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CEF Distributes Record 'Grants for Educators' Awards

Signifying the largest Grants for Educators distribution in the history of the organization, the Carpinteria Education Foundation (CEF) presented 33 teachers in the Carpinteria Unified School District, with a total of \$22,569 in grant awards.

CEF President Paul Pettine attributed the milestone to a successful fundraising program, "We give credit to our community for these grants. They showed up in record numbers for this year's Carp-A-Cabana fundraiser."

Some of the awards received by teachers included a \$3,300 grant to

the AVID program at the high school; \$1,695 for netbooks in Mrs. Swarm's English class at the middle school; Accelerated Reader books and tests for third grade students at Aliso Elementary School; "I Excel Math" memberships for fourth and fifth grade learners at Canalino; Biography of Scientists in History and Earth Science books for the Carpinteria Family School; a poetry workshop at Summerland School; and a new classroom computer for the Reading Counts Enterprise program at Rincon/Foothill High Schools.



Student Voices: AVID

Last April, Carpinteria High School AVID students traveled to UC Berkeley.

By Juan Jimenez

I am very grateful for being able to attend the AVID Berkeley trip. This trip opened my eyes to the possibility of attending a respected four-year university.

This trip took me away from my family for a couple of days which showed me how it felt to be far away from my parents as well as feeling part of Berkeley. I want to go to a school far away from home so this trip helped me learn how I act and how I feel when I am away from my parents for a period of time.

The Berkeley community is so diverse. I felt right at home when I walked around campus. I learned from our tour guide that it's not just about getting good grades in school, but all the activities that you do and sports that you play. Learning this, I joined more clubs this year as well as continuing to play for the football team and track and field. This trip really affected me in a great way. It made me realize that I could fit in somewhere and be successful. I know that I have to keep working hard in school and be a part of the community.

Overall, being able to go on this trip has helped me succeed more in the classroom, and I hope in two years I will be at Berkeley or another university up north.



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From Development Director Patricia Alpert

A Profound Thank You!

We are truly fortunate to live in a community that is both caring and generous. As development director of CEF, my main job is fundraising for the various programs and projects at our local public schools that need subsidizing. I am so honored to have met and worked with such amazing community partners, from individuals to local businesses and community organizations to private foundations from as far away as Los Angeles and Santa Maria!

With the capital campaign for the Professional Teaching Kitchen at Carpinteria High School underway, we are asking for donations far more frequently than we have in the past, but many of you, including our fabulous local restaurants, have stepped up to the plate to contribute. And we are truly blown away by your generosity.

These projects are YOUR projects. They benefit you and your children or your neighbor's children. And I think they make our community special. Look at some of what we've accomplished in the past: from the middle school field, which provides a running track and tennis courts for the entire community, to comprehensive career path programs at the high school, which give our graduating seniors a leg up on attaining jobs or admission to secondary education. With the Professional Teaching Kitchen, we will add yet another community asset. What a great time to live in Carpinteria!

What's New at our Schools

CEF provided over \$192,000 in funding to Carpinteria public schools last year. Here's a look at the programs that CEF supported through the help of our community partners, private foundations, and donors.

Carpinteria High School

Due to a generous donation from the Robert L. Boughton Memorial Fund, CEF was able to provide an unprecedented \$26,750 in scholarships and awards to 17 seniors from Carpinteria High School.



If you haven't heard already, the District is building a Professional Teaching Kitchen at the high school. This facility will be used for the school's increasingly popular Culinary Arts program as well as adult cooking



and nutrition classes. The plans for the new kitchen were approved by the Department of State Architects, and the project is slated to begin construction in the summer of 2011. See the article on page 4 for more information about the kitchen.

The Organic Farm at the high school continues to supply our cafeterias with fresh, organic produce.

Beginning this spring, CHS will offer a new Ag Science class on Organic Farming methods and technique.



The Hutton Foundation has been a partner of Carpinteria High School for the past five years, funding programs that have made a significant impact in the overall culture of the school, making it a positive and safe learning environment.

Hutton funds have been used for the school's Link Crew Program, Academy of the Healing Arts, Anti-Bullying Workshops, and Youth Violence Prevention. Thanks to the generous funding and continuous support by the Hutton Foundation, Carpinteria High School has seen a significant reduction of suspensions.

This year CHS will develop a comprehensive anti-bullying program that will be presented to the parents, students and staff during the spring semester.

AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) is a college-readiness system designed to increase the number of students who enroll in four-year colleges. Fifty-six students are participating in the high school's AVID program this year. The group recently went to the Getty Museum and Pepperdine and plans to visit Cal Lutheran and CSU Channel Islands this spring. In addition, AVID juniors and seniors will be going on a three-day leadership/outdoor education trip to Camp Whittier this spring.

AVID kicks off its fundraising efforts this month and is launching a

service learning project that all AVID students will participate in.

Carpinteria Middle School

Using one-time federal stimulus funding the district installed 50 spinning bikes to promote physical fitness. All students are enjoying the new spin room in their PE class and a new spin club has also emerged. A CEF site grant was awarded to add a TV to the room for spinning videos.

The school's Ocean Guards Club is in the process of fundraising to provide recyclable containers on the middle school campus. CEF recently provided funds for this project.

The newest club on campus, Glee Club is hosted by Mrs. Regalado-Yeppez and provides singing and dancing opportunities.

Elementary Schools

Thanks again to the Outhwaite Foundation for sponsoring the CUSD Summer Academy, a three-week



program serving 75 students from all four elementary schools. For science instruction, flight was the theme and students constructed rockets and planes. In the writing class, students worked on various forms of poetry and were really able to use their imaginations. Math and reading were stressed in the computer lab, but each week students also went on a virtual field trip. Each day, students came together for a variety of sporting events. During this time new friends were made and the children had a great time. Once the summer session was over, students continued working on the computer programs at home and completed a log. When school began, the logs were turned in and some students earned a \$10 cash award.

Science Matters, the Carpinteria and Santa Barbara School-Community Science Initiative, has trained over forty local elementary school teachers to effectively teach Life, Earth, and Physical Science to their 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students. These teachers, supported by a partnership that includes the Carpinteria Unified School District, UCSB, the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, the Santa Barbara Elementary School District, and a number of local foundations, have helped design and have participated in three years of intensive professional

development focused on elementary science content. The program's impact has "significantly" improved both teacher and student knowledge of science in Years 1 and 2. Year 3 results will be available in late Fall.



Carpinteria Children's Project at Main

Formerly known as the the Main Family Resource Center, the Carpinteria Children's Project at Main (CCPM) addresses early childhood needs. This valuable community resource made possible through the funding of private grants and federal funding. See page 5 for more information on the services provided by CCPM.

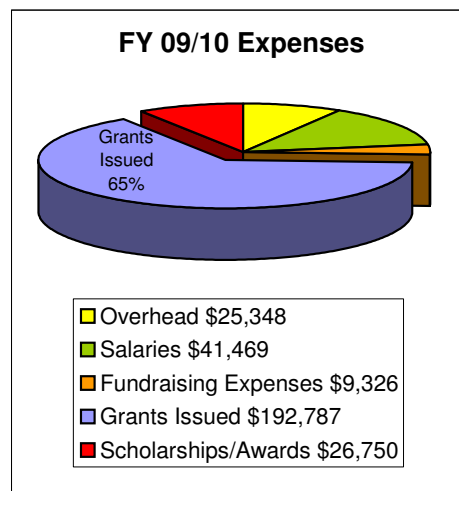
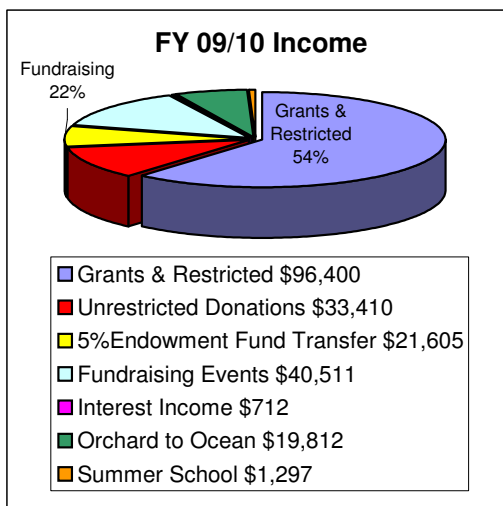
'New Store' at St. Joseph's To Provide Scholarships



The New Store/Resale shop at St Joseph's Church will be awarding \$5,000 in scholarships for CHS seniors beginning this school year.

Yvonne Davisson and Father Beto have been pleased with the profit that the New Store has generated. Shopping days are Wednesday to Saturday from 10-3pm. For more information call 455-2618 or email rau.davisson@verizon.net.

Here's a look at where our funds last year came from... and where they went



The Professional Teaching Kitchen at Carpinteria High School

A New Asset for the Carpinteria Community

In 2006, Carpinteria High School introduced students to a new career path program. The Culinary Arts Institute (CAI) features “dual credit” culinary courses in conjunction with Santa Barbara City College’s School of Culinary Arts and Hotel Management. As a career path, CAI allows its 120 participating students to learn about the culinary industry while giving them post-secondary options that include two and four-year college admission as well as immediate workforce entry. Among the CHS career paths, CAI is greatest in demand.



To advance the program, a new, industry-standard kitchen is needed to replace the 1960s-era home economics facility currently being used. With a new kitchen:

- Students will experience the same equipment/technology, including specialty equipment, used in nearly all sectors of the culinary industry.
- CAI will be positioned to augment the number of SBCC dual credit courses (e.g., baking)
- Community members will be able to take evening culinary classes. Currently, no such classes are offered in Carpinteria. Eleven such classes are offered in Santa Barbara and are extremely popular.
- The District has an ideal training venue for local food service workers (sponsored by the Orfalea Foundation’s s’Cool Food Initiative)
- Classes in preparing healthy meals will be available to parents who are participating in the Carpinteria Children’s Project at Main, the District’s comprehensive early childhood parent education program (targeting over 900 pre-kindergarten children)



Architectural plans were developed with broad input from culinary arts instructors, restaurateurs, caterers, professional chefs, institutional food services managers and professional kitchen designers. The California Division of the State Architect (DSA) has approved the plans making the project “bid-ready.”

With a funded project, the District anticipates breaking ground in June of 2011, completing construction in mid- to late September of the same year.



Construction costs are estimated at \$1.5-\$1.6 million. The following funding has been secured:

State Career Technical Education grant: **\$435,731**
Carpinteria Unified School District match: **\$435,000**
Orfalea Foundation: **\$200,000**
La Centra Sumerlin Foundation: **\$25,000**
Hutton Foundation: **\$10,000**
Cottage Health Systems **\$10,000**
Total Funding to Date: \$1,105,731

The Carpinteria Education Foundation (CEF) and the Carpinteria Unified School District are raising the balance of the funds through grant requests, fundraising events (e.g., November 13 Carpinteria Chefs’ Extravaganza), and private donors.



Michelle Robertson was named Executive Director - Early Childhood Service in Feb.

By Michelle Robertson

Formerly known as the Main Family Resource Center, the Carpinteria Children’s Project at Main (CCPM) is a joint venture of several non-profit organizations, government departments, philanthropists, and school district programs with the mission of supporting families and young children to be successful in their academic careers beginning at birth and culminating at graduation from high school. Focus areas of the project include early health and wellness, including pre-perinatal support; access to children’s programming for children birth to age eight supporting healthy habits; and increasing the parent’s ability to be active participants in their child’s learning. The goal is to support children and families in all areas of development, including mental and physical health, language and social development, and basic family support. The CCPM aims to address all areas of a child’s growth in tandem with community partners that share our goal and mission.

Our Mission

The mission of this program is to provide the coordinated link between services and programs that have typically worked in silos allowing a shift to an intentional effort that addresses the holistic health needs of young children. It is our belief that if children in Carpinteria

Carpinteria Children’s Project Targets Early Childhood Needs

enter school healthy, they will thrive in their academic career. This will be done by providing a clear pathway of services for Carpinteria families beginning during pregnancy and continuing on with the child through high school graduation.

Addressing Childhood Obesity

The CCPM addresses the development of children prenatal through age eight by providing prevention and early intervention programs that address the nutritional and physical needs of the child in their earliest years.



Today, 60% of Carpinteria Unified School District children qualify for the federal Free or Reduced Lunch program indicating that

a significant number of Carpinteria children and families are struggling with how to make ends meet. Recent data from 2009 health screenings of Carpinteria kindergartener’s showed that 56% of all four-six year olds are already overweight or obese, leading us to believe that those same families that struggle financially may also be choosing unhealthy food options because they are less expensive and require less time to prepare. This has far reaching implications not only for the potential to develop adult health issues, but issues that affect the child’s social and emotional capacity to deal with situations ultimately affect learning. Addressing the childhood obesity epidemic in Carpinteria has emerged as our number one priority within our



Health Focus area with our target being on children and families prenatal to age eight.

Nutrition Workshops

Recently, we received funding from Cottage Health Systems to implement our *Early Childhood Health and Wellness Program*. Through this program, we will provide a series of 10 workshops per year focused on *Healthy Alternatives to Family Meals* and will incorporate the use of the Carpinteria High School Professional Teaching Kitchen and organic garden, the Children’s Learning Garden at Main, The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (known as WIC), and the Food Bank ingredients to use in cooking classes for the families. The cooking classes will be ‘family friendly’ with an emphasis on having the child participate in the meal preparation. Additionally, we will work with CUSD Nutrition Services to have families become familiar with the recipes provided through the lunch program as a way of having the school meals become more familiar to the children during the school year.



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2010 Carp-A-Cabana Raises \$42,000!



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Students from **Carpinteria High School's Culinary Arts Institute** helped serve. Special thanks goes to all our volunteers. We couldn't do it without you!

Honoree and retired Principal, **Sally Green**, with Regina and Bruce Davis of Hazard's Cycle-sport.



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