



Benefit for a Brighter Future 2009: Invest in a Dream

The students of today's Redwood City will grow up all too soon to become the adults of tomorrow. We will rely on them to run our businesses, provide us with health care and other critical services, and govern our nation. They are relying on us right now to help them realize their dreams for a future we all will share. They need support from their family and community. They need access to opportunity. But most of all, they need a 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.

The Redwood City Education Foundation Supports Our Local Public School Students

The only organization working district wide to provide these programs to the 8,000 students of the Redwood City School District is the Redwood City Education Foundation (RCEF). The RCEF has been raising funds to support the District's elementary and middle school students since 1983. After three record-breaking fundraising years generating well over \$250,000 per year, we are intensifying our efforts this year with an ambitious goal of raising \$400,000 by July 31, 2009.

The Benefit for a Brighter Future Raises Key Funds

The Benefit for a Brighter Future is the RCEF's premiere annual fund raising event. The event typically generates up to 30% of our annual revenues. We rely on sponsor underwriting to ensure all of the proceeds directly benefit our students. This year the event is scheduled for Friday, April 24, 2009 at the Pacific Shores Center in Redwood City. Our theme is "Invest in a Dream," and is a call to support the dreams of our students and help them become the adults we need to carry our city and nation forward.

Past Investors in the Benefit for a Brighter Future

Past Benefit for a Brighter Future events have been supported by some of the area's largest corporations, as well as individual community members and long-term local businesses, including:

Oracle	TDA Investment Group	Lyngso Garden Materials
Wells Fargo	John T. Dearborn M.D. and Associates	Cargill
Westly Foundation	Stanford University	Mi Rancho Supermarket
Palo Alto Medical Foundation	Solutions2Projects	Port of Redwood City

We are grateful to the Redwood Shores Center for providing their beautiful facilities to us free of charge for Benefit for a Brighter Future 2009.

City of Redwood City Recognized with Annual Investor Award

We will be presenting the City's Civic Cultural Commission with the RCEF Annual Investor Award. The Investor Award recognizes outstanding contributions of time and support for the both RCEF and the students of the District. The Civic Cultural Commission has generously granted \$114,315.00 to the RCEF since 1998 in support of music education. Past recipients have included Westly Foundation and Oracle.

"Invest in Me" Art and Essay Gallery Opening

The RCEF is partnering with the Civic Cultural Commission to sponsor an art and essay contest for all school children in the city. The theme is: Invest in Me: I Am Your Future (What I Want to be When I Grow Up). Selected artwork and essays will be on display and guests will have a chance to meet contest participants. We will be serving our guests appetizers and champagne during the first half of the evening, and then providing sit-down dessert service and beverages during the always entertaining Fund-A-Program segment.

Get Involved!

The RCEF encourages Redwood City's parents, community members, and businesses to fully support the Benefit for a Brighter Future and partner with us in providing the City's public elementary school children with the education they need to succeed.

Find Out More

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