



SCF NEWS

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Welcome!

We are delighted to have this new bimonthly e-newsletter forum to let our friends and colleagues see what is happening at the Solano Community Foundation. Here is an easy way to learn news from our fundholders and donors, grantees, community partners, SCF Board members and staff. Enjoy!



A priceless gift: Giving back to your community



The Solano Community Foundation is this county's philanthropic conduit for donors, professional advisors, grantseekers, policymakers, and nonprofit organizations, their leaders and constituents. We have been helping our community since 2000 and are proud to be the hub for these different sectors of Solano County. We are community members helping community causes. Our Education Plus! Mini-Grant Program makes \$500 grants to K-12 public school teachers. Our robust workshop series and extensive database of grantmakers provide needed information and skills for Board members, staff and volunteers in our community. Our Professional Advisors Luncheons deliver tools to help foster a culture of philanthropy in Solano County. Our totally revamped website www.solanocf.org gives:

- Helpful information for all our constituents and is easy to access and download.
- Online giving capability for quick and easy donations to different programs of the Foundation, our Seven Cities Funds (if you want to give in your own hometown), and to any fund held at the Foundation.
- Online registration for any, or all, of our many workshops.
- A community calendar where any nonprofit organization's events can be listed and linked to their own website.

We are interested to know what you think. If you have information you'd like to see, just let us know.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Wolf

President and CEO of SCF

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SCFast Facts

We offer technical and administrative support to nonprofits making a difference in the arts, civic affairs, education, environment, animal welfare, youth and senior programs, and health and human services. We also sponsor the Solano Nonprofits Coalition. We help donors assist the community in widely varied ways. We network with community foundations across the country so that Solano County residents can participate in national crisis response.

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Mini-Grants enrich the education and lives of our students



Since our inception in 2000, SCF has offered \$500 grants to K-12 public school teachers throughout Solano County for academically-enriching projects structured to enhance students' learning experiences at school through special projects in the arts, sciences, and real life application of knowledge. In seven years, 440 grants have been made for a total of \$191,485. Historically, this "Education Plus! Mini-Grant Program" received support from the Frank H. and Eva B. Buck Foundation, Advocates for the Arts, Valero Refining Company - California, and MV Transportation.

Last year, we awarded 84 mini-grants, totaling \$37,195 to sponsor projects in literacy, performing and visual arts, field trips, science and technology. This year, we expect to award as much as \$60,000 for over 120 mini-grants.

Students from Willis Jepson Middle School performing at "USO Show and Din-

We are looking for partners to sponsor mini-grants for the 2008-2009 academic year. We are asking corporations, local businesses, families and individuals to meet the shortfall. We have just received a \$1,500 grant from Westamerica Bancorporation. We

hope that we can count on you too. For every \$500 donated toward this Program, a special project will be available for our communities' students.

Every penny of these funds goes toward the costs of these projects. No overhead or administrative fee is deducted. All donors will be acknowledged and thanked in our press materials, printed pieces, on our website, and on the program for the Teacher Recognition Event to be held on November 20, 2008.

Free workshops offer learning opportunities

SCF is offering more than 25 workshops this year for the nonprofit sector. They provide learning opportunities and guidance, with topics ranging from grant proposal writing to setting up a nonprofit. Upcoming workshops include:

"Reporting and Evaluation," part of the Intermediate Module series. This session will review the requirements of reporting and provide guidance on how to comply with them. Presented by Connie Harris and Jennifer Bush and held on **May 20** from 9 a.m. to noon at the Joseph Nelson Community Center, Room B, 611 Village Drive, Suisun.

"Cooperating Collection Training (2)," a workshop for nonprofit staff who work in the field of education. Presented by Connie Harris and held on June 9 from 9-11 a.m. at the Fairfield Civic Center Library, 1150 Kentucky St., Fairfield.

"Leadership Development," part of the Advance Module series. This workshop will help define and explain the differences between leaders and managers, and how roles change in organizations. Presented by Rochelle Sherlock on June 16 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Fairfield Civic Center Library, 1150 Kentucky St., Fairfield.



Nonprofit resources

Solano Community Foundation offers a list of resources for nonprofits on our web site, such as Trend Tracker, a free new online search tool, offers immediate, interactive access to the Center's historical financial data on U.S. grantmakers. See the complete list at www.solanosf.org.

Questions?

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Donor Recognition Event

With their generous gifts, our donors make an investment in the community and, in many instances, create a legacy for future generations. Without these gifts, Solano Community Foundation would not be the strong and vibrant force it is.

We are grateful to our donors and appreciate their involvement in the mission of SCF; a dedication to strengthen our community and make a lasting contribution to the people of Solano County.

On June 12, 2008, we will host a memorable dinner event to thank and recognize our donors and all the men and women who contribute to the work of SCF. Look for pictures in our next issue!

In our July issue . . .

- The Harry and Eleanor D. Nelson Vacaville Endowment Fund
- SCF introduces the Legacy Society
- The Community Memorial Fund