



# SCF NEWS

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Dear «First»,

Happy Holidays! We invite you to read through the articles and see the happenings in our community. Wishing you the best for 2010, from the staff at SCF!



## SCF Awards \$27,190 to Solano Schools



Generous supporters of our community, together with the Foundation, made the Education Plus! Mini-Grant Program possible this year, providing 59 mini-grants toward projects that otherwise may not have been possible.

To show our appreciation of their commitment to education, SCF hosted the Education Plus! Teacher Recognition Dinner in November, where more than 145 people attended this incredible event. Teachers were treated to a delectable spread of food, donated by local eateries prior to receiving raffle prizes and certificates of recognition. To read more, click [here](#).

## President's Message

As we enter 2010, we are hopeful that the country will start to feel the easing of the worst economic climate most of us have ever experienced. Two recent reports provide a few bright spots about charitable giving.



According to *The Chronicle of Philanthropy* (12.10.09), surveys by American Express and American Red Cross indicate "people are more likely to cut back on expenditures like travel and gift-giving this holiday season than on charitable donations... Although 20% plan to cut their donations, almost as many (17%) said they would increase their donations." *The Chronicle* also cites a study by Convio (a fund-raising software company) that claims "donors expect to give a total of more than \$4 billion online this holiday season."

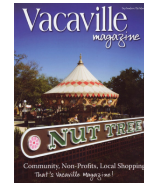
We hope that translates into local charitable giving in Solano County and that you will be counted among those donors. If we can help with your philanthropy, please call us. That's why we're here.

May all your holiday and New Year's wishes come true!

*Stephanie Wolf*

President & CEO of SCF

## Media Features



### Helping Schools

Each year, SCF promotes education through its Ed Plus Program. [Read](#) how one teacher helps her students.



### Searching for Grants

Resources at SCF helped Betty Knoll with her reading program. Learn how [here](#).



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Blogger Patricia Kutza of the Vallejo Community

Examiner takes a tour of SCF and discovers the role of a Community Foundation. Read what she found [here](#).

## Nonprofit Partnership Program



**Current Member Count:**  
**182**

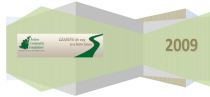
Members continue to join everyday. Be one of them.

[Sign up now!](#)

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## What's New at SCF

### NPP's Community Conversation—Vallejo



On Oct. 14, the Foundation and members of the Nonprofit Partnership Program (NPP) met to discuss the leading issues facing Vallejo today. This “Community Conversation” helped to find the key issues surrounding Vallejo. The top three issues identified are: Education, Basic Needs, and Jobs/Livable Wages.

Fulfilling NPP's mission as a grant maker, SCF has issued a Request for Proposals (up to \$5,000) for nonprofits who are located in, or serve in, Vallejo. To read more, click [here](#).

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### 2010 Workshop and Training Schedule Released

SCF released its 2010 Workshop and Training schedule, offering a series of workshops designed to help the nonprofits in Solano County succeed in their mission of providing services in the community.



A total of 18 workshops will be provided for NPP members, including four quarterly Breakfast Mixers held at the Hilton Garden Inn Fairfield. SCF will still offer a select group of free workshops throughout the year. For more information, click [here](#).

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### Years of Philanthropy in the Community



After years of service with Solano Community Foundation, both Brett Johnson (left) and Don Erickson (right) are resigning from their post as board members effective Dec. 31, 2009.

SCF is grateful for their valuable time, efforts, and support of the Foundation. Their years of service as board members have helped to further SCF's mission with their expertise and genuine concern. Thank you for being a part of our board and we wish you well!

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## SCF Funds

The Foundation currently has more than 50 funds that cover an array of interests. If you would like to make a positive and lasting change in our community in an area of your interest, please visit our [Fund List page](#).

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