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STUDENTS AT THE WILSON SCHOOL LEARN ABOUT MALAWI

MOUNTAIN LAKES, N.J. – On Friday, November 14, 2008, Jeanne Rohach came to speak with the students from The Wilson School about her mission trip to Malawi. Jeanne traveled to Malawi with the *Ambassadors for Children*, a non-profit organization based out of Indiana.

Jeanne was brought in to speak with the students as part of The Wilson School's ongoing dedication to teaching students about different countries and cultures. The organization's, Ambassadors for Children, mission is to help people "travel with a purpose." According to Rohach, "Within a two-week time frame I spent time at Mtendere Village Orphanage, Blessings Hospital, and Agricultural School for Family Independence, Natola Secondary School, Vita-Meal Plant, and Nanthomba Primary School. She spent the majority of the presentation focused on her visit to Nanthomba Primary School.

Nanthomba Primary School is located right outside of Liwonde National Park, Malawi. The original school Nanthomba Primary School is located further south outside a safari park known as Liwonde National Park. This school was actually started by some of the employees of the park, but with little funding, the school was struggling (they had a building but no writing instruments or paper). In 2005, a family from Ohio visited the area and upon returning home started H.E.L.P. (Hope, Education, Love, Protection) Malawi in order to provide on-going funding to this school. With funds from H.E.L.P. the school expanded to eight classrooms with wooden desks and limited educational supplies. Originally the school started off with 320 pupils. That number has now expanded to over 800! The curriculum consists of math, English, history, and life studies. HM also provides a wound care clinic for the students and surrounding villages. Future plans include having a generator and storage facilities so that they can provide a

nutritious breakfast to the students. Jeanne encouraged the students of The Wilson School to get involved with the world around them, and to always keep in mind that the world is a “big place” and that others “need our help.”

In response to the presentation, The Wilson School has decided that all the gifts donated during the annual March of Gifts, which will be held on Thursday, December 18, 2008, will be personally delivered to the students at the Nanthomba Primary School. To get more information or to send much needed supplies to the children of Malawi the website for H.E.L.P. Malawi is www.helpmalawichildren.org or contact the Wilson school www.thewilsonschoool.com.

Founded in 1909, The Wilson School is an independent Pre-K through 8th grade school located in Mountain Lakes, NJ. The school has held to its core principles for 100 years, while at the same time managing to be one of the most technologically advanced schools in Morris County. For more information about The Wilson School, visit www.thewilsonschoool.com or contact Chris Vakulchik, Director of Admissions at 973-334-0181 or CVakulchik@thewilsonschoool.com.

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