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**SOLANO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OFFERS
EDUCATION PLUS! MINI-GRANTS TO PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS**

Solano County Public School Teachers are Eligible to Receive Grants Between \$100 and \$500 for School Projects

FAIRFIELD, Ca., - The Solano Community Foundation, Frank H. and Eva B. Buck Foundation, and Advocates for the Arts are partnering again this year to offer up to \$40,000 in educational grants for teachers in grades K-12 in all Solano County public schools.

Grants awarded range between \$100 and \$500 for each project and can include field trips, math and science projects, literature and history programs, library materials, and creative and performing arts activities.

Applications for Education Plus! Mini-Grants are available from school principals, on school websites, and on the Foundation's website at www.solanocf.org. Deadline to apply is noon on Tuesday, September 30, 2008. Application and cover sheet may be hand-delivered, faxed to 707-399-3849 or mailed to 1261 Travis Boulevard, Suite 320, Fairfield, CA 94533.

Grant applications will be reviewed by the Foundation's Grants Committee and will be awarded in mid-November for projects to start either later this year or in early 2009.

Grantees for the 2008-09 Mini-Grant cycle will be recognized at the Awards Ceremony on Thursday, November 20, 2008, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

"Education Plus! is our signature grant program, and one we have funded since 2000," said Stephanie Wolf, President and CEO of the Solano Community Foundation. "We feel that students are our County's greatest asset, and we are pleased to be able to partner with teachers who are creative in providing special educational opportunities to their classes. It is always interesting and fun to see what projects are proposed. We've seen teachers do amazing things with these small grants," stated Wolf.

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The Solano Community Foundation has received pledges for matching funds from Advocates for the Arts, a fundraising group that supports Solano County arts, and the Frank H. and Eva B. Buck Foundation, a private foundation in Vacaville.

“The Buck Foundation’s grant requires a match to release their funds for this program. We are looking for other partners to help us meet their \$15,000 match,” Wolf continued. “For every \$500 fully tax-deductible gift to the Foundation, one more mini-grant is secured for the teachers and students of our county.”

Last year, 84 teachers representing all seven cities of the county garnered Ed Plus! Mini-Grants totaling \$37,500. The program, created by the Solano Community Foundation in 2000, contributes to the development of learning and increases the awareness of education as a vital force in the community.

The Solano Community Foundation was established in 1995, incorporated in 2000, and is dedicated to strengthening the community now and for future generations. It is a 501(C)(3) organization that provides the opportunity for donors to make a lasting contribution to causes in Solano County that are close to their hearts. Stephanie Wolf, President & CEO of the Solano Community Foundation, can be reached at 707-399-3846.

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