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KINGDOM PROJECT AT ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ENTERS FIFTH YEAR OF SUPPORT FOR UNITED WAY

The Kingdom Project is about to enter its fifth year of support for the people of Chatham-Kent through the United Way. The Kingdom Project, which is a partnership among Ursuline College Chatham Catholic Secondary School, its elementary partner schools and United Way Chatham-Kent, kicks off another season of giving this week.

“Through this unique partnership, our students have the opportunity to become the hands and feet of Christ in Chatham-Kent,” says Paul Wubben, Director of Education. “Their challenge is to help make a difference in the lives of people right here in their own community – and it’s a challenge they’re meeting every year.”

In just four years, the Kingdom Project has raised nearly \$45,000 for United Way Chatham-Kent. In the first year of the project, \$3,000 in seed money was a personal donation from Mr. Wubben. In each subsequent year, \$3,000 is withheld from the final donation to the United Way to fund the next year’s project.

The Kingdom Project, which began at UCC in 2008, is based on the parable of the talents from the Gospel of Matthew. In the Scriptures, Jesus tells the story of three servants who are entrusted by their master to take charge over a sum of money. Two servants, who multiply what they have been given are rewarded, while the third servant, who does nothing, is banished. The moral of the story is that we are to build up what God gives us to enhance His Kingdom.

In the Kingdom Project, 30 groups of students will each be given one hundred dollars, with three simple instructions:

1. It is not their money, but God’s.
2. They must do something outside the walls of the school to further God’s Kingdom.
3. They must return in January and report on what they did with the \$100.

“I always look forward to hearing about the clever and unique ways in which our students have grown their \$100 in seed money, to help make life better for people in our community,” says Mr. Wubben.

A commissioning ceremony for students involved in the Kingdom Project will be held at Ursuline College Chatham Catholic Secondary School, 85 Grand Avenue, W., Chatham at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 4, 2012. Members of the media are welcome.