

SIMI VALLEY EDUCATION FOUNDATION

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, 24, 2014

Celebration of Education
Gala
Saturday, March 8, 2014

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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The Highlighter

Quarterly highlights from
Simi Valley Education Foundation

Fall 2013

Your Donation Made A Difference... More than \$50,000 for Enhancement Grants Awarded



We are pleased to announce that more than **\$50,000** for Enhancement Grants was recently awarded to **27** 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. We are proud to announce that

we funded **91 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.

Thanks for all your support... Tee Up For Kidz Golf Tournament a

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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SIMI VALLEY'S PREMIER HALLOWEEN BASH

COME PARTY WITH US!

Please join us for an **ADULT ONLY** ghostly fun and freaky party to raise money for Simi Valley Public Schools.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26
Lost Canyons Golf Club
8:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.
\$45 per person - \$80 per couple
(Includes Appetizers and Signature Cocktails)

UPGRADE TO A PRIVATE CABANA
Only \$250 extra
(Includes table for 10 with bottle service and specialty food menu available)

AWARD FOR BEST DECORATED CABANA

COSTUME CONTEST
SCARIEST - BEST COUPLE
MOST ORIGINAL - SEXIEST
PHOTO BOOTH AND LIVE MUSIC - DJ FX!

PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE:
www.svef.org/halloween.php

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
info@svef.org

Proceeds Benefit the
Simi Valley Education Foundation

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Halloween Bash a success. Big plans for next year!!

Community Support

Helping Our Schools Enhance Education!

Bringing Robotics Alive...

Alcoa Fastening Systems Awards \$23,000 STEM Grant



Alcoa Fastening Systems recently awarded the Simi Valley Education Foundation a **\$23,000** to continue the support a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) project in the Simi Valley Unified School District.

This generous grant will target students in grades 4-12 and 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 STEM components of education in our district are an important aspect of the curriculum. However, due to budget cuts over the years, the enrichment portions of these subjects have not always been available.

Pictured standing are the Simi Valley Education Foundation's Board of Directors and President Jill Haney receiving the \$23,000 check from the left: Alcoa Fastening Systems for supporting our efforts to fund the STEM Enrichment Program at the Simi Valley Unified School District.

Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise...

Awards a \$6,000 Grant to Schools



This fall the Simi Valley Education Foundation wrote a grant to the Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise to fund special field trips for students and their families at the four Title 1 elementary schools, Berylwood, Lincoln, Park View, and Santa Susana-- as well as Justin and Crestview. We are happy to announce that we were awarded \$6,000 from the Rotary Club -- \$1,000 per school.

Researchers have proven that providing culturally relevant and responsive experiences hold extraordinary potential for shaping positive academic outcomes for students. What's more, learning outside the classroom builds children's confidence and can transform their relationships with teachers and parents alike.

On today's standardized tests there are many questions that actual refer to cultural experiences, like visiting a museum. For many children, providing access and exposure might truly improve their life.

In the world of education, we often overlook social capital and its influence on a child's ability to think critically. It's simply a fact that the more a child experiences, the wider his or her scope of the world.

Although we can't send all our our children on trips around the world, thanks to a grant from the Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise, we can ensure some children have the opportunity to engage in enriching social experiences and help them travel outside the narrow confines of their neighborhoods and their daily experiences to get a taste of the world beyond.