

Comal Education Foundation
2010
Annual Report



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The Comal Education Foundation supports educational programs for both the students and staff of the Comal Independent School District. The Foundation provides funds for educational programs and activities which have not been funded or have been under-funded by the normal operating budget. These funds are used to facilitate student achievement and skill development, to recognize staff excellence, and to expand community involvement from individuals, businesses and civic organizations.

Message from the President

This past year has been exciting and challenging for the Comal Education Foundation. As we reflect on this year there is much to celebrate.

Our biggest change was formally adopting a new mission that reflects the true focus of the Foundation's work and vision: The new mission of the Comal Education Foundation is to **ENRICH** learning and **EXPAND** educational opportunities so all Comal ISD students can **EXCEL**. While staying true to the original vision, this new mission statement was formally adopted by the Foundation in 2010 to better explain the focus and impact of the work it is doing.

I am honored to have the privilege of leading a group of dedicated community volunteers whose enthusiasm and commitment to educationally impacting the children of our community goes unmatched and is invaluable for the growth and future of our society.

As we look forward to the future, and celebrating the 10th year of the Foundation, we are implementing a change in our funding strategy which will increase our visibility in the community, insure more direct educational impact to the students, and create a strong platform of sustainability for the Foundation. In 9 years, thousands of student's education has been enriched by the numerous grants and programs the Foundation has provided.

Thank you for your commitment to education excellence in Comal ISD.

Carlene Comer, RN

Mission Statement

To **ENRICH** learning and **EXPAND** educational opportunities so all CISD students can **EXCEL**.

Significant Accomplishments September 1, 2009– August 31, 2010

The 2009-2010 academic year was a time of transition for the Comal Education Foundation. The Foundation hired its first employee, Margaret Tenorio, Executive Director. In spite of the down turn in economic conditions, the Foundation was able to award grants to six schools, that will benefit nearly 4,000 students. Highlights for the 2009-2010 academic year include:

- Welcomed 3 new Gold Partners to the Foundation: Mays Family Enterprises, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Comer, and Joeris General Contractors.
- Awarded 6 grants to 6 different campuses, totaling \$24,000; serving nearly 4,000 students.
- Awarded new school grants to 2 campuses that opened in 2009-2010—Oak Creek and Johnson Ranch Elementary Schools.
- Recognized Comal Independent School District Teachers of the Year.
- Recognized Comal Independent School District Outstanding Support Personnel.
- Hosted the 9th Annual Jan Heckendorn Academic Recognition Banquet, honoring the top 15 graduating students from Canyon, Canyon Lake and Smithson Valley High Schools.
- Provided resource books for all first-year teachers coming to Comal ISD.
- Awarded the Jan Heckendorn Spirit Award to Communities in Schools to provide school supplies in Comal ISD.
- Welcomed 4 new members to the Comal Education Foundation Board of Directors.
- Completed the first full financial audit in the history of the organization.
- Launched a new Foundation website.

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Financial Strength & Sound Management

Financials

Fiscal Year Ending August 31, 2010

Support and Revenues

Contributions	89,630
Special Events net of fundraising expense	45,087
Other Revenues	5,267
Total Support and Revenue	\$139,984

Expenses

Grant Expense	32,369
General and Administrative	81,943
Total Expenses	\$114,312
Change in Net Assets	25,672
Net Assets at beginning of year	166,788
Net Assets at Year End	192,460

Board of Directors

Officers

Carlene Comer, President

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Impacting CISD Students: Teacher Excellence Grant Awards

Arlon Seay Elementary School *Mande Drum Ensemble (\$4,966.79)*

Teacher: Kim Finkbeiner

More than 400 students in grades K-5 will experience music through the art of drumming on a set of West African drums and instruments. The goal is an authentic experience of music- making and utilizing steady beat and rhythm to create incredible music.

Hoffmann Lane Elementary School *Science Before Your Eyes (\$3,409)*

Teachers: Sheila Pfeffer, James Orth, Cheryl Schmidt, Sara Hintze, Michelle Broderick, Amy Morgan, Kelly Carter, Sunshine Barker, Dawn Jonas, Mindi Wing.

“Can you measure the decibels of an airplane that flies over the school?” Science Before Your Eyes will show students just how to do that. Students in every grade level will utilize the latest technology and equipment to measure, collect, see and interpret science in their world. So the next time you want to see the magnetic field of the earth, ask one of the 442 students at Hoffmann Lane to show you how.

Canyon Middle School *Science Labs Everywhere: The answer to hand- on learning! (\$5,000)*

Teachers: Hanna Brown, Darcy Titus, Denise Baughman, Robert Rutledge, Ryan Holbrook, Olivia Kennedy, Vicki Rosenwald, Vanessa Brown, Amy Luna.

More than 870 middle school students will have hands-on science experiences using FOSS kits that contain science supplies, equipment, and on-line resources that turn the classroom into an engaging lab. Students will explore and investigate the world of levers and pulleys, earth’s history, bugs and much more. Positive modeling occurs when students are read aloud to, including exposure to correct pronunciation, proper fluency and a rich, more advanced vocabulary.

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Impacting CISD Students: Teacher Excellence Grant Awards

Church Hill Middle School *Hey! There's An Art Museum In My School (\$895)*

Teacher: Theresa Davis

If you can't take the school to the museum then bring the museum to the school. Church Hill Middle School students will have an opportunity to study works of art by the masters through five traveling art exhibits.

DaVinci, Picasso, Monet and Rousseau are a few of the talents being brought to the campus.

Smithson Valley Middle School *Building Strong Hearts (\$4,848.74)*

Teachers: Tracie Hammond, Sarah Batey, Wayne Rushing, Brad Biesenbach, Amanda Custy, Jennifer Weir, Windi Davidson, Orlando Matta, Stephen Hopkins, Jason Chambliss

Health plays a vital role in a student's ability to focus and learn in school. More than 600 students will discover how their hearts beat and focus on heart health and wellness during PE class. Mio Drive Heart Rate Monitors are going to help school coaches integrate math, health and science into their PE and athletic classes.

Smithson Valley High School *Flippin' Over Science and Math (\$4,848.74)*

Teachers: Misti Thueson, Richard Muenich, Kiley Brown, Dana Ledford, Josh Recio, Dean Hofer, Lynette English, Faylynn McMahan

Cameras aren't just for taking pictures anymore. Smithson Valley High School students will have an opportunity to experience digital technology in laboratories. Students will analyze their work habits, re-check laboratory results, measure exact angles, and provide math classes with meaningful data to analyze. Through digital recordings, science groups can save information in a relevant manner to share with math for analysis, create Podcasts for absent students to view, and trigger memories about scientific processes before assessments.

The grants awarded reflect true commitment from the community for Comal ISD students to receive quality education.

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Foundation Partners: The Community Supporting Education in CISD

The Foundation extends its sincere appreciation to the businesses and individuals that partnered with the Foundation to fund innovative educational grants to teachers, awards to Comal ISD's Teachers and staff, and district-wide program initiatives that are not included in the district's regular operating budget.

2009-2010 Foundation Partners and Event Donors:

SHW Group	Central Electric	Office Depot
Baird -Williams Construction	Charter Builders	R&L Foods
Fugro Consultants	American Constructors, Inc	South Tex Steel
Hunter Industries Ltd.	Comal Council of PTA's	State Farm Insurance– Jeremy Fuller
Pfluger Associates Architects	Austin Shakespeare	CISD Middle School Principals
Texas Intrepid Ventures	FT Woods Construction	Smithson Valley Middle School PTA
Wells Fargo	Fulbright & Jaworski, LLP	Cambridge Strategic Services
Scholastic	Gerloff	Mannington
Drymalla Construction Co.	Guada-Coma Mechanical	CMTA
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JMK Foodservice Consulting	Amegy Bank	Mr. Mark Satlor
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CISD BOT	Church Hill Middle School PTA	Mr. Randall Pawelek
Eduphoria	Cooper's Barbeque	Tom's Quick Lube
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Bartlett Cocke General Contractors	Dr. and Dr. Robert Duron	Will Laubach Insurance
	Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hutchison	
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Comal Education Foundation Pledge Card

YES! I am proud to partner with the Comal Education Foundation. My tax-deductible gift to the Foundation is:

- \$7,500 or more (Diamond)*
- \$5,000 or more (Platinum) *
- \$3,500 or more (Gold)*
- \$1,000 or more (Bronze)
- \$ 500 or more (Investor)
- \$ 200 or more (Benefactor)
- Up to \$199 (Educator)

*Business Logo displayed on CEF web homepage. "Recognition Poster" which will be displayed at all CEF events and at the Comal ISD Administration Building.

Name: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

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I do not wish to have my name publicly released when gifts are acknowledged.

My tax-deductible gift is enclosed in the amount of
\$ _____

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Thank you for supporting educational enrichment for the
students of the Comal Independent School District.