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SION RECEIVES LARGEST ONE-TIME GIFT IN SCHOOL'S HISTORY FOR ADDITION OF NEW ATHLETIC COMPLEX

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Notre Dame de Sion School is pleased to announce the largest one-time gift in the school's 102-year history from Marny and John Sherman, representing a major lead gift toward the \$4 million campaign goal to create a first-class outdoor athletic complex at the high school campus.

The outdoor complex will feature an all-weather track, turf field for soccer, field-hockey and lacrosse, along with improved softball and practice fields.

Head of School, Christina Broderick said, "I continue to be amazed by the generosity of so many loyal Sion families. The impact of this gift is profound not only for our current families but for generations of Sion students to come."

Nearly 75% of all Sion high school students participate in one or more sports at the school, reinforcing Notre Dame de Sion's commitment to educate the whole person. The athletic complex will provide improved training and competition opportunities for the high school's scholar athletes, as well as provide a myriad of recreational and extra-curricular opportunities for students from Notre Dame de Sion's pre-K- 8th grade co-educational grade school campus.

"Athletics have been an integral part of the Sion experience for many young women in the Kansas City area over the years," said John Sherman. "Marny and I are excited to help ensure future Sion scholar athletes will be able to benefit from these state-of-the-art facility enhancements."

John Sherman is a successful Kansas City entrepreneur and civic leader. In 1996, he founded Inergy, which has since become one of the largest independent natural gas storage operators in the United States. Sherman has also been active on numerous non-profit boards, including the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, Truman Presidential Library Institute, Teach for America Kansas City, and the Civic Council of Greater Kansas City.

Marny Sherman has been instrumental in the success of numerous Kansas City charitable organizations. Sherman is an active member on non-profit boards, including Rockhurst University, the Children's Center for the Visually Impaired, Jacob L. and Ella C. Loose Foundation, and the Kansas City Symphony. Sherman has previously served on the boards of Cristo Rey Kansas City where she was the Chair and Ozanam. The Shermans two daughters graduated from Notre Dame de Sion's all-girl high school campus in 2005 and 2009.

With the addition of the state-of-the-art, outdoor complex, Notre Dame de Sion School will continue their tradition of excellence in athletics – a great complement to its superior academic programs.

The Notre Dame de Sion School in Kansas City is an independent Roman Catholic school providing the highest

quality college preparatory education from preschool through grade twelve. Sion continues the tradition of the founding sisters, the Congregation of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Sion, inviting students to encounter God in a Catholic atmosphere that respects all faith traditions. The school partners with families and the community to prepare students for socially responsible, values based leadership in a culturally and religiously diverse world.

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