

GCCISD Education Foundation launches annual campaign

The Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation Board of Directors has kicked off its annual fund-raising drive. This year's drive is a collective effort to bring donations from corporations and individuals to fund innovative teaching grants and recognize teacher excellence for Goose Creek CISD schools.

The theme of this year's fundraising drive is "Making Dreams Come True." The goal is \$150,000.

Created in 2009, the Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit charitable organization created for the benefit of the school district and will provide funding not allocated through tax dollars.

"Our mission is to generate resources exclusively for our school district for the implementation of innovative programs and continued momentum toward excellence," said David Frazier, Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation Board president. "By committing to the foundation's annual giving campaign, you ensure that the future of Goose Creek's students remains a bright one."

Living up to his words, Frazier, who is president and CEO of Community Resource Credit Union, donated \$10,000 on behalf of the credit union to the foundation.

Joining Frazier in kicking off the annual fund-raising drive, former Education Foundation Board president Roger Elswick, who owns the Community auto dealerships in Baytown, made a \$12,500 donation.

Since its inception, the Education Foundation has awarded 88 grants totaling more than \$105,000 to teachers across the district.

The grants are delivered by a "Surprise Patrol," comprised of Education Foundation members, Goose Creek CISD school board members and administrators armed with noise makers, kazoos, clappers, air horns, and accompanied by band members and cheerleaders from each of the three high schools who march up and down the school halls boisterously before arriving at the classroom to award the grant.

A large and diverse group of 32 individuals serve on the Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation Board of Directors, representing areas of community, corporate, parental and educational opinions. Backgrounds rooted in the community as well as those new to the area are included in this dedicated group of volunteers.



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Roger Elswick, right, and his wife, Kim, co-owners of the Community auto dealerships in Baytown, make a \$12,500 donation to the Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation. At left is David Frazier, Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation Board president.

"We are fortunate to have this group of highly motivated and dedicated individuals giving their time and efforts to our district," said Dr. Toby York, Goose Creek CISD superintendent.

York said the Education Foundation is vital to Goose Creek CISD, bridging the gap between funds the state provides for basic education and the dollars our schools need to prepare students for success in school and life.

"Educational enrichment is our ongoing mission, and that's why the annual Education Foundation campaign is so important," York said. "We hope that individuals, families and businesses in Baytown and Highlands will support our organization so that we can provide even more meaningful programs for our children for years to come."

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 281-420-4813; or check out its website <u>here.</u>