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CREATING A BETTER FUTURE TODAY



MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR **GLENNA MCCOLLUM-CLOUD**

Dear CEF Contributor,

The 2006-2007 school year was another year of success and growth for the Chandler Education Foundation (CEF). The Chandler Education Foundation is a phenomenon for a K-12 public school foundation. Of the 4,000 public school foundations nationwide, it is estimated that nearly half raise less than \$40,000 a year, and one-fifth raise less than \$10,000. Only seven percent raise more than \$100,000 per year, and many raise only what they need to allocate in grants and scholarships (J.B. Sweeney, 2007).

That is not the case here in Chandler. This year, CEF is poised to hit the \$10 million mark for total donations as it steadily raises nearly \$1 million annually in support of unique and innovative programs in partnership with the Chandler Unified School District. It took 11 years for CEF to raise its first cumulative million dollars, now it raises nearly that amount each year.

The forward thinking of our board, our school district and the Chandler community has taken this foundation far beyond many others. Our well-established programs like VISION:CollegeBound and 100% Awareness continued to be successful this year, and we branched out into new ventures like the CUSD Student Crisis Fund, *Giggles, Squiggles and Squirms* and the Arizona Parent Information Resource Center (PIRC).

It is with this forward thinking in mind that we ask you, our contributors, to think about the future. As Chandler grows exponentially, we can only keep up with that growth with your help. It is with the support of Chandler community members, school families, business and industry, and alumni and retirees that we will be able to continue to create a better future, today for our students. Thank you for all you do to make the Chandler Education Foundation a model for other foundations to follow.

Sincerely,
Glenna McCollum-Cloud
Executive Director
Chandler Education Foundation



OUR MISSION

THROUGH ITS MISSION OF PROVIDING COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION, AND PROMOTING LIFELONG LEARNING AND RESPONSIBLE CITIZENSHIP FOR CHANDLER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDENTS, THE CHANDLER EDUCATION FOUNDATION HAS GIVEN THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO SUCCEED OVER THE PAST 20 YEARS.

CREATING A BETTER FUTURE WITH **DESTINATION:COLLEGEBOUND**

In fourth grade, San Marcos Elementary student Brianna Garcia used to beg her mom to let her stay home from school. She thought school was boring.

A year later, she is a star student in her fifth grade classroom, serving as a special helper to her teacher and never missing a day of school.

In June 2007, everything changed for Brianna when she 'went to college' through CEF's Destination:CollegeBound summer school program.

"At college I learned that learning is not boring, it's fun," Brianna said. "It just depends on how you do it and your attitude."

Through the program, more than 100 third, fourth, fifth and sixth graders from San Marcos Elementary went to classes at Chandler-Gilbert Community College. For many, it was their first time seeing a college campus.



Brianna with teacher Dolores Barcelo

"I never knew what college would be like," Brianna said. "At first I was scared. Now that I went, I want to go again."

Many of Brianna's San Marcos classmates felt the same way before attending the program, according to her fifth-grade teacher Dolores Barcelo.

"We're a Title I school and our students know very little about college," Mrs. Barcelo said. "They don't yet have a perception of college and they think it's for other kids, not them."

One of the goals of the program is to change that perception by showing the students that college is nothing to be afraid of.

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BRIANNA GARCIA**

Like in Brianna's case, getting an early vision of college can change the way a student approaches school. After attending the program, Brianna now plans to go to ASU someday.

She is also an example to her classmates. Brianna was recently elected by her class as the 'honorary

student'—a leader who demonstrates responsibility, respectfulness and citizenship.

"I love coming to school everyday," Brianna said. "My mom is happy I want to learn and go to school now. She's proud of me. It feels good."

Destination:CollegeBound is part of CEF's "Children of Promise" program which has offered educational opportunities during the summer to more than 9,000 children since 1990.

"My fifth grade students saw the college students at Chandler-Gilbert and started to see that life for themselves. That is a great thing," Mrs. Barcelo said.

In December 2007, Destination:CollegeBound was chosen as a runner up for an Arizona School Boards Association Golden Bell Award, which honors public school programs that have shown outstanding success in student achievement.

To support programs like Destination:CollegeBound, please visit www.ChandlerEdFoundation.org and click on the "Donate Now" page for more information.

SERVING A PURPOSE: SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

During his time at Basha High, scholarship recipient Tyler Libey learned that life was about more than excellent grades and attendance.

He learned that service is what really makes the difference.

"I would not have been the same person I am today if I had not done the community service involved with VISION:CollegeBound," he said.

Tyler was the recipient of three scholarships totaling \$5,000 from CEF, including VISION:CollegeBound, which requires students to complete 100 hours of community service.

Whether it was volunteering at the library or working at a food bank, Tyler says he learned a lot from his volunteering experiences.

"Volunteering was like my first job. I learned about work ethic. It prepared me for college and I was able to see there's a lot more out there in the world."

Now as a freshman at ASU, Tyler has joined Circle K International, a student service organization, and continues to volunteer on a regular basis.

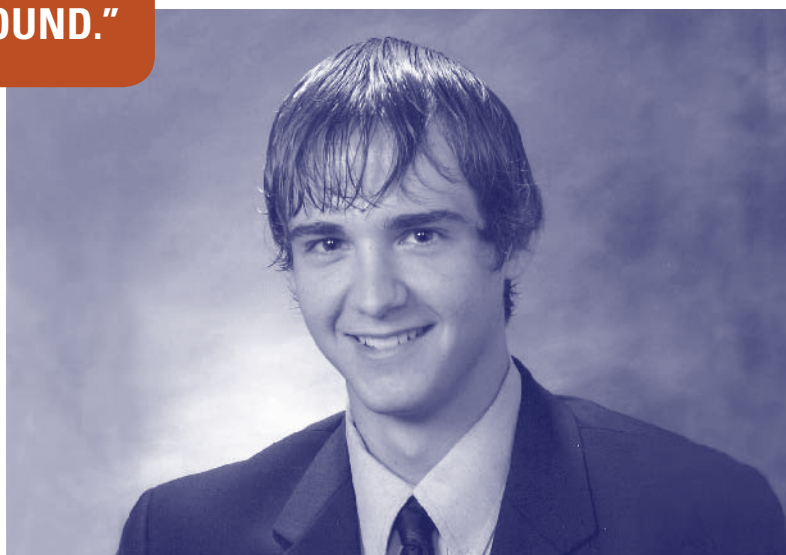
"I think it's great that there are people in our community donating money for scholarships. I think that says a lot about Chandler," he said.

According to CEF board member John Coburn, many scholarships come from individuals in Chandler wanting to leave a lasting legacy.

"All of us want our lives to count for something," Coburn said. "One of the special ways we can do that is by encouraging and enabling others. A relatively small amount of scholarship money can really have a significant effect on the life of a student."

For more information on how to support CEF's scholarship programs, please visit the "Donate Now" page at www.ChandlerEdFoundation.org.

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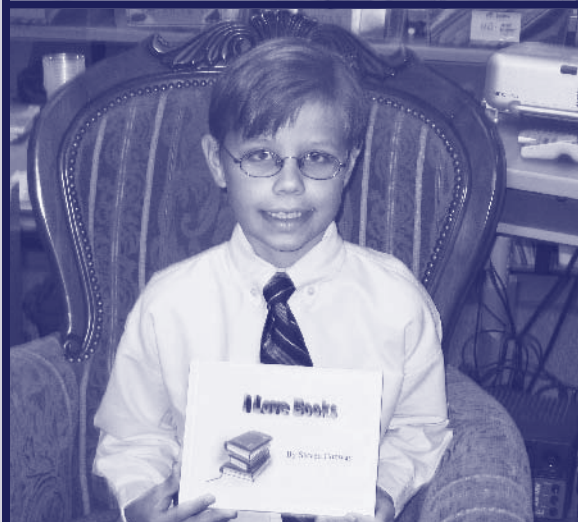
Tyler Libey, CEF Scholarship Recipient

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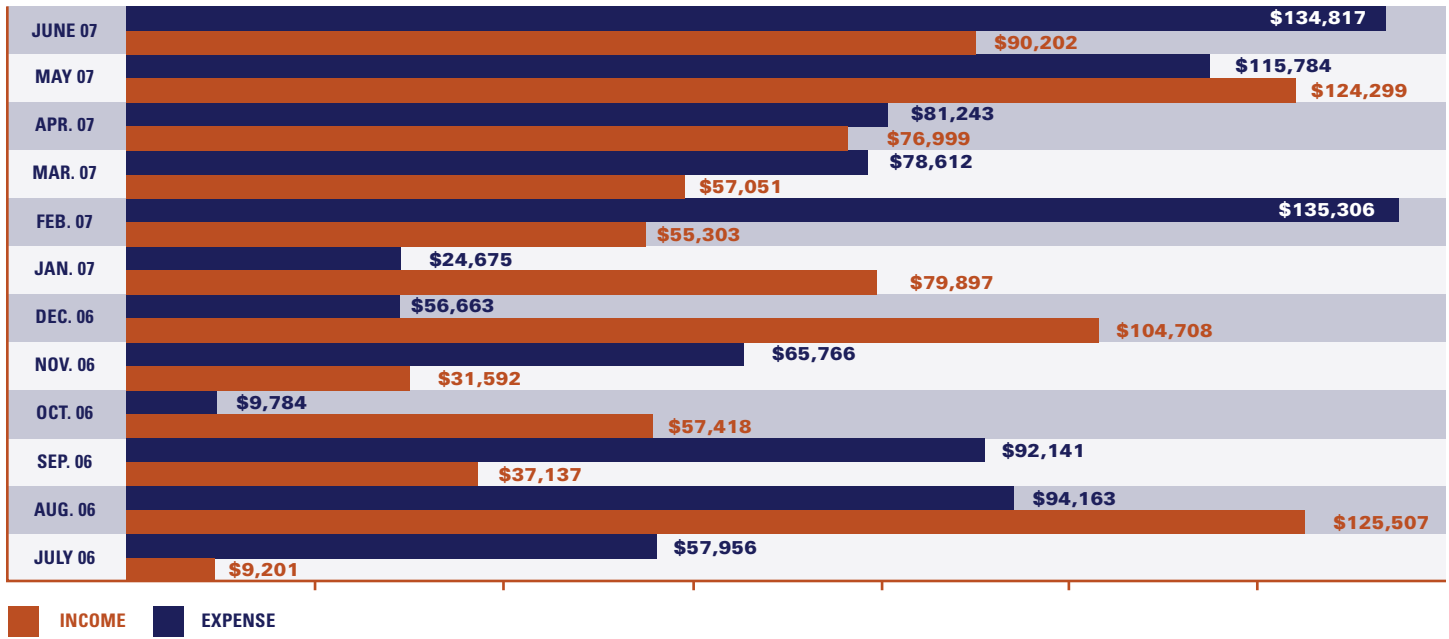
CREATING A BETTER FUTURE TODAY: 2006-2007 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Awarded \$225,000 in scholarship money to 182 high school seniors, the largest amount ever awarded in a single year by CEF. Of that amount, more than \$90,000 came from donor scholarships, while \$135,000 came from the VISION:CollegeBound program.
- VISION:CollegeBound Class of 2007 donated 17,150 hours of community service to Chandler, an extra 3,650 hours more than what was required of them.
- The 100% Awareness Campaign met its goal, raising more than \$68,000 and resulting in 264 mini-grants given to CUSD classrooms and schools.
- Provided 382 elementary school students with the Children of Promise summer program.
- Reached 12,500 parents and educators in 2007 through Arizona's only Parent Information Resource Center (PIRC) (www.azpirc.com).
- More than \$11,000 was given to families facing life-threatening illness or injury in the first year of the CUSD Student Crisis Fund.
- *Giggles, Squiggles and Squirms* instructional activities became available for purchase in both English and Spanish for parents of three and four year-old children.

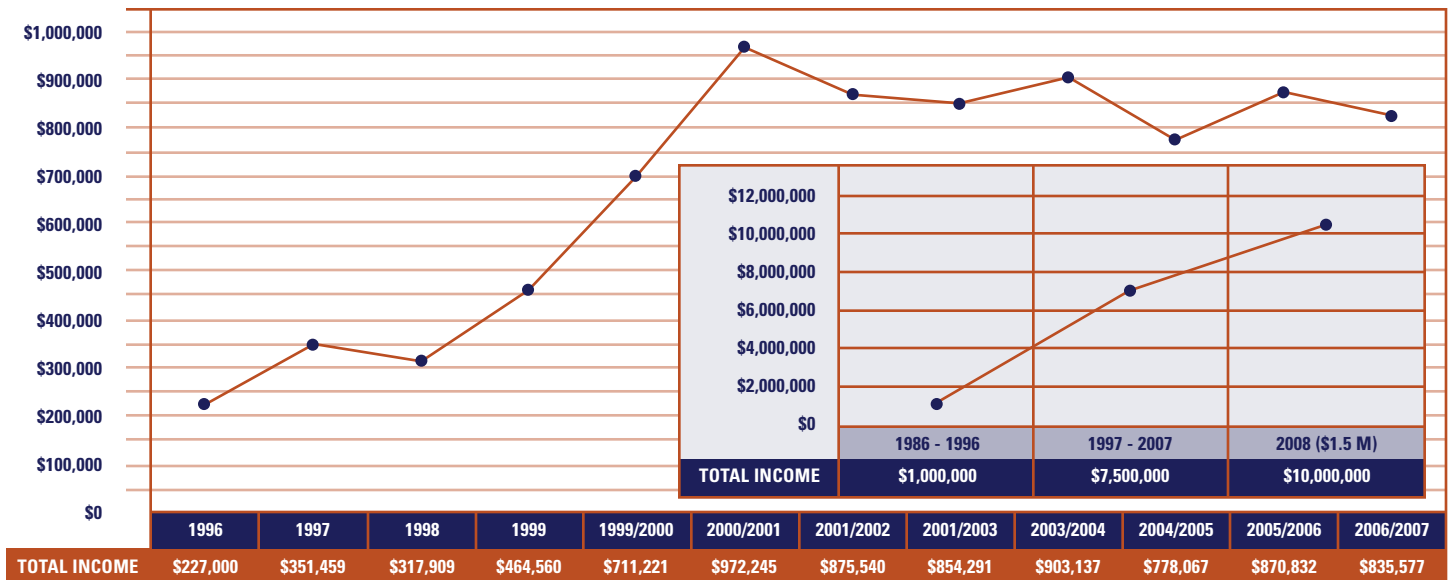


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TOTAL INCOME 1996-2007 GOAL: \$10,000,000 FOUNDATION BY 2008!



FINANCIALS

THE FUNDRAISING EFFORTS OF THE 2006-2007 SCHOOL YEAR BROUGHT THE CHANDLER EDUCATION FOUNDATION EVEN CLOSER TO ITS GOAL OF BECOMING A \$10 MILLION FOUNDATION! THANK YOU TO ALL OUR CONTRIBUTORS WHO HELPED US RAISE MORE THAN \$835,000 TO BENEFIT STUDENTS AND TEACHERS IN THE CHANDLER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT.

SPONSOR A VISION:COLLEGEBOUND STUDENT - OUR FUTURE LEADERS

HELP CULTIVATE RESPONSIBLE CITIZENSHIP AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Designed to promote scholarship and community involvement while inspiring students to set college as a goal for their future, VISION:CollegeBound (VCB) requires students to maintain a 3.4 GPA or higher, 95 percent school attendance and complete 100 hours of community service. In May 2007, CEF awarded 135 CUSD seniors with \$1,000 scholarships to be used for post-secondary education.

Since the program started in 1995, the school district has added three additional high schools and has more than doubled its number of students. With your support, this program will continue to reward deserving students. You can help cultivate responsible citizenship and community involvement in Chandler's students, our future leaders, by sponsoring a VCB student with a gift of \$1,000 in any of the following ways:

__ **One-time gift of \$1,000**

__ **\$250 gift given annually over the next four years**

__ **\$25 gift donated each month for 48 months**

Contact us today to sponsor one, or several, VCB students!

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THANK YOU FOR CREATING A BETTER FUTURE, TODAY!

"Even after the 100 hours of community service I was still going out and doing more. I learned that you don't do service for the scholarships, you don't do it for the money, you just do it because you enjoy it."

*- Scott Brzuchalski, Chandler High School
Class of 2007*

"VISION:CollegeBound gave me another incentive to come to school and do well. Knowing there was a way for me to pay for my college really motivated me to do my best."

*- Bach-tru Chau, Hamilton High School
Class of 2007*

Since the first VCB graduating class of 1999, the following has been achieved:

- \$750,000 has been paid out for tuition funding
- 8,000 college credit hours have been completed by VCB students
- 113,500 community service hours have been logged – an invaluable learning experience for our students and a great benefit to our community. If paid at minimum wage, this in-kind donation would equate to over **\$800,000!**



VCB student Bach-tru Chau with Deborah Nipar, her favorite teacher



VCB student Scott Brzuchalski with his favorite teacher Jason Knust



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