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Avery Reischer, right, at a May 26<sup>th</sup> luncheon presenting her gift to Suzanne Wilson, left, Director of Development, at Brookstone

## **THE LEVINE FOUNDATION AWARDS \$100,000 TO BROOKSTONE SCHOOL**

### **Needed funds would boost programs at inner-city school for disadvantaged students**

Charlotte, N.C., June 28, 2010 – This spring the prestigious Leon Levine Foundation in Charlotte, N.C., pledged \$100,000 in matching funds to bolster the work of providing excellent education in an inner-city setting at Brookstone School.

Within 2 months Brookstone successfully raised over \$100,000 in order to receive the matching Levine funds. Brookstone’s Director of Development, Suzanne Wilson, said: “We have been overwhelmed by the support from the community to secure this Levine gift. Generosity begets generosity!”

Avery Reischer, the daughter of Amy and Adam Reischer, committed Partners at Brookstone since its foundation in 2001, asked friends for her 13<sup>th</sup> birthday party to donate to Brookstone instead of bringing gifts. Avery’s birthday gifts from friends raised \$1100 for the school. A first-time visitor of Brookstone was so moved by Avery’s gift that he spontaneously pulled out his checkbook and wrote

a check for \$1400 to make up the difference for a Brookstone Partnership which is \$2500. Thanks to his gift, Avery now partners a student at Brookstone.

The mission provides an accelerated, comprehensive program that is gaining recognition for its success. Annual standardized test scores indicate that many Brookstone students are performing two to three years above grade level in math and reading. Teachers emphasize character formation along with academic excellence, aiming to shape future leaders for local communities.

Learn more about Brookstone School by visiting [www.brookstoneschools.org](http://www.brookstoneschools.org) or by calling Suzanne Wilson at 704-392-6330.

*Brookstone School has been serving inner-city children and families since 2001, and is a registered 501C (3) non-profit organization. All gifts are tax deductible.*

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