



**November 16, 2009**

Dear Media Representative:

We are excited to provide this press kit to introduce you to Brookstone Schools, a K-5 faith-based school of excellence located in the economically depressed area of west Charlotte.

Brookstone was founded in 2001 to holistically address the needs of inner city children and to ensure that the lives of its students will be transformed with a desire for excellence and a heart for the future of their community. The school relies heavily on the generosity of volunteers and contributors to advance its mission. Less than 8% of the budget is collected in student tuition and fees.

Our comprehensive college-bound program holds much promise as a model for transforming the lives of children and could be replicated throughout inner city neighborhoods. Our students are performing at or above grade level. In fact, Brookstone's 4<sup>th</sup> graders are performing almost three years above their grade level in math and reading on the Stanford 10 and 83% of our middle school graduates earned A/B Honor Roll or higher during the 2008-2009 academic year.

We are proud of our school and the accomplishments of our children. We are putting our students on a positive trajectory at an early age that will help them avoid issues that many of their peers will face throughout their teen years.

Please take a moment to review the information about Brookstone Schools enclosed in the press kit. I hope you will agree that Brookstone is making a difference in equipping these students for a life of service and leadership.

Thank you for your time and interest,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donald M. Larson". The signature is stylized and includes a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Dr. Donald M. Larson  
Headmaster