



Fast Facts About the Redwood City Education Foundation

We have been helping to provide the students of the Redwood City School District with a high quality, well rounded education since 1983.

Over the past 25 years, we have helped fund classroom enrichment programs, instrumental music instruction, hands-on science programs, fitness and nutrition education, and teacher grants.

Since 2003, we have raised more than \$1.2 million for our students.

In the 2008/09 school year, we are providing funds for:

- Music for Learning, instrumental music instruction for 3,000 2nd through 4th graders (\$130,000).
- Outdoor Education, a one-week, off-site science program for more than 900 5th graders (\$40,000).
- SMART grants to bring teaching innovation in science, math, art, and technology into the classroom at all 16 public schools. (\$100,000).
- Wellness Coordinator to increase nutrition and fitness opportunities for all 8,644 students (\$60,000).

In 2007/08, we raised \$320,000 with contributions from major corporations and foundations, local businesses, community members, and school parents.

- Around \$32 per student in program funds.
- Compares with average of \$425 per student raised by neighboring foundations.

Our fund-raising goal for 2008/09 is \$400,000.

Our future plans include extending music education to more grades, supporting PE at all schools, funding art, and increasing SMART grants, among other possibilities.

We recently launched our Local Business Program to partner with the Redwood City business community.

We hold the Benefit for a Brighter Future fundraising event annually and welcome sponsors and volunteers.

We are a 501 (c) non-profit organization with a 14 member all-volunteer Board of Directors made up of parent and community members.

We are one of more than 600 education foundations in California.



The RCEF and Our Schools

We support the 8,644 kindergarten through 8th grade students of Redwood City School District.

We are the only organization that raises funds District wide.

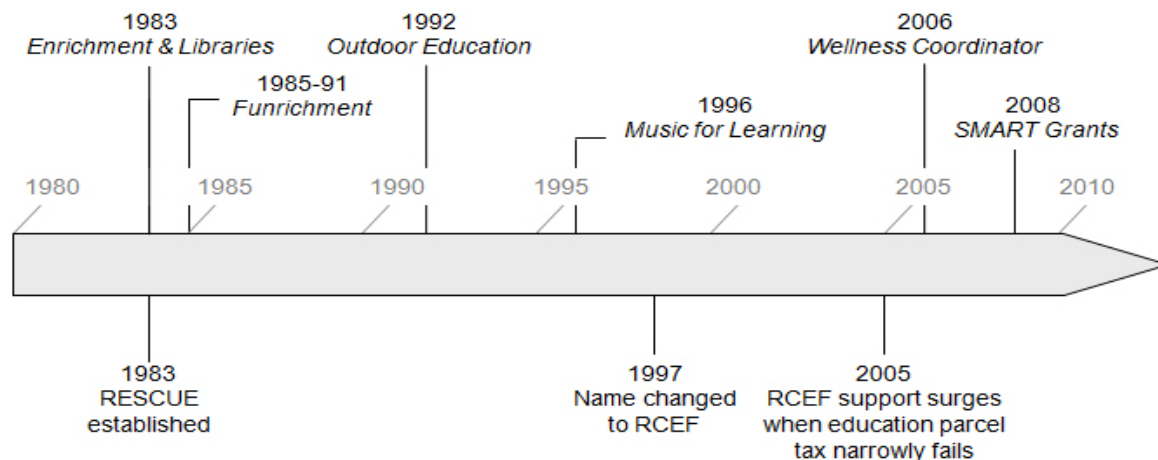
Our programs benefit students at all 16 public schools in the District, unlike parent-teacher organizations, which affect only their own school.

We target major corporations and foundations for donations, not just parents and local small businesses.

We leverage contributions to tap funds for programs too expensive or complex to be implemented at an individual school.

Parents give to their home schools as parents, but give to the RCEF as members of the Redwood City community.

A History of Success



1983 Redwood City Elementary Schools United Effort—RESCUE—formed to focus on libraries, computers, and classroom enrichment.

1985-1991 Funrichment, after-school enrichment classes, funded for a total of 64 classes and 1,000 participants.

1993-1995 Outdoor Education program saved and supported through T-Shirt sales. Program was cut from District budget after 18 years of operation.

1996 Music for Learning for grades 2 through 4 funded, and middle school instrumental music program supported.

1997 RESCUE renamed the Redwood City Education Foundation.

2005 Emergency fundraising campaign to restore key district programs raises more than \$100,000 in response to narrow failure of parcel tax; support for RCEF surges.

2006 Wellness Coordinator funded in 3-year project to support federally-mandated District Wellness Policy.

2008 \$100,000 SMART grants launched to bring teaching innovation into the classroom in the areas of science, math, technology, and the arts.