

Wednesday, May 20, 2009 12:01 PM CDT

## Parents 'pop' for tuition

WATERLOO --- Parents of students benefiting from the Harbaugh Williams Education Promise Fund Scholarship have organized an ongoing pop can fundraiser, with proceeds supporting the college tuition of 16 fifth-graders at Cunningham School.

Bartrese Jones is accepting donations of cans or bottles at these Waterloo sites: 325 E. Eighth St. or 136 Bertch St. Her contact information is 233-5526 at home or 464-8516 by cell. Arrangements also can be made for pick-up.

The Harbaugh Williams Education Promise was established in January 2006 with an initial gift of \$85,000 from Dennis Harbaugh and Juanita Williams to benefit an all-male African-American class of second graders at the Dr. Walter Cunningham School for Excellence. The fund will provide eligible students two years of tuition costs at an institution of higher learning at one of Iowa's three state universities, not to exceed two years of tuition costs at the most expensive of Iowa's three state universities and subject to available funding.

More than \$200,000 has been raised to date. It is expected that nearly \$500,000 will be needed to fund "the promise" in 2016, the graduation date for these young men. Contributions are accepted at the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa, PO Box 1176, Waterloo, IA 50704.