

Real**Grace**



Cono

RealWorld

Modern culture is hard on young people.



“William needs structure and discipline in his life. He also needs male role models. After visiting the school, I could see that William would do well there. I hope that he will learn how to be a good husband and father, develop good relationship skills and good study habits. I hope that his walk with God will deepen and that he will grow more dependent on his Lord and Savior.”

William's Mom

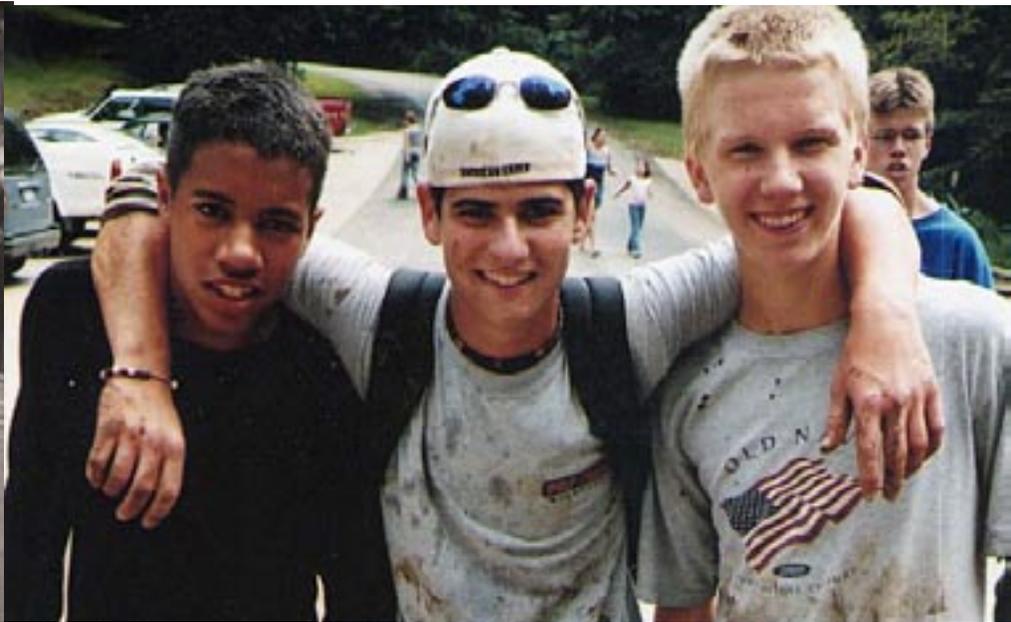
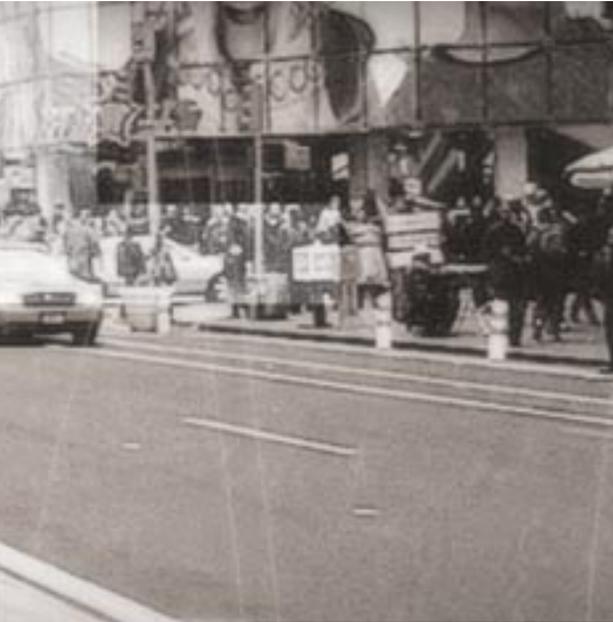
Jared said that he thought he understood why his parents want him to come to Cono. He continued, “I kind of deserve it.” His description of how he deals with anger agrees with his parents' description. He doesn't slam doors or get excited. His pastor's main concern was that Jared has the wrong group of friends.

Joel Button, Principal



RealKids

**Kids come to Cono from many places
and from many types of families.**



Will the Lord reject us forever?
Will he never show his favor
again? Has his unfailing love
vanished forever? Has his promise
failed for all time?

Psalm 77:7-8

The student population at Cono is widely diverse, with teens from all over the nation and the world, coming from different backgrounds and situations. Many, however, share a common characteristic: They need a refuge. They have reached a level of despair that brings hopelessness, depression, or disruptive behavior.

The good news is that Jesus and Cono are there for these kids and can offer them hope in concrete ways. The love of Christ is abundant. He has the power to heal their wounded hearts. When a young person receives Christ, he or she begins a new life. There is a fresh start.



RealGrace

Cono nurtures “a second chance for grace.”



Only God can deliver grace, but we can develop conditions where grace flourishes. We strive to provide a safe, consistent environment for our students. Young people can slowly open up to others and experience God's love and healing, which gives them a second chance to experience grace in their lives.

We deliver these messages through relationships, structure and academics. Through the rhythms of tradition, prayer and worship, students within our community learn values in a loving and positive way.



Real Relationships

Everything we do at Cono centers on relationships. Our goal is to help heal broken relationships with peers and family. And ultimately with God.

All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them.

II Corinthians 5:18-19



The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.”

Galatians 5:6

As a Christian boarding and day school for middle and high school students, Cono is committed to the spiritual growth of our students and staff. Our ultimate authority for teaching and living godly lives is the Holy Scriptures.

The most important relationship a student can build is with Jesus Christ. This truth is at the core of Cono's program, recognizing that character cannot be built apart from Christ.

After a student is born again, he can say “no” to the flesh, to isolation, to despair. When he or she is in Christ, he or she has new life.

The second relationship we strive to restore is between kids and their parents. Even far from home, students honor their parents through their achievements.



RealStructure

The rhythm of the community provides healing, comfort and maturity.

Cono's daily schedule gives students structure. This extends from mealtimes to study halls, work programs and athletics.

Daily Schedule and

Weekend Life. The daily schedule starts with required breakfast at 7 a.m. The day is intentionally full, with classes, athletics, work assignments and other activities. We believe that young people's lives should have a rhythm. On Sunday, the community observes the Sabbath, by worshipping and eating together. Weekends also provide our boarding students time to relax and play.



Typically, two Saturdays a month have athletic events, one Saturday is a shopping trip, and one is left unscheduled. Weekend activities can include a campus movie, coffee house, game night, attendance at a concert, school picnics and special banquets

Meals. Mealtime is special at Cono. It begins with devotions. Good manners are expected. The food is served family-style at breakfast and dinner.

Work Program.

Every student has one or two daily jobs in maintenance, kitchen or janitorial care.

Athletics. Teams compete interscholastically in soccer, volleyball, basketball and track. Intramural offerings include aerobics



and softball. Values of teamwork, fair play, goal-setting and good sportsmanship are emphasized.

Drama and Music. Cono provides a variety of activities, including piano, violin, voice lessons,



He led them by a straight way to a city where they could settle. Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men.

Psalm 107:7-8



recitals, talent shows, yearbook and drama. Recent drama productions include **The Family Nobody Wanted, The Boor, Tales from the Shtetl and The Matchmaker.**

The cornerstone of the performing arts program is the

choir. All students in grades 7 - 12 participate in the choir during the first semester of each year.

During Spring Break, the choir performs at many venues around the United States. While on these tours, they have been able to visit

places like the Getty Museum in Los Angeles, the site of the former World Trade Center in New York City, Daley Plaza in Dallas, the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, and Disneyland in Anaheim.



RealLearning

**Recognising God not only in worship,
but also in algebra.**



Our academic program stresses critical thinking skills, refinement of specific subject matter and development of a Reformed worldview. Classes reflect a strongly integrated curriculum of writing, literature, math, social studies and science.

Class sizes range from two to twenty, with a student-staff ratio of 4:1. Small class sizes, individual attention, and enthusiastic teachers enable students to learn efficiently. Most of our 24 staff members reside on campus, and each one is responsible for additional duties such as coaching, directing work

crews and tutoring, as well as informal counseling with students. All full-time faculty members hold bachelor degrees in areas related to what they teach, and one-third hold graduate degrees.

College is not the goal of every Cono student. However, 100 percent of the seniors who seek college admission are accepted. In the last few years, graduates have attended Hillsdale College, Calvin College, Geneva College, Covenant College, Moody Bible Institute, Iowa State and other state universities across the country.



RealResults

Hundreds of lives have been transformed over the decades at Cono Christian School.

"Today we knew how you helped my nephew. He came back to Japan last night. He told us you gave him the English-Japanese Bible. Thank you very much. Tomorrow he visits his grandfather who is at the university hospital. He said that he would tell his grandfather about our Savior. In Japan, he did not have any Biblical background. But he is [also] telling his unsaved mother about the Bible. Thank you again for all your help and kindness for him."

Aunt of 2002 Cono Student



Blessed is the man who finds wisdom, the man who gains understanding, for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold.

Proverbs 3:13-14



"My wife and I want to express our profound appreciation for Cono school, and to all those who worked with our daughter this past year. I don't know where we would be if we had not found Cono when we did. We were nearing the end of our rope. Cono provided a nurturing, protective place for her, while our family was able to heal and learn new skills for dealing with her. We appreciate so much all that you and the staff at Cono did for our family, and we feel truly blessed to have been a part of Cono this year."

2002 Cono Parents



RealPlans

To serve the LORD and our students well today, we need significant capital investment in our campus

Current dorm space at Cono has a planned capacity of 59 students. This spring we cared for 67 young people. Our long-range plan provides for three new dorms. This new living space will ease crowding and allow us to serve an additional 36 students.

Winters are always long and often harsh in Iowa. For years, Cono

girls and boys have used a small elementary school gymnasium in a town seven icy miles from our rural campus. A new on-campus gym will save over \$10,000 per year in rent and transportation expense. More students will enjoy safe access to all the benefits of expanded athletic programs.

BUILDING FOR TODAY

Gymnasium	\$1,100,000
Faculty House/Dorm #1 Accelerated Construction	150,000
Faculty House/Dorm #2	225,000
Faculty House/Dorm #3	225,000
Student Center Completion	95,000
Library Circulation System	30,000
Front Building Modifications	35,000
Six Unit Faculty Storage/Garage	45,000
Construction Contingency/Maintenance Fund	95,000

CAMPAIGN BUILDING GOAL \$2,000,000

All but \$205,000 of the campaign building goal is designated for the gymnasium, faculty housing, and student dormitories. Our campaign goal is to gather all these pledges over a three year period.

BUILDING GIFT PLAN

Number of Gifts	Level of Gift	Total Gifts
1	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
1	500,000	500,000
1	250,000	250,000
2	100,000	200,000
2	50,000	100,000
4	25,000	100,000
10	10,000	100,000
TOTAL GIFTS		\$2,250,000



TheFuture

God's foundation for the Cono of tomorrow will include stones of planned gifts.

Planned gifts through such means as wills, trusts, life insurance, and annuities greatly reduce pressure on our annual operational budget. We are able to establish and fund such important programs as long-term maintenance, financial aid, and scholarship assistance with these deferred gifts.

When friends direct portions of their estate to a deferred gift fund, future generations of Cono students flourish.

For they recognized that this work had been accomplished with the help of God. —Nehemiah 6:16

BUILDING FOR TOMORROW

Student Scholarships/Financial Aid	\$1,300,000
Teacher/Staff Development	500,000
Maintenance Endowments	200,000
Campaign Planned Gift Goal	\$2,000,000

PLANNED GIFT PLAN

Number of Gifts	Level of Gift	Total Gifts
1	\$500,000	\$500,000
2	250,000	500,000
10	100,000	1,000,000
Total Gifts		\$2,000,000



RealHistory

**A story marked by determination,
steadiness, and God's blessing.**



Our Heritage

In 1951, a group of dedicated parents in a local Presbyterian church established Cono Christian School. They were convinced that true education must be based on Scriptural authority in harmony with the teachings of the home and the church. As a ministry of Bible Presbyterian Church, they began with seven children, one teacher and one acre of donated farmland.

Cono became a boarding school in 1960 when children of missionaries began attending. Today we serve 89 students and their families from across the country and around the world. Cono continues to be committed to providing a loving, structured and Christ-centered learning environment. We want to help families as they raise their teenagers in today's troubled world.





Key Facts

Location: Rural countryside of northeast Iowa in the Wapsipinicon River Valley, 25 miles north of Cedar Rapids and 40 miles south of Waterloo.

Program: Cono is a grade 1-12 Christian day and boarding school.

Enrollment: Cono enrolls approximately 65 boarding students and 25 day and staff students.

Cost: Cono charges moderate tuition and boarding fees. Financial aid is determined by individual need and available resources.

Students: Cono accepts students in first through twelfth grades. Boarding students begin in seventh grade. Students come from every continent.

Support: Cono is supported by tuition and boarding fees, gifts from individuals, churches, businesses, corporations, and endowment.

Founding: Cono has operated since 1951 as a ministry of Bible Presbyterian Church of Cono Center (PCA). Cono is governed by a Board of Directors.

Campus: Cono sits on a beautiful, rural 25-acre campus with dorms/homes, staff houses, a student center with a dining room, kitchen, performance area, classrooms, and support buildings.



Do your best to present yourself
before God as one approved, a
workman who does not need to
be ashamed and who correctly
handles the word of truth.

II Timothy 2:15



Simply**Real**

