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### **Becoming Women Who Transform the World**

Baltimore, Maryland – When Notre Dame Preparatory School 7<sup>th</sup> – grade Shalom Club students visited Caroline Center recently, the smiles all around were about the sisterhood and connection that everyone felt. Since 2010, NDP girls and their teachers have set aside time in their very full academic and extra-curricular schedules to see and learn firsthand how Caroline Center, a sponsored work of the School Sisters of Notre Dame, is making a difference in the lives of young women and in the Baltimore community.

With each quarterly visit, students have the opportunity to hear from Caroline Center Executive Director Patricia McLaughlin, SSND, about the SSND – sponsored work and how they can make a difference in at school and in the community as caring and knowledgeable advocates. Students also participate in an interactive exercise that helps them better understand the challenges and hard choices that poverty imposes on women and children. A highlight of the visit is when NDP students enjoy a “meet-and-greet” with several Caroline Center trainees, where there is time for fun sharing and hearing from the women

themselves about how Caroline Center is making a real and positive difference in their lives.

The 7<sup>th</sup> – grade Shalom Club at NDP is one important way that Notre Dame Prep girls are learning to live the school’s mission “. . . to become women who transform the world” through education and to appreciate why pursuing “academic excellence, spiritual growth, and the practice of justice” can truly last a lifetime.

Everyone at Caroline Center is grateful to the faculty and students of Notre Dame Preparatory School for visiting and also for helping us to live our mission of empowering young women “to reach the fullness of [their] potential” so that they can create a “future of hope” for themselves and their families.