



GOOSE CREEK

CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

GCCISD Education Foundation launches annual campaign

The Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation Board of Directors announces Sept. 15, 2010 as the official kick-off date to begin its annual drive. This year's drive is a collective effort to bring donations from corporations and individuals to fund innovative teaching grants and academic achievement for Goose Creek CISD schools.

The theme of this year's fundraising drive is "Making Dreams Come True."

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.

"The Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation is another creative way to enhance educational programs in our district without raising taxes," said David Frazier, Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation board vice president of development and spearheading the campaign. "Our collective mission is to generate and distribute resources exclusively to our school district for the implementation of innovative programs and continued momentum toward excellence. 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.

Education Foundation Board president Roger Elswick, who owns the Community dealerships in Baytown, made a \$7,500 donation, and the Carmage and Martha Ann Walls Foundation, represented by Baytown Sun Publisher Janie Halter, contributed \$5,000 to the foundation.

In its inaugural campaign last year, the Education Foundation awarded 16 grants totaling more than \$16,000 to 15 teachers at 11 different campuses. This year's goal is to raise \$75,000 for grants to be distributed in the fall and spring semesters.

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, kazooes, 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.

It's a big deal for the Education Foundation and for teachers.

Bowie Elementary fifth grade teacher Michelle Sulak earned two innovative teaching grants totaling \$2,110.

Mrs. Sulak was awarded one grant for \$1,200.98 for a project to integrate science into language arts classes, and another grant for \$910.04 for a project that provides the necessary materials and opportunities for disadvantaged children to take home literacy activities to help them perform on grade level.

"Baytown supports their teachers and provides not only the essentials, but also all the 'extras' that make great teaching possible," Mrs. Sulak said. "I appreciate the opportunity to add to the creative instruction that Bowie strives for every day. The two grants will support science and literacy while providing activities at home for parents to be further involved in their children's education."

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.

"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 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 281-839-7700; or check out its [website](#).



President/CEO of Community Resource Credit Union David Frazier (third from left) kicks off the "Making Dreams Come True" Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation Fundraising Campaign with a \$10,000 Platinum sponsorship from CRUCU. Frazier also serves as vice president of development for the Foundation and is spearheading the campaign. Accepting the check is Roger Elswick, president of the foundation, joined by Foundation Board members (from left) Sandra Bell, vice president of marketing; Daryl Fontenot, secretary; Don Coffey, and Gilbert Santana, vice president of programs.



Presenting a \$7,500 check to the Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation from Community Toyota*Honda*Kia are (from left) owners Roger, Kim, and Makena Elswick. Elswick is also president of the Foundation. This donation is a gold sponsorship as part of the kick off for the fundraising campaign, "Making Dreams Come True." Accepting the check from the Foundation is Mike Wilson, vice president of finance.



Janie Halter, publisher of the Baytown Sun, presents a \$5000 check from The Carmage and Martha Ann Wall Foundation for a gold sponsorship to the Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation. Receiving the check is Foundation President Roger Elswick. Also representing the Foundation are Board officers Sandra Bell, Daryl Fontenot, and Gilbert Santana. The Foundation kicked off its "Making Dreams Come True" fundraiser on September 15.

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