



GOOSE CREEK

CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation Hosts Luncheon for Major Vendors

Nearly 50 guests filled the Goose Creek CISD Administration Building Texas room to attend the second annual "Major Vendors Luncheon" hosted recently by the Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation.

Companies represented included Aramark, Tremco, Balfour, Chatham Construction, VLK Architects, Hotchkiss Disposal, Start & Busch, PSI Health Plans, The Flippen Group, RBC Capital Markets, Amtech Elevators, Chase Bank, Team Outfitters, Barnes and Noble, Hydrotex, and Prologix Technology Systems.

Welcoming the business leaders was Education Foundation President David Frazier.

Frazier, who is the president and CEO of Community Resource Credit Union told the audience that the foundation's sole focus is on the students and teachers of Goose Creek CISD.

"We want to make a difference for our children, our teachers, and community," Frazier said. "We are here to provide both teachers and students the resources that would not otherwise be available due to limited funding."

Established in 2009, the Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation aims to enhance community support and to expand resources that enrich teaching, inspire learning, and maximize opportunities for all students in the Goose Creek school system.

The Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation is a charitable organization under the Internal Revenue Service section 501(c)(3), and contributions to the organization are tax deductible.

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

Last spring, the Foundation awarded a record amount of grants — 48 totaling more than \$66,00 to support innovative educational projects. Grants ranged in size from \$341 to \$2,537.

This year's goal is to raise \$150,000 that will be used for grants to be distributed in the spring.

The Oct. 31 luncheon showcased the merits of supporting the education foundation that kicked off its fundraising campaign. The theme of the fundraising drive is "Making Dreams Come True."

The luncheon's featured speaker was Debbie Himsel, a Goose Creek Memorial High School health science teacher, who was awarded a grant from the Education Foundation last year.

In fact, Himsel's grant was one of three grants awarded to create the school district's new Certified Nurse Aide Training and Clinical Program.

Offering a CNA program was a major goal for health science teachers at all three high schools: Himsel, RN, Goose Creek Memorial; Glenda Sandifer, RN, Robert E. Lee; and Donna Truncale, RT, Ross S. Sterling.

The purchase of curriculum and a training manikin was made possible by three Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation grants awarded to each high school totaling nearly \$3,000.



Tremco Inc. donated \$1,500 to the GCCISD Education Foundation at the foundation's vendors luncheon on Oct. 31. From left are foundation member Jim Wadzinski, Dave Nabor of Tremco, and foundation president David Frazier.

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The new health science classes prepare students academically and professionally for careers in the health care industry, but specific training was needed to prepare students to enter the health care work force while in school or soon after graduation.

Now in its second year, Himsel said that students in the popular program have experience the full range of training that can be offered, from seeing babies born to aiding patients near death. She also noted that the program enjoys perfect attendance from its students.

"The best investment we can make is in the next generation ... our children," she said.

The inspirational moments also included a video of teachers receiving foundation grants and their reactions.

Much of the reason for the growing number of foundations in the state is that Texas commits far less resources to its schools than most other states in the nation — and funding continues to fall.

It is the mission of the Education Foundation to bridge this gap, and to provide the money schools need to prepare students for success.

Thirty-two volunteers serve on the Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation Board of Directors and represent many areas of community, corporate, parental, and educational interests.

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. Contact the GCCISD Education Foundation office at P.O. Box 8081, Baytown, Texas, 77522; by phone at 281-839-7700.

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