## Education Foundation to host March 26 gala

The Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation is excited to announce its inaugural appreciation gala, the "Making Dreams Come True" event set for Saturday, March 26 at the Goose Creek Country Club.

The event will be a fun-filled evening featuring a seated dinner, special entertainment, dancing, and a silent auction.

The Foundation is extending an invitation to community members and businesses to attend the gala. This is an outstanding opportunity to publicly support the efforts of the Foundation in this special event. Proceeds from the gala will benefit the teachers and students of Goose Creek CISD. Tickets are \$75 each.

During these tough economic times and looming state budget cuts, the dollars raised by the Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation are vital in helping Goose Creek CISD fund programs which would otherwise not be possible through standard educational funding.

The Gala is an opportunity to thank the many sponsors of the Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization. Since its inception in 2009, the Education Foundation has distributed about \$40,000 for programs that benefit students and teachers across the 128 square mile district.

Also, approximately \$50,000 in teaching grants will be awarded in May.

"The Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation has a strong commitment to Goose Creek CISD. Its primary focus is to enhance the quality of education for our children," said Dr. Toby York, Goose Creek CISD superintendent.



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The mission of the Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation is to partner with the community to provide resources to enrich teaching, inspire learning, and provide opportunities for excellence in education for all students in the Goose Creek Consolidated Independent School District.

David Frazier, president and CEO of Community Resource Credit Union and vice president of development of the foundation, will be the master of ceremonies at Saturday's gala.

The featured speaker will be Michelle Sulak, a Bowie Elementary School teacher who was awarded two grants from the Education Foundation last year.

Sulak received a \$1,200.98 grants for "Integrating Science to Benefit Students" project. This project will provide a language arts teacher with the science books that meet each individual fifth grade science TEKS. Sulak also received a grant for \$910.04 for "Literacy Launch." This project provides the necessary materials and opportunities for disadvantaged children to take home literacy activities and perform on grade level.

Tickets to the "Making Dreams Come True" gala are \$75 each. Please contact Laurie Terry at 281-420-8459 to purchase tickets or make a donation.

The Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation is totally supported through the donations of businesses and people who care about Goose Creek schools and desire to participate by financially supporting it. If anyone would like to be a part of this exciting program, contact the GCCISD Education Foundation office at P.O. Box 8081, Baytown, Texas, 77522; by phone at 281-839-7700; or check out its website at <u>here</u>.

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