

LAYING THE GROUNDWORK

Founding donors help pave way for Education Foundation endeavors

The founding donors of the Pasadena ISD Education Foundation have paved the way toward a solid future for the organization, while helping to provide much needed resources to help students and teachers succeed in the classroom.

"The foundation is very diligent in their commitment to help children," Pasadena ISD Superintendent Dr. Rick Schneider said. "Through their time and their resources, they are helping to make a difference in the lives of our students."

At the start of the 2003-2004 school year, the foundation hosted the Founders' Drive and set a goal of raising \$210,000. The Founders' Drive was one of many highlights of the year. Thanks to the donations from not only the founding donors, but also other businesses, companies and individuals, the foundation was able to award more than \$51,000 in mini-grants to teachers and staff at 24 campuses throughout the district. The grants will be used for a variety of instructional needs and innovative programs at these schools. This year's total of grants well surpassed the \$20,000 awarded in 2003.

The foundation also got another boost this year when officials with Pasadena ISD's Texas Invitational basketball tournament recently donated \$10,000 and announced that proceeds from the annual event will go to the organization.

"This is now the foundation's major fundraiser," said Ben Meador, Texas Invitational tournament chairman and Foundation director. "We had a great turnout for this year's event and received a lot of support from the community, businesses and sponsors. It is already beginning to look like this year's tournament is going to be bigger and better than ever."

In May, the Foundation held their "Shining Stars Gala," which was an academic recognition banquet where the top 10 seniors from each high school

nominated a special teacher that made a lasting impact on their lives. The students had their photos taken with the teachers and the educators received recognition at the banquet.

Pasadena ISD's Education Foundation President Herman Williams said the founding donors have laid the groundwork that the Foundation can build from in the future. "Our board realizes that they have a golden opportunity to positively impact the quality of education being provided to the students," he said.

Miller Intermediate School science teacher Cindy Bagwill, left, was an inspirational teacher to recent South Houston High School graduate Elizabeth Reyes.



This year's founding donors are as follows:

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Pasadena ISD mourns loss of Shanklin

Marilyn Shanklin, the district's grants and Education Foundation liaison, passed away June 7 after a brief battle with pancreatic cancer. She was 55.

"Marilyn was a valued member of our Pasadena ISD work family," said

Superintendent Dr. Rick Schneider. "She will be remembered for her compassion for the well-being of teachers and students. She was also one of the friendliest people I've been associated with. She will be missed."

Shanklin came to

Pasadena ISD in August 2002 from Pearland ISD. During her tenure in Pasadena, she helped secure many grants for the district, but was well-known in helping increase the involvement and visibility of the Pasadena ISD