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

FAIRFIELD, Calif., - Solano Community Foundation has once again opened the application process for the Education Plus! Mini-Grant Program to Solano County public school teachers, K-12, who are eligible to receive grants between \$100 and \$500 for school projects.

These grants are designed to promote education by enhancing a student's learning experience at school through a variety of projects, including 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 on the Foundation's website at www.solanocf.org. Deadline to apply is 5 p.m. Wednesday, September 30, 2009. Applications may be hand-delivered, faxed to 707-399-3849, emailed to scfadmin@solanocf.org with a signed PDF attachment, or hand-delivered 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 2010.

Grantees for the 2009-10 Mini-Grant cycle will be recognized at the Teacher Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, November 18, 2008, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Fairfield Community Center, 1000 Kentucky Street in Fairfield.

To be eligible for a mini-grant, the participant:

1. Must be a teacher in Solano County, teaching students in grades K-12,
2. Have already submitted the required Project Report if they are a 2008-09 Ed Plus! recipient, and
3. Must have a project that augments or enhances curriculum and classroom instruction in math, science and technology; reading/literacy, history, English/foreign language; or creative and performing arts.

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The Solano Community Foundation has received pledges for matching funds from the Frank H. and Eva B. Buck Foundation, MV Transportation, Harry and Eleanor D. Nelson Vacaville Endowment Fund, Copart, Westamerica Bancorp, Happel & Associates, and individual donors.

Last year, 59 teachers representing all seven cities of the county garnered Ed Plus! Mini-Grants totaling \$26,618. Since its inception in 2000, Solano Community Foundation has awarded 499 grants totaling just over \$218,000. These grants contribute to the development of learning and increase 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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