

## CVS Caremark Charitable Trust donates \$200,000 to Our Sisters' School

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NEW BEDFORD – When executives from CVS Caremark and a pharmacist from CVS/pharmacy stopped by Our Sisters' School last week for a luncheon speaker series, it was a special day for all involved.

What's more, two acts of kindness – not to mention, great generosity – took place, resonating deeply with the school. And 16 OSS students will especially benefit.



Here's the story as shared by CVS Caremark and Our Sisters' School:

“First, women who had experienced success in their careers provided inspiration to the entire student body of the independent middle school for girls from low-income families. And, second, a \$200,000 donation to the school was announced, ensuring that 16 girls with limited financial resources would be afforded the opportunity to receive a quality education in a safe, supportive and challenging environment,” it was reported in a news release.

“To say that we are thrilled by this visit from CVS Caremark is a huge understatement,” said Lisa Yates, executive director of Our Sisters' School. “They have provided the two things that our students need the most: inspiration and the opportunity for a quality educational environment to learn in. The fact that these professionals took time out of their schedules to meet and inspire our students is, in and of itself, a great gift. When you combine this with the generous donation provided by the CVS Caremark Charitable Trust, words cannot express our gratitude.”

Eileen Howard Boone, senior vice president of corporate communications and community relations for CVS Caremark, said, “Sharing our time and expertise and providing much-needed financial support for an institution like Our Sisters' School – that has such an important mission – underscores our commitment to the communities we serve. We are so pleased to meet these bright, young ladies and

to know that our support can play a small role in helping them learn and succeed in life.”

Leigh Lanzoni, a CVS/pharmacy pharmacist, was the featured speaker for the school’s luncheon speaker series. In her presentation, Lanzoni focused on her journey to becoming a pharmacist, including the challenges she overcame and the mentors who supported her in achieving her career goal. Joining Lanzoni was Boone who spoke informally about her career to the students while lunching with them.

Once the luncheon and speaking program concluded, CVS Caremark presented a check in the amount of \$200,000 to Our Sisters’ School, and gave personal care kits to the 16 students whose four-year tuitions are being covered by the donation.

The mission of Our Sisters’ School is to educate and inspire middle-school girls from the Greater New Bedford area to reach their full potential in a safe, supportive and challenging environment. The school opened in September 2008 to 30 fifth- and sixth-grade students from the greater New Bedford area. Since then, the school has grown to include grades seven and eight, reaching an enrollment of 60 young women.

The CVS Caremark Charitable Trust, Inc. is a private foundation created by CVS Caremark Corporation. The Trust’s mission is to provide funding for health care, education and community involvement initiatives in CVS Caremark communities.

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