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U Matter Movement Sweeps Saint Michael School Chain of Kindness Goal Reached Six Months Early

North Andover, MA – December 9, 2011 – Saint Michael School today announced that they have hit their U Matter Kindness goal six months ahead of schedule. In September the school, with parent support, launched a U Matter campaign aimed at promoting kindness through the students and their families. The challenge was to make a difference by spreading random acts of kindness to others. Each time a student conducted an act of kindness or an act of kindness was received, a paper chain strip was written on and placed in a classroom basket.

When the program was started in September, the goal for the 2011-2012 academic year was to connect a paper chain of kindness links from the front door of the school to the front door of Saint Michael Parish. It is with great pleasure that Saint Michael School announces they have reached the U Matter goal six months ahead of schedule and will connect the kindness chain on Tuesday, December 20th at 2:00 PM.

“The U Matter program has been a great addition to our school day. It helps students become more aware of how their actions impacts other,” said Mrs. Parker, Middle School Math Teacher at Saint Michael School.

“This program was created to show the children that a simple act of kindness has a chain effect”, said Susan Gosselin, Principal of Saint Michael School. “With parental support, we have created a program that the children can easily grasp. We hear the students telling one another ‘You Matter’. It’s an important lesson and reminder to all that each one of us can make a difference. The U Matter program is a shining example of the moral values we strive to instill in the children.”

Saint Michael School invites you to join us in the school parking lot on Tuesday, December 20th at 2:00 PM to watch us connect our chain of kindness from the school doors to the church doors. Help us celebrate random acts of kindness, because we believe everyone can make a difference, and ‘U Matter’.

About Saint Michael School

Saint Michael School is a Catholic Christian community serving children from early childhood through grade eight from our parish community and the Greater Merrimack Valley. Saint Michael School offers a solid academic foundation that will enable the students to succeed in the future. Promoting gospel values through prayer, religious instruction and community outreach, we strive to carry on the spirit of faith and love initiated by the Sisters of Charity of Halifax. Visit Saint Michael School on the web at www.saintmichael.com.

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