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Family gift boosts Mt. View Performing Arts Center campaign

UNITY, ME – A family with close ties to SAD 3 has made a \$5,000 gift to the campaign for the 300-seat Mount View Performing Arts Center. With this gift, FUTURE MSAD 3 needs just \$120,000 to meet the Unity Foundation challenge grant and the overall campaign goal.

The gift is from L. Robert and Olive Couturier of Monroe, Martha and Mark Coleman, and Glenn and Kelli Couturier, all of Montville. The family's gift will be matched as part of a \$250,000 Unity Foundation challenge grant.

Robert Couturier served on SAD 3 board of directors when the current Mount View school was constructed in 1963. Robert's son Glenn, and daughter Martha, each hold leadership positions in the district. Glenn is the current chairman of the SAD 3 board of directors, and Martha Coleman is the president of the Mount View Athletic Booster Club. Glenn, his wife Kelli, and Martha are all Mount View High School graduates. Their gift is representative of the historic connection the family has with SAD 3 and Mount View High School, according to Glenn Couturier, "Our support for this campaign is an extension of the longtime commitment our family has demonstrated to education in this district, and links our involvement with the old Mount View to the new, exciting Mount View School complex set to open in 2009. We are delighted to make this contribution and invite others to join us in supporting this campaign."

According to Steve Bennett, board chairman of FUTURE MSAD 3, the recent gift is a significant boost to the campaign, and coming from a family with a long history of service to SAD 3 makes it even more special. "The support of the Couturier and Coleman families is simply tremendous," said Bennett. "Their gift demonstrates the depth of their commitment to the children of our district, and we are grateful for their support."