



News Release

NU Foundation donates \$500,000 to develop enrichment program at Kinsella School

October 29, 2004 – The NU Foundation donated \$509,000 Friday to develop an enrichment program for the Kinsella Elementary School in Hartford called PEAC – Parental Involvement, Etiquette Enrichment, Academic Enrichment and Character Development. The program was developed in partnership with the NU Foundation, the Hartford school system, the city and Southend Community Services.

“We felt that the Kinsella School was an excellent choice for our PEAC program,” said Theresa Hopkins-Staten, chairman of the board and president of the NU Foundation. “We were very impressed with the level of commitment from Principal Pam Totten-Alvarado and her staff, which will be the key to the program’s success.”

A bi-lingual family outreach specialist has been hired to coordinate home, school and community events, five tutors from Hartford’s AmeriCorps have been hired to work full time with students in the PEAC program and on Monday through Thursday, four Kinsella teachers and a teacher coordinator will operate an after school homework club. NU employees will also be recruited to mentor PEAC students.

"You can't expect children to succeed when they face challenges at home. That's why we include the parental involvement component," said NU’s Theresa Hopkins-Staten, chairman of the board and president of the NU Foundation.

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