NORWOOD-FONTBONNE ACADEMY RECEIVES $50,000 GRANT FROM THE CONNELLY FOUNDATION

PHILADELPHIA, PA — **Norwood-Fontbonne Academy** is thrilled to announce that the Connelly Foundation has awarded a generous grant of **$50,000** to support the development of the next strategic plan with Schultz & Williams.

This funding will guide NFA in shaping a bold vision for the next several years, one that honors its Sisters of Saint Joseph heritage while positioning its students, faculty, and families for continued excellence.

"We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Connelly Foundation for their belief in NFA's mission and their investment in our continued growth," said Bridget Bonner, President of Norwood-Fontbonne Academy. "Their support ensures that we can approach this next chapter with clarity, purpose, and the expertise needed to build a strong and sustainable vision."

NFA's strategic planning process, guided by Schultz & Williams, will be conducted in four comprehensive phases designed to foster broad community engagement and produce a clear, actionable roadmap for the future.

Throughout the process, transparency, collaboration, and community engagement will remain central priorities. The perspectives and experiences of NFA's stakeholders will play a vital role in shaping a strategic plan that reflects the organization's shared aspirations and long-term vision.

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About Norwood-Fontbonne Academy
Norwood-Fontbonne Academy is an independent Catholic school in nearby Chestnut Hill, where 14 beautiful acres set the stage for joyful, hands-on learning. Founded in 1920 by the Sisters of Saint Joseph, NFA offers

families a truly unique choice, our renowned Montessori pathway or our dynamic Primary program for ages 3 through Grade 3, followed by innovative, engaging, and challenging learning experiences in Grades 4–8. At NFA, every child is known, inspired, and encouraged to grow with confidence and purpose.

About the Connelly Foundation

The Connelly Foundation was founded in 1955 by John and Josephine Connelly. John Connelly achieved remarkable business success as president of Connelly Containers and later Crown Cork and Seal, both manufacturing companies based in Philadelphia. He and his wife Josephine, strongly motivated by their Catholic faith and their love for the Philadelphia region, dedicated their good fortune to helping others. Over the past 71 years the Connelly Foundation has donated over $500 million to nonprofit organizations in the Philadelphia area focusing on education, human services, and the arts. The Connelly Foundation has always placed a particular emphasis on Catholic education, with thousands of Philadelphia-area students having attended Catholic high schools through the foundation's Neumann Scholars and Josephine C. Connelly scholarship programs. For more information, please visit www.connellyfdn.org.

About Schultz & Williams

Schultz & Williams is a national consulting firm dedicated to helping nonprofits of all types and sizes achieve financial stability, meet organizational goals and support greater mission impact.

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