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**Memorial Donation Continues Legacy of Chess Instruction:
Community Day Charter Public School receives chess materials for student group**

Lawrence, MA (January 7, 2011) – This holiday season, students at Community Day Charter Public School (CDCPS) received a gift of chess materials from Ms. Liz Ehrman of Cambridge, MA, in loving memory of her late husband, Richard Ehrman. On Tuesday, December 21, the school received the donation, collected and delivered by David Clark of Berklee College of Music, which included instructional and playing materials for student use.

The donation continued a legacy of chess instruction that spanned generations and connected Richard Ehrman, a passionate chess player, with the students of CDCPS in Lawrence. Over the years, Richard Ehrman played and taught chess in a range of venues. He was a rated member of the Internet Chess Club, <http://www.chessclub.com/>, which he frequented, the faculty advisor for the Berklee College of Music Chess Club, and was always alert to opportunities to play chess. In 2003, Richard joined a series of games being played with a young Conrad Krendel-Clark, the son of David Clark, a family friend who is also an avid chess player. Years later, Conrad would go on to volunteer as a chess instructor at CDCPS, working with students in the school's Chess Club.

A lifelong musician (pianist and percussionist) and music lover, Richard Ehrman graduated from the Berklee College of Music, where he later worked for 25 years. In addition to working at Berklee College, Richard participated in local groups, including Agbekor African Drum &

Dance Society as well as several jazz and tango groups. Richard was also a well-known health practitioner in the Feldenkrais tradition and worked both locally and internationally.

Community Day Charter Public School, <http://www.cdcps.org>, is a public school located in Lawrence, Massachusetts that serves kindergarten – grade 8 students. The school offers a safe, supportive, structured learning environment in which students thrive. An extended day and small classes with support for English language learners yield outstanding academic results. The school strives to celebrate the city’s rich cultural heritage and the vibrance it brings to the school community. School facilities, located in historic buildings in Lawrence, provide students with a small-scale setting linked to the city’s rich heritage.

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