Piloting in the summer of 2014, The ABF Career Alliance will link young people to career contacts, internships opportunities, job opportunities, and outstanding career education and networking resources. This brand new program will provide opportunities to connect with other Christian Scientists who have the desire and knowledge to help advance careers. Visit albertbakerfund.org for more information.

Please consider sharing your expertise, making referrals, or telling fellow Christian Scientists about this important new initiative.



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