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## **Summit School Names Building for Founder at Gala**

**Edgewater, MD (May 2, 2013)** – The Summit School is pleased to announce their main school building will be named the “Jane and Martin Snider Schoolhouse” in honor of the school’s founder, Dr. Jane R. Snider, and her husband, Martin. Mr. Snider’s tactical and legal support helped to establish the school; he also served as Counsel on the Board of Directors for twenty-two years. The announcement was officially made at *Making Wishes Come True*, an event that honored Dr. Snider on Saturday, April 13.

The event was a huge success with more than 400 guests in attendance while raising more than \$372,000 for the school. During the event, another announcement informed the crowd that the Endowment for Scholarships is also named in Dr. Snider’s honor. Of the proceeds raised, \$205,500 is for the scholarship endowment. The success of the event is a tribute to Dr. Snider’s impact on the community. She has helped thousands of families and countless organizations; she has been recognized with numerous awards and honors for her achievements.

“My greatest joy is seeing the transformation of our students, and knowing that so many alumni have become successful adults because of their education at Summit,” explained Dr. Snider.

The Dr. Jane R. Snider Endowment for Scholarships will allow Summit to educate more children who need the specialized program. Dr. Snider founded The Summit School in 1989 for bright students with dyslexia and other learning differences. She built the program with an emphasis on a highly individualized education and methodologies that are based on the best evidence from the fields of reading and neuroscience. Families travel regionally and internationally to benefit from this specialized program. In its tenth year the school was chosen a *National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence* by the U.S. Office of Education; it was the only special education school in the country to be named that year.

Dr. Snider is leaving her role at Summit to embark upon new business endeavors. Dr. Joan Mele-McCarthy, Head of School, is a recognized expert in the field, and will continue Summit’s tradition of excellence in education and non-profit leadership.

About The Summit School: The Summit School, located in Edgewater, MD, is a non-profit school for grades 1-8. Summit offers a highly individualized academic program for bright students with dyslexia and other learning differences. For more information about The Summit School, visit [www.thesummitschool.org](http://www.thesummitschool.org)