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**Maumee St. Joseph School is Only Ohio School to
Receive Red Robin Foundation U-Act Grant**

Red Robin Foundation has named ten middle and junior high schools throughout the country as being award-winning U-ACT® Program schools for the 2009-2010 school year. St. Joseph School was selected as one of those schools earned an **Award of Merit** from the Red Robin Foundation for participating in the U-ACT Program and exceeding program criteria.

U-ACT which stands for Unbridled Acts, or random acts of kindness, is a character-building initiative specifically for middle and junior high schools with grades 6-8, which aims to inspire and energize students about the value of being kind to others. Throughout the school year, participating schools were asked to share Red Robin's unbridled culture with their students by participating in programs that promote kindness. St. Joseph ASP Counselor, Amy Daunhauer, organized this effort by engaging middle school students. At the end of the program, she submitted an extensive binder which outlined the school's yearlong efforts for a chance to earn a grant from \$1,200 - \$10,000. As a result, Red Robin awarded the school with a check for \$1,450.

St. Joseph School was the only school in Ohio to earn this Award of Merit. The U-ACT Champion School was Amherst Middle School, Amherst, N.Y. Award of Excellence Schools included Salem Christian School, Crozier Va., and Avon Middle School, Avon, Ind. The Award of Merit Schools included Sarasota School of Arts and Sciences, Sarasota, Fla., Burlington Middle School, Burlington, Kan., Queen of Angels Catholic School, North Huntingdon, Pa., Alta Sierra Intermediate School in Clovis, Calif., Carter Middle School, Warren, Mich., Castle North Middle School, Newburgh, Ind., and St. Joseph Catholic School, Maumee, Ohio.

"Integrating the U-ACT program at St. Joseph School was a positive educational and emotional effort for the students. We are planning on using the money to buy materials that focus on interpersonal skills or securing a motivational speaker to come and present to the students about the importance of interpersonal skills." said Ms. Daunhauer. "Each of us learned more about the importance of doing unbridled acts of kindness in our daily lives and towards our fellow students, faculty and community members. We are grateful for the generosity of the Red Robin Foundation," said Gary Rettig, St. Joseph School principal.

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