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RCEF Quick Facts

2008/09

FUNDRAISING

Raised \$290,000

Goal \$400,000

MAJOR PARTNERS

Catholic Healthcare West,
City of Redwood City Civic
Cultural Commission,
Kaiser, Permanente, Pacific
Athletic Club, Palo Alto
Medical Foundation,
Peninsula Covenant
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Hospital, Silicon Valley
Community Foundation,
Wells Fargo, Westly
Foundation

LOCAL BUSINESS PARTNERS

City Pub, Crouching Tiger
Restaurant, David Amann,
Fastsigns, Fox Theatre,

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON JUNE 2!

June 2 is voting day for Measure E. A "Yes" vote will bring in more than \$11 million over 5 years for our schools to support, attract, and retain teachers and staff; maintain science and technology programs; keep school libraries open; maintain art, music, and physical education classes; and maintain tutoring for math and reading.

For more information go to: www.YesOnE.us or the San Mateo County elections office website at: www.shapethefuture.org.

BENEFIT FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE -- SUCCESS!!

We are pleased to report that more than 350 RCEF friends and supporters attended our Benefit for a Brighter Future: Invest in a Dream (BBF 2009) event on April 24, 2009. Thanks to our guests and sponsors, we were able to raise more than \$103,000, all of which goes to support our students.

We were honored to host Jack O'Connell, State Superintendent of Public Instruction as our special guest speaker and Dave Girouard, President of Enterprise at Google, as our keynote speaker. Memo Morantes, San Mateo County Board of Education trustee, was our MC and host for the evening.

Middle school students from across the district also participated in the event, helping check in guests, acting as docents for our "What I Want to be When I Grow Up" contest entry displays, and even managing VIP parking. Three contest essay winners read their essays after being introduced by RCEF Superintendent Jan Christensen, who was also our lucky winner of Elizabeth Gomez's original "Invest in a Dream" artwork.

For a full report...with pictures!...please visit: rcef.org/brighterfuture.

General Pencil, Hellbent Marketing, L. Coe Consulting, Main Street Coffee Roasting Co., Prudential California Realty, The Hayes Group

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Celebrate Art, Chin's New Chinese Restaurant, Jigsaw Java, Kepler's Books, Key Market, Ralph's Sewing & Vacuum, Ray's Auto

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BBF 2009

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RAFFLE PRIZES

Anvil Paper, Ashfield Hansen Interior Design, Bette Greenberg, Crouching Tiger Restaurant, Family Vision Care, Fox Theatre, Gold's Gym, Gourmet Haus Staudt, Main Street Coffe

RCEF PROVIDES \$43,000 FOR SUMMER MATH PROGRAM

The RCEF brings something new to summer school this year: the Pre-Algebra Summer Math Institute. This program is targeted to selected incoming sixth and seventh graders who are not yet scoring proficient in math.

The Math Institute will help to close the achievement gap for these students while preparing them to take algebra in eighth grade. Research has shown that students who master algebra are more likely to succeed in college track courses in high school. The Institute will also mentor four teachers to build their math instruction skills.

We thank the Silicon Valley Community Foundation for their grant of \$35,000 and Oracle for their contribution of \$8,000 toward this exciting new program.

LOCAL BUSINESS PROGRAM

Local Business Partners

Participating businesses are listed on our website and other material. We encourage you to give these generous partners your support.

Give as You Shop Partners

These businesses give us a contribution based on your purchases. Be sure to mention you are an RCEF supporter when you check out.

Be sure to look for our Local Business Program listings in our Spring 2009 Newsletter...now available online at: rcef.org/publications.html!

SCHOOL GRANT OPPORTUNITY

The National Association of Elementary School Principals and The MetLife Foundation offer the Sharing the Dream Grant opportunity to support elementary and middle school principals as they work to foster strong school-community relationships. The goal is to support principals in the development of programs committed to heightening community leadership, communication, ownership, and involvement in their school with the goal of improving achievement for all children.

Selected applicants will receive a \$3,000 award and toolkit of resources. The deadline is July 8, 2009. For more

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PDI Dreamworks, Red Car
Auctions, Red Lantern,
Redwood Massage,
Sigona's Farmer Market,
Skateworks, Suisa House,
Tom's Outdoor Furniture,
Tesla Motors

information, go to: www.healthinschools.org.

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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