

Make Your Year-End Donation Now

Dear Friends,

With your help, we have had a successful fundraising fall. Thank you!

We are grateful for the generosity, enthusiasm and dedication of our parents, friends, and community member and business associates.

Your support demonstrates a commitment to provide the finest educational experience for more than 21,000 Simi Valley public school students. We are working hard to make that happen.

We invite you to make a year-end donation to continue our efforts to give every student the opportunity to succeed. There is no better time to do it than now!

Visit our website – www.svef.org to make a donation today!

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Low Roth Awards Dinner
Friday, January, 25, 2013

Celebration of Education
Gala
Saturday, March 16, 2013

The Simi Valley Education Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing additional resources to students in Simi Valley's public schools. Through program development, fundraising, and collaboration, the Foundation seeks to strengthen our public schools and the education they provide to your children.

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Your Donation Made A Difference...

More than \$55,000 for Enhancement Grants Awarded at 29 Public Schools

We are pleased to announce that more than **\$55,000** for Enhancement Grants was recently awarded to **29** local Simi Valley public schools.

Our mission is to enrich and maximize the quality of education in the Simi Valley public schools by providing financial support for programs that assist in achieving academic excellence. The Foundation, as well as the businesses and individuals who support it, believes that innovative and creative approaches to teaching can benefit our students. We are proud to announce that we funded **109 grants**.



Our enhancement grants provide funding, not otherwise available, for projects that have a potential to enhance the learning process. These grants are made possible through donations made by community members, parents, businesses, and special fundraising events.

This year the grants encompassed a variety of subject areas including Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, Technology, Robotics, Art, Music, Special Education and Physical Education.

Bringing Robotics Alive...

Alcoa Fastening Systems Awards \$15,000 STEM Grant

Alcoa Fastening Systems recently awarded the Simi Valley Education Foundation a **\$15,000** to support a new STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) project in the Simi Valley Unified School District. This generous grant will incorporate the LEGO MINDSTORMS NXT education kits into a STEM Enrichment Program. Use of robotics brings science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) to life for students! The year will culminate with a robotics night where students will share what they have learned and created.



Pictured standing are the Simi Valley Education Foundation's Board of Directors along with those seated holding the \$15,000 check from the left: Jim Vigdor and Kevin Casey from Alcoa Fastening Systems, and Simi Valley Unified School District's Director of Elementary Education Ron Todo, and Director of Secondary Education, Dan Houghton.

Local Auto Dealers & County Schools Federal Credit Union Join Forces... Give Back To Our Schools



1st Auto Group, Wm. L. Morris Chevrolet and County Schools FCU.

This fall the Simi Valley Education Foundation arranged a wonderful partnership with our local car dealers in Simi Valley that benefited public schools in Simi Valley! We are happy to report that we raised **\$9,740**.

During the Driving Education Back to School Marathon all the car dealers in Simi Valley, agreed to make a donation for EVERY new and/or used vehicle sold during the months of September and October. In addition, \$50 was donated for every car bought and financed through County Schools Federal Credit Union.

A big thank you to everyone who purchased a vehicle during the marathon and also to those who acknowledged and thanked our dealerships for being a part of the program. We had fun in the Simi Valley Days Parade and at the Royal High versus Simi High football game. There were also weekly full page ads in The Acorn showcasing our awesome dealers.

Thank you: *DCH Toyota of Simi Valley, Simi Valley Ford, K&J Auto Exchange, Simi Valley Buick/GMC, Kirby of Simi Valley,*

We are honored to have the support of these great businesses. Successful community partnerships create further awareness, commitment and financial support for continued educational development of the students and teachers of the Simi Valley Unified School District.

29 Community Members Go Behind Bars... Jail & Bail Raises More than \$9,000

Twenty nine community leaders, including principals of local schools, raised more **\$9,000** by asking family and friends to help bail them out of jail! They were recently set "free" during a mock trial.

Each participant was given their own goal and a personal webpage where donations could be made on their behalf. They were asked to raise their "bail" by emailing and calling family, friends and business associates. Our "jailbirds" listed below were recently "released" with the help of Simi Valley Chief of Police Mitch McCann after helping to raise money for our schools! Pictured are many of our participants.



Thank you to: *Pat Abruzzese, Angela Baxter, Glen Becerra, Scott Blough, Aldo Calcagno, Rob Collins, Brian Dennert, Michelle Foster, Elaine Freeman, Theresa Garner, Josie Hirsch, Brian Iverson, Mike James, Diana Janke, Anthony Karch, Carla Lowe, Nancy Mason, Michelle McManigal, Lori Neiman, Kate O'Brien, Steve Pietrolungo, Bonny Porter, Lori Rangel, Deborah Salgado, Kevin Underwood, Jim Vigdor, Dan White, Ted Weiner, and Susanne Wolf.*

Thanks for all your support...

Golf Tournament a Success

Nearly 100 golfers participated in our recent golf tournament. More than \$19,000 was raised that day through a combination of sponsorships, tee signs and raffle drawings. Thanks to our wonderful sponsors below for their continued support.

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