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### Quick Facts for 2008/09

#### FUNDRAISING

Raised: \$75,000  
Goal by July 31, 2009:  
\$400,000

#### SUPPORTERS

Catholic Healthcare West  
City of Redwood City Civic  
Cultural Commission  
Foundation  
Kaiser Permanente  
Pacific Athletic Club  
Palo Alto Medical  
Foundation  
Peninsula Covenant Church

202 Redwood City parents,  
educators, and community

### Phone Bank Volunteers Needed

The Redwood City School District, with support from the RCEF is conducting a phone survey on public schools. This is part of a larger parcel tax feasibility study. Volunteers will have a list of people to contact and a script to follow. There will also be light refreshments. All calling will take place at Prudential California Realty at 3201 Jefferson Ave. It will be easy and fun, and this will help our Redwood City schools! Please contact Alisa MacAvoy at [alisamacavoy@yahoo.com](mailto:alisamacavoy@yahoo.com) with questions or to sign up. Thank you!

Dates: January 22, 24, 25, 27, 29; February 3 & 4  
Times vary.

### HOLIDAY GALA RAISES OVER \$8,000

The Joy to the World holiday gala raised \$8,646, including gifts made at the event, all of which is donated to the RCEF. We thank the audience members who so generously supported us and the event sponsors: the Peninsula Covenant Church, Downtown Business Group, and the City of Redwood City.

### RCEF STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST

The RCEF is sponsoring a student essay contest in partnership with the Redwood City Civic Cultural Commission. The theme this year is: "Invest in Me: I am Your Future" (What I want to be when I grow up...) The deadline for submissions is Thursday, February 5, 2009.

The essay contest is open to all students in the Redwood City School District. Every participating K through 3rd grade student receives a \$10 gift certificate towards a Redwood City Parks and Recreation class. 4th through 8th graders compete for savings bond prizes.

Selected essays and art work will be featured at the Benefit for a Brighter Future 2009 and will be published in a book. [More >>](#)

members.

#### LOCAL BUSINESS PARTNERS

Crouching Tiger Restaurant  
The Hayes Group  
General Pencil

#### GIVE AS YOU SHOP PARTNERS

Jigsaw Java  
Ralph's Sewing & Vacuum  
Ray's Auto  
Chin's New Chinese  
Restaurant  
Corazon al Sur  
Kepler's Books  
Key Market

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#### BENEFIT FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE 2009 SPONSORS

Parks & Recreation  
Department  
Civic Cultural Commission  
Solutions 2 Projects  
Pacific Shores Center

### LOCAL BUSINESS PROGRAM

#### New members: Hayes Group Architects, Crouching Tiger Restaurant

Participating businesses are listed on our website and in our Winter Newsletter. We encourage you to give these generous partners your support! [More >>](#)

### GIVE AS YOU SHOP PARTNERS

#### New members: Jigsaw Java

These businesses give us a contribution based on your purchases. Be sure to mention you are an RCEF supporter when you check out! For more information, please visit: [Give as You Shop](#). To purchase Corazon al Sur's CD "Del Norte al Sur," please go to: [cdbaby.com](http://cdbaby.com).

### OTHER NEWS

**Nominated by the RCEF, the Pacific Athletic Club** will receive the Chamber of Commerce's Golden Apple Awards this year for its commitment to local education. The Club was chosen for its \$7,000 contribution to the RCEF from the proceeds of their "The Palms" event. Also receiving an award is the Hayes Group, nominated by Naomi Hunter and Ray Dawley of the Redwood City School District.

**Senator Joe Simitian invites** parents and community members to an Educational Update meeting on January 24, 2009 from 10 am to noon in the Palo Alto Unified School District Board Room, 25 Churchill Ave, Palo Alto. [More >>](#)

The RCEF has been working since 1983 to help provide the public elementary and middle school students of Redwood City with the education they need to succeed in high school, college, work, and life.

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