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EEF's Core Report

Palo Verde Girls Basketball Pays it Forward

EEF helped fund the Palo Verde girls basketball team's annual fundraiser to raise money for the local Susan G. Komen Foundation. The team applied for matching funds from EEF's Pay it Forward Matching Grant program for students. Conceived by former TUSD Superintendent, Roger Pfueffer, the idea was to

create a fund for student based community projects. The Palo Verde girls basketball team applied for a matching grant to fund their annual Spaghetti Dinner. As a result of the students' hard work and EEF's matching grant, the team raised \$1,242 that was awarded to the Susan G. Komen Foundation at their end of season

banquet on April 12. EEF was there to congratulate the team on a job well done.

For more information about EEF's Pay it Forward program, and to inquire about the application process, go to our website:

<http://eef Tucson.org/Documents/PayItForwardApp.pdf>

Palo Verde players present their donation to Tanya Moreno of the Susan G. Komen Foundation.



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Did you know...

that EEF's Focus on Vision Program provided free eye exams and eyeglasses to 200 students since last August?

that 900 high school students have received assistance with sports and fine arts participation fees this school year?

That EEF receives no Funding from any government source?

Meet "Us" Downtown for the TMC 5K Run/Walk!

EEF is looking for team members for the May 31 TMC Meet Me Downtown annual event. This event brings serious runners and not so serious walkers together for the first leg of the 2014 Gabe Zimmerman Triple Crown. There is a \$20 entrance fee for each team member. The event

raises funds for local charitable organizations, including a generous \$1,000 pledge to the Educational Enrichment Foundation to fund student athletes. There are also opportunities to volunteer at EEF's water station, where cups of water are offered up to over 5,000 runners. Come downtown

and join the fun. For more information, call (520)-325-8688 or send query to info@eef Tucson.org.



Record breaking Spring Shoe Shopping Days!

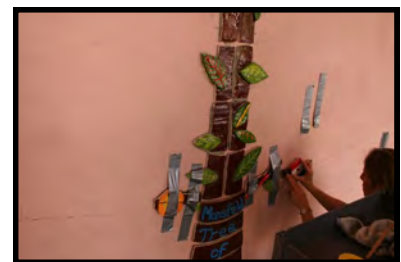
With the generous help of our sponsors, the Rincon Optimist Club, the PICOR Charitable Foundation and Payless Shoes Source, we put a spring in the steps of 363 students. EEF has partnered with Payless Shoe Source for over twenty years to provide shoes to children in the Tucson Unified School District. Our generous sponsors know many children won't come to school if their shoes are ill-fitting. It's hard to run and play and it's difficult to concentrate on studies for children if their feet hurt. New shoes, new socks and a famous cookie from eegee's brought a smile to many faces, including the volunteers.



EEF Funded Classroom grant provides tile mural at Mansfeld

Visual Arts teacher at Mansfeld Middle School, Lisa Bradford, started the installation of the Mansfeld Tree of Life tile mural funded with a 2013 EEF grant. The tiles, created by 7th grade students are going up with the help of grad students at the University of Arizona. More tiles will be added to the ongoing project next year, thanks to a 2014 classroom grant. EEF hopes the mural will be enjoyed by students and staff for years to come.

"The symbolism of the Mexican "tree of life" values many cultures past and present. Students will learn a planning method for creating a collaborative mural." Lisa Bradford, EEF grant recipient



Catalina High School students go Around the World in 80 Days



Catalina High School students were treated to a theatrical experience at ATC's Around the World in 80 Days. The field trip, was funded by an EEF

Classroom Grant to teach American culture through theater. Julie Kasper tied the trip to the English Language Development curriculum as well as English

Language Arts, Science and Geography. EEF was lucky enough to be a part and watch these students enjoy the day.



Catching up with students who graduated...

In an effort to better measure the success of EEF's Interscholastic Scholarships program, our staff is always glad to catch up with students to see how they are doing after graduation. We recently met Kathy Fisher, a remarkable young woman, whose sports participation fee was covered so she could be on the track team at Sahuaro High School two years ago. Kathy is currently a student at Pima Community College with hopes to start the nursing program. Last May, Kathy broke the PCC school record for the Womens

400 Meter Hurdles. Kathy told us that she genuinely doesn't think she would be in college today if EEF had not helped her join the track team in high school. The confidence she gained at a pivotal time in her school and family life gave her the extra boost she needed to make college part of her future. Kathy's future is looking very bright these days. She planned a trip to New York this past spring to visit Syracuse University where she is interested in studying Sports Medicine. EEF is glad to have made an investment in Kathy's future.



Celebrity Adult Spelling Bee — Coming August 8, 2014

If you missed EEF's first annual Celebrity Spelling Bee last year, you missed fun. With the help of Larry Sakin and the Sakin Foundation, EEF is planning our second event on Friday, August 8, 2014 at the Temple of Music and Art. We are looking for spellers and sponsorships for this hugely entertaining event. Save the date for FUNraiser and fundraiser that raises money for EEF's 30 year old Classroom Grant project for creative teachers.



Our lovely 2013 award winning spellers, Lucy Howell, Hilary Van Alsburg and Donna Tang.

EEF's Focus on the Future students concentrate on space

Selected as 5th graders in 2010, EEF's Focus on the Future program takes these students on a field trip to the University of Arizona every March to visit a different department to explore their possibilities. This year, the now 8th graders visited the famous telescope mirror polishing lab and Flan-dreau Planetarium where they met up with Ross Dubois with the OSIRIS-Rex project. This project was partially funded by the Stocker Foundation.



Model of Magellan Telescope





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► **Providing resources to
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in TUSD since 1983.**



The Educational Enrichment Foundation was established in 1983 through a grant from the Ford Foundation, and is an independent non-profit organization offering programs in support of children and staff in the Tucson Unified School District. Currently, a board of sixteen directors governs EEF, consisting of educators and community members. The mission of EEF is to provide resources to expand and enrich student learning in the Tucson Unified School District (TUSD). EEF provides these resources through the following programs: 1) Special Needs Program that provides resources for basic needs, including clothing, shoes and eye care for students living in poverty to be able to enter the classroom prepared to learn; 2) Classroom Grants to Teachers for innovative and creative classroom projects; and 3) Scholarships to students for athletic and fine arts participation fees and post-secondary studies.



How you can direct your Arizona taxes to help TUSD kids

Individuals can make a difference in the lives of children in TUSD and get a dollar-for-dollar tax credit. It's simple.

Donate to EEF and when you file your taxes, Arizona taxpayers may claim up to \$400 for married couples or \$200 for single taxpayers as the Arizona Charitable Tax Credit. You can direct your Arizona taxes to helping the students in Tucson who need help with very basic needs like shoes, eyeglasses, clothing and participation fees.

Help EEF level the playing field for all students in the Tucson Unified School District. Read more about how you can help children and take advantage of this state tax credit!



Save the Date

EEF's 16th Annual Ray Davies Lifetime
Humanitarian Achievement Awards Luncheon

Thursday, October 23, 2014

2014 Honorees: Lisa Lovallo &
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