



Local Support for Education – More Essential than Ever

The unprecedented education budget cuts currently under discussion in Sacramento make it more essential than ever that local citizens take action to provide the public school children in their community with a fully comprehensive, well-rounded education that includes such essentials as music, the arts, PE, and science — subjects that have been proven to improve student achievement, yet have been cut from many school budgets.

Redwood City Education Foundation (RCEF) Supports Our Local Public Schools

In Redwood City, the only organization working district wide to provide these essential programs to all 8,000 students of the Redwood City School District (RCSD) is the Redwood City Education Foundation (RCEF). The RCEF has been raising funds to support the district's elementary through middle school students since 1983. After two record-breaking fundraising years generating over \$250,000 per year, we are intensifying our efforts this year with an ambitious goal of raising \$350,000 by July 31, 2008.

Benefit for a Brighter Future Raises Key Funds

Our annual Benefit for a Brighter Future (BBF) continues to be a key factor in our campaign. This year the event is scheduled for Friday, April 25, 2008 at the Pacific Athletic Club in Redwood Shores. We are excited about the program and the potential to showcase success stories in the district while reaching out to new supporters. Our theme this year is "It All Starts Here — Successful Community Partnerships," a celebration of the many successful affiliations between local businesses, foundations, and the community and our schools and the RCEF.

Early Investors in BBF 2008

The RCEF is pleased to recognize early investors in this year's event:

- Oracle
- Patelco Credit Union,
- Lyngso Garden Materials
- John T. Dearborn M.D. and Associates
- Mid-Peninsula Bank and Greater Bay Area Bancorp Foundation
- David Schnur Associates
- San Mateo Credit Union
- Provident Credit Union
- Solutions 2 Projects
- Raiser Organization
- Vantage Wealth Management, Inc.

Oracle Recognized with Annual Investor Award

We will present Oracle with the RCEF Annual Investor Award at this year's BBF event. The Investor Award recognizes outstanding contributions of time and support for the both RCEF and the school district. Oracle has a long history of providing substantial financial support to our schools. With Oracle's support, the district has been able to upgrade our technology infrastructure, while the RCEF has been able to provide the programs that take our students beyond the basics during their school day.

Get Involved!

The RCEF encourages Redwood City's parents, community members, and businesses to fully support the BBF and partner with them in providing the City's public elementary school children with the education they need to succeed.

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