



Dear <<NAME>>,

Every day I count it a privilege that I get to work for a school that teaches truth in the light of God's Word and seeks to bring every student closer to the heart of Jesus. I also love that we have made it our priority to keep this education affordable to as many families as possible who would otherwise not have access to a Christian education for their children. I love the socio-economic diversity of Portland Christian School, and the way God is using PCS to transform whole families.

I am often humbled and amazed at the way God is using Portland Christian School to shape students' character and set them on a path to follow Jesus. I recently heard the following story of one of our families.



### *The Sircy's Story*

This is my daughter Lindsey's senior year, and I find myself reminiscing about the journey she has taken so far in life. She began as a shy, timid, sweet little girl who was unsure of who she was. Today she is a beautiful young woman who is confident, unashamed of her love for Christ, and ready to change the world. She puts God first in everything she does, loves her family, and she is determined to make a difference in the world. I could not be more proud of her.

My name is Michelle Sircy and people often ask me how I was able to raise kids who have a heart for God, and who are self-driven and selfless. If I am honest with myself, my husband and I are only a small part of the equation. There have been many influences on the lives of my children, including our church, extended family, friends, and in my opinion, the school we chose to send them to. Portland Christian has been a cornerstone through many ups and downs life has thrown our way. They have been a rock and a shelter for my kids, and I will forever be grateful to PCS for the love they have shown my family from the beginning.

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*Through the help of PCS and friends like you, God has allowed Michelle to go from recipient of financial assistance to donor. Your gifts to PCS can help other families keep their children in this stable and loving environment during difficult times.*



When Lindsey started at PCS, I was raising her and her one-year-old brother as a single mom, so I received tuition assistance. Lindsey struggled, like most children do, as she watched her parents go through a divorce. She needed special attention and to know she was loved and safe. I scheduled a meeting with the principal to discuss my concerns, and after one meeting with Mrs. Jacobs, I knew everything was going to be okay. She met with Lindsey every day, bought her a journal to write in, and made sure she not only felt loved, but knew she was loved by all of those around her. PCS gave Lindsey a place to heal, rejuvenate, and know she was safe.

During this same time, my son Zachary became sick. Doctors told us he would not live, and our world was spinning out of control. We were barely holding ourselves together. I was out of work for six months while we jumped from specialist to specialist, receiving no income for our family. I remember going to Mrs. Jacobs, ashamed and crying. I told her I could not pay for Lindsey's aftercare. She wrapped her arms around me and told me I did not have anything to worry about, prayed for me, and took it from there.

For five years my little family walked through fire. Zachary was hospitalized ten times over the course of several years from effects of Stephen Johnson syndrome. Even before he was a student at PCS, Mrs. Jacobs and Mrs. Seay sat at the hospital with me during surgeries and prayed with me during procedures. When they left the hospital and returned to school, they would pray over Lindsey, asking God to protect her heart and help her know she was loved and safe.

Portland stood by my family through these difficult seasons in my family's life. The administration pulled us through and showed us the love of God here on earth, and I am thankful God put a ministry like Portland in my life to show me I am not alone.

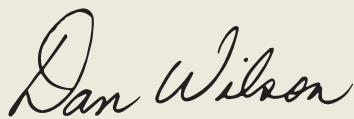
PCS is not just a school. To me, Portland is a local ministry that is changing our community with each family it touches. Portland is a part of my family, and they have stood by me through thick and thin. Portland is a safe haven for students to learn and grow both in their relationship with Christ and in academics. To me, Portland is one of the best decisions I made as a parent. When I reflect on our journey thirteen years later, my heart is full of gratitude, love, respect and admiration for the impact that PCS has had on each member of my family.

### Partner with us

Michelle's story is not unique at PCS. Many other parents with similar stories are grateful for the tuition assistance that has made it possible for their children to be here. Each year PCS gives tuition assistance to over a third of our students. Every dollar PCS awards comes from partners like you. I ask you to consider giving generously at this time of year so that we can continue to bless our families like the Sircys.

May you and your family have a blessed Christmas season.

Sincerely,



Dan Wilson  
Director of Development

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