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#### LOCAL PRIVATE SCHOOL OFFERS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Since its inception last year, Redeemer Episcopal Academy has provided financial assistance to families who wanted their children to have an independent, college-preparatory education in a caring, faith-based environment.

“Excellence in education, as in all areas of our lives, costs money. In public schools, that money is provided through tax dollars. In private, faith-based schools it is provided through tuition and the generous contributions of enlightened individuals who understand the value of combining the important life lessons found in Holy Scripture with a robust academic program,” said The Rev. D. Geoffrey Taylor, Headmaster of Redeemer Episcopal Academy. “It is, therefore, our goal to increase each year the funds we have available to assist those who would otherwise not be able to afford to participate in this type of education.”

New for the 2008-2009 enrollment period, Redeemer Academy has joined the School and Student Service for Financial Aid (SSS), a service of the National Association of Independent Schools. This program is used by world-class educational institutions across the country.

The SSS service will provide Redeemer Academy’s Financial Aid Committee an objective tool for determining financial assistance based on a family’s reported need.

“We do not want any family to hesitate applying because of an inability to pay the full tuition. Redeemer Episcopal Academy is eager to work with area students by offering an opportunity to participate in a standard-setting, college-preparatory education,” said Kelley Buttrick, admissions and marketing director. “The School and Student Service for Financial Aid program is easy-to-use and completely confidential.”

Financial assistance is not limited to students in poverty, but is available to any family unable to pay the full tuition. After reviewing the SSS report, recent tax returns and the family’s unique situation, the Financial Aid Committee will make a determination of what the family will be able to invest in their child’s education. The total amount of financial assistance available for the year is determined by the Board of Trustees. Families receiving financial assistance will reapply for assistance each year, but will be given preference over incoming students.

Redeemer Episcopal Academy is currently enrolling for the 2007-2008 academic year and is accepting applications for the 2008-2009 academic year, but space is limited since each class will be restricted to no more than a total of 16 students, and teacher to student ratios are eight to one.

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