



Facts About the Redwood City Education Foundation for 2009/2010

- 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 26 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 \$1.5 million for our students.
- In 2008/09, we raised \$300,000 with contributions from major corporations and foundations, local businesses and organizations, community members, and school parents.
 - Around \$34 per student in program funds.
 - Compares with average of \$425 per student raised by neighboring foundations.
- Our fund-raising goal for this year is \$350,000, which is around \$40 per student.
- We are currently supporting:
 - Music for Learning, instrumental music instruction for 3,000 2nd through 4th graders.
 - Outdoor Education, a one-week, off-site science program for more than 900 5th graders.
 - SMART grants to bring teaching innovation in science, math, art, and technology into the classroom at all 17 schools.
 - FitFun Guide and training to prepare K-5 teachers to lead fitness activities during the school day
 - Partnership with Serves the Peninsula to provide PE programs at five schools
 - Summer Math Institute to prepare struggling incoming middle school students for Algebra in 8th grade
- Our future plans include supporting music education in more grades; providing PE, health and wellness programs at all schools; funding visual and performing arts; and increasing SMART grants, among other possibilities.
- We offer a Local Business Program to partner with the Redwood City business community (www.rcef.org/businesspartners).
- We hold the Benefit for a Brighter Future fundraising event annually and welcome sponsors and volunteers (www.rcef.org/brighterfuture).
- 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 are the only organization that raises funds district wide for students at all 17 schools, unlike parent-teacher organizations, which affect only their own school.
- 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.
1993	Outdoor Education program saved.
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. Wellness program funding continues.
2008	\$100,000 SMART grants launched to bring teaching innovation into the classroom in the areas of science, math, technology, and the arts.
2009	Summer Math Institute initiated to support middle school students.