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for Educational  
Excellence**  
School  
District 300

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*Enhancing and extending learning opportunities for all students through school, community and business partnerships.*



# 2007 ANNUAL REPORT

## Message from the Foundation Trustees & District Superintendent

We are proud to present this year's Annual Report to the public and our donors. This is the start of our sixth year serving all the students of District 300 as we help to "enhance and extend learning experiences" at the classroom level.

Since the inception of the Foundation in 2002 we have provided educational tools, learning experiences, specialized equipment in the sciences, industrial arts, and music and fine arts programs for all D300 students. We have provided 119 innovation and large grants totaling \$216, 819. This could not be possible without the generous donations we have received from our donors, foundations and corporate partners.

For the 07-08 school year the Foundation has awarded \$31,650 in large grants and \$5,271 in innovation grants. The list of those grants you will find on pages 2 and 3.

The Board of Trustees has several new members as



*Seated L to R: K. Arndt, I. Lamp, M. Fioretti, D. Ward, B. Ganek; Standing L to R: D. Cleveland, B. Hanson, K. Nix, J. Cavallaro, K. Stern, S. Foster, R. Lintzeris, M. Voss; Not Shown: D. Kelly, J. Pratt, D. Sosine, B. Uhl*

others have served out their time and retired. They bring a fresh energetic perspective to serve the community. We are grateful to the retiring members of Joe Motyl, Ed Garafalo and Brenda Curry for their years of dedicated service.

**Save The Date!**

**Friday, April 25, 2008**

Please save the date for the Spring Gala on Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at the Raue Center for the Arts. This year's event will feature the presentation of the Innovation

Grants, Large Grants, Distinguished Educator of the Year Award, Distinguished Alumni Award, Distinguished Young Alumni Award and the Friends of the Foundations Award. All three high school music departments will be performing. We look forward to seeing you there.

Mary Fioretti, *Foundation Chair*  
Joe Cavallaro, *Foundation Co-Chair*  
Kenneth Arndt, PhD., *District 300 Superintendent*

*The mission of the District 300 Foundation for Educational Excellence is to seek and make available resources that enhance and extend learning opportunities for all of its students.*

# Foundation Accomplishments

## Large Project Grants



### Science & Technology Van de Graaff Electrostatic Generator

The Middle Schools are now teaching electricity and static electricity. One important piece of equipment is a Van de Graaff Electrostatic Generator. This shows the transfer of electrons in a very dramatic way as it shows the formation of lightning and hail. Total: \$2,250.

### DNA Fingerprinting Electrophoresis

The Foundation purchased the Electrophoresis equipment for all three high schools to do DNA fingerprinting. "This is an important technology piece that we would like to add to our curriculum. It is an important use of the scientific method and laboratory techniques that are currently used," said Maggie Jung, who serves on the Foundation Science and Technology Committee. Total: \$3,600.

### Physics Timers and Momentum Cars for the Classroom

Students will be using more accurate tools to gather data. Each high school received this equipment costing \$15,000 overall.



### Service Learning / Student Leadership

### Random Acts of Kindness

**Clubs:** The Student Leadership projects team supported a project grant that will allow middle schools to establish or expand a Random Acts of Kindness Club.

The purpose of these clubs is to promote cooperation, problem solving, and service in the community through student led activities. The clubs will utilize support materials from The Random Acts of Kindness Foundation. This foundation inspires people to practice kindness and to "pass it on" to others. For additional information visit:

[www.actsofkindness.org](http://www.actsofkindness.org)



## Literacy

### The Literacy Committee Presents Illustrator Yuyi Morales

Ms. Yuyi Morales, illustrator of the book written by Kathleen Krull, *Harvesting Hope: The Story of Cesar Chavez*, discussed her artwork at Lakewood School, serving 780 students, on Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. At Hampshire High School, an assembly was held to discuss her artwork in the gym for 300 art students on November 6<sup>th</sup>.

The Book Illustration Project was made possible through a grant awarded by the District 300 Foundation for Educational Excellence to purchase classroom sets of the book *Harvesting Hope: The Story of Cesar Chavez* for both schools, illustration materials, and to arrange honorarium and travel for Ms. Morales' visit.

## Statements of Financial Activities

For Year Ended June 30, 2007 with Summary Financial Information for Year Ended June 30, 2006, page 3.

Revenue, Gains & Other Support	2007*	2006
CONTRIBUTIONS		
Donations/Memorials	32,275	44,579
Grants/Matching Gifts	18,790	20,600
In-Kind Gifts/Special Events		36,844
Meeting reimbursements, net of expenses		12
INVESTMENT INCOME	1,781	872
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>52,846</b>	<b>102,907</b>
Functional Expenses		
Educational Project Grants	41,017	83,532
Administrative/General	5,177	4,500
Fundraising/Event Expenses	4,018	3,670
<b>TOTAL FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>50,212</b>	<b>91,702</b>
<b>Change in net assets</b>	<b>2,633</b>	<b>11,205</b>
<b>Net assets beginning of the year</b>	<b>38,208</b>	<b>26,998</b>
<b>Net assets—end of year</b>	<b>40,836</b>	<b>38,203</b>

To request a copy of the School District 300 Foundation for Educational Excellence 2007 Audit, conducted by Nancy Guthrie, CPA, of Business Matters in West Dundee, contact Kimberly Nix at (847) 426-1300.

## FOUNDATION FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 300 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Joe Cavallaro, Jr., *Co-Chair*; Mary C. Fioretti, *Co-Chair*; Sara Foster *Chair-Projects*; Rita Lintzeris, *Treasurer*; Kristi Stern, *Secretary*; Deb Kelley *Fund Development*; Trustees: Dennis Cleveland, William Ganek, Barbara Hansen, Ian Lamp, Jim Pratt, Debby Sosine, Bill Uhl, Matt Voss, David Ward; *Ex Officio* Kenneth M. Arndt, PhD, *Foundation Assistant* Kimberly Nix

The Book Illustration Project raises awareness of the contributions the Latino community has made to the economy, history, and culture of the United States. By using the multiple intelligences, the project attempts to motivate students to read non-fiction books, write creatively, and illustrate their work.

Thematic Connections across disciplines to integrate curriculum were made available to teachers.

To learn more about Yuyi Morales visit [www.yuymorales.com/learn.html](http://www.yuymorales.com/learn.html)



## Performing and Fine Arts

### Computerized Kiln

The Foundation purchased a much needed new computerized kiln for Dundee Crown High School this year. After using a donated, 25 year old kiln, the art teachers were thrilled to receive the money to purchase the new kiln. The kiln will benefit over 400 students enrolled in various art offerings at the high school.

A new enthusiastic Fine Arts composed of both music and art teachers is already diligently working on a much more comprehensive grant proposal for this coming year for 08/09.



## DesksonParade

A new Public Art Project is being organized by the District 300 Foundation and underwritten by a variety of individual and corporate sponsors. Local artists are invited to submit proposals that demonstrate their imagination and artistic talent to transform a 1960's circa school desk into a work of art. Proposals will be juried and the winning artists will be given a desk to paint or resurface.

Completed desks will be displayed in the community next spring and auctioned off online till April 30<sup>th</sup>. Money raised will support the Foundation's Grant Program which redirects the funds to local schools.

## Innovation Grants

The Foundation funded a third round of Innovation Grants, up to \$500 for projects that could serve as pilot programs for Foundation or District expansion.



Grant project applications from throughout the District were judged blindly, and 11 totaling \$5271.61 were funded for 2007-08:

### Engineers Teaching Algebra

(Higgins Family Fund. Administered by Karie Leetch at Dundee Middle School)

### I Can Write About My Weird School

(Belinda Adams, Golfview)

### Reader's Theater

(Eva Hoffman & Bridgett Demetriou Golfview);

### Student Anthology

(Connie Steward Ridl CMS)

### Pushing Forward

(Elizabeth Thompson, DMS)

### Bringing Back the Bedtime Story (

Karen Gray & April Miron, Perry Elementary);

### Low-Income Students In Need of Classroom Instruments

(Cheryl Curtin, Perry Elementary);

### Learning Content Through Edibles

(Carmen Ortiz, Perry Elementary);

### Improving Fluency Through Reader's Theater

(Lauren Dellsperger, Meadowdale);

### Classroom Jeopardy

(Rob Piercy, Jr., Jacobs High School);

### AP Psychology Test Prep

(Sean Begora, Jacobs High School).

## Member/Supporter Appreciation Gala

On April 26, the foundation came together for their fifth annual Donor Appreciation Gala. The night began with the cool stylings of the Dundee-Crown Jazz Band Combo. Then we launched into highlighting the 2006 "large grant" projects as well as the 2006 "innovative" grant projects. A slideshow featured those generously donated dollars in action.



Hearts and minds looked to the future with the awarding of the 2007 innovative grants. The Foundation

received an historic 28 grant proposals this year from D300 classroom educators. We were pleased to be able to fund 11 grants, including the esteemed Higgins Memorial.

This year the Foundation was able to award the inaugural John D. Court Grant. The Foundation is planning a Foundation Spring Gala for April 25, 2008. Be sure to look for your Save The Date card in January!

Foundation Supporters at the April 26 Donors Gala (L-R): Joe Ehrmann of Dundee-Crown, Maggie Jung of Jacobs, Debby Sosine Trustee, and educator Catherine Flores (seated).

## DesksonParade



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Campaign Ending November 30, 2006

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