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ANNUAL REPORT 2009



**MESSAGE FROM CHANDLER EDUCATION
FOUNDATION PRESIDENT, JANE POSTON**
~ City of Chandler

The great thing about young people is that they always have an eye on the future, and inevitably that future is full of hope and promise. Bright futures are what we're all about here at the Chandler Education Foundation; even when current times are tumultuous and uncertain.

That's why we appreciate all the support the community has given in the past year. Whether you've donated a couple hours time to volunteer at a fundraising event, shared your talents with students and the Foundation, or were able to make a financial contribution, your support helps Chandler students and the community at large. Now more than ever, those contributions are making a meaningful difference in our schools and our community.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and we look forward to a bright and promising new year!

► **Mission** ◀

The mission of the Chandler Education Foundation is to provide community support for excellence in education and to promote life-long learning and responsible citizenship for Chandler Unified School District students.

► **Vision** ◀

The Chandler Education Foundation is the premier educational partner to Chandler Unified School District and is committed to raising significant funds to support excellence in education, community service and life-long learning.

► **Guiding Values** ◀

Excellence in Education + Innovative Teaching & Learning + Stewardship & Citizenship

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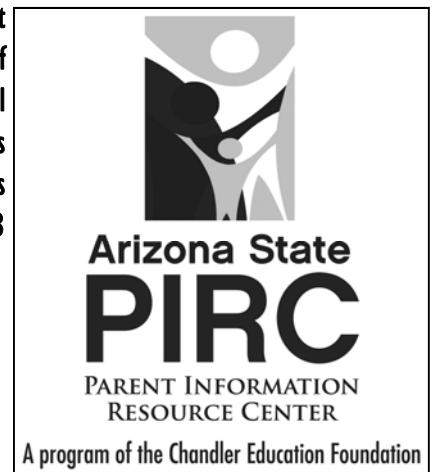
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In October 2006, Chandler Education Foundation was awarded a five-year federal Parent Information and Resource Center Grant from the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Innovation and Improvement. Working in partnership with a network of state, regional and local partners, Arizona State PIRC assists parents, teachers, principals, administrators and other school personnel in meeting the educational needs of children in the state. This past year, Arizona State PIRC provided statewide services and materials to 329,233 parents, 172 schools and professional development to 866 school personnel.



IMPLEMENTATION findings showed that:

- Utilization of PIRC services by parents and school personnel greatly increased.
- PIRC served a high need (low income, minority, LEP) and statewide population.
- PIRC greatly increased parental opportunity to learn about public school choice supplemental educational services and school accountability.
- PIRC services and resources received high quality ratings by school personnel and parents.

OUTCOME findings showed that:

- Partner schools/LEAs and community-based organizations have utilized PIRC technical assistance, services and activities to improve their parental involvement, policies, programs and activities.
- Disadvantaged preschool children and parents served by PIRC early childhood parent education contractors have improved their readiness for school.
- Communication and partnerships among parents, schools/LEAs and community agencies have improved.



**MESSAGE FROM CHANDLER EDUCATION FOUNDATION CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
DR. GLENNA MCCOLLUM-CLOUD**

The Chandler Education Foundation (CEF) has supported excellence in education for over 20 years. One of the core programs CEF is very proud of is the VISION:CollegeBound (VCB) Scholarship Program. Since 1999, CEF has awarded over \$1 million in scholarship funding to qualifying VCB Scholars. In addition, the community has received the benefit of over 167,400 hours of community service donated by our VCB students. According to the Arizona Independent Sector, this volunteer time can be valued at over \$3 million.

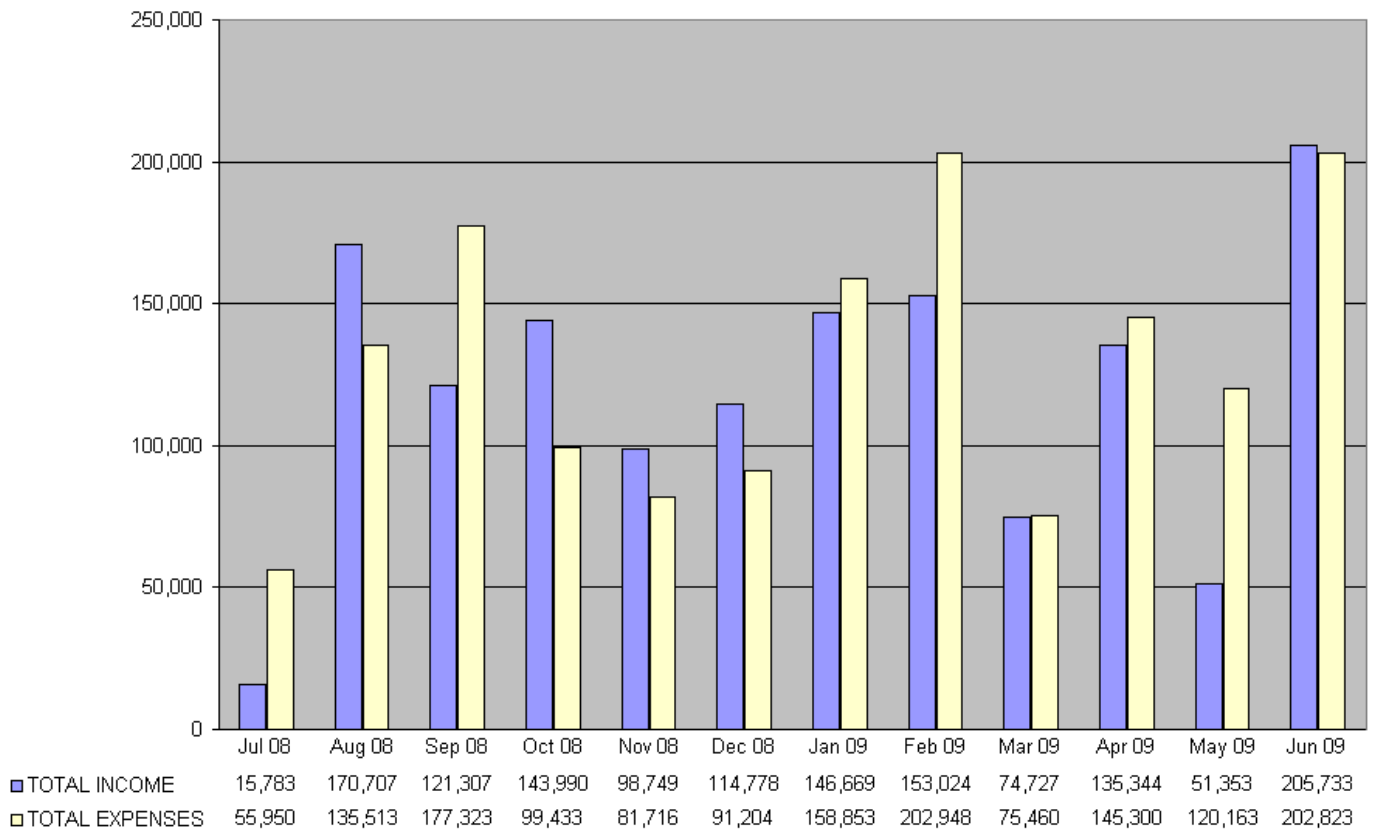
Though this program has had a significant impact on our students and community, the economic challenges of today and decline in nonprofit giving have forced CEF to reduce the financial benefit to the VCB Scholar.

Though the scholarship amount has been reduced, there continues to be advantages for the VCB Scholar:

- Our CEF Team continues to promote VCB Scholars to our Arizona colleges and universities.
- A Letter of Recommendation is provided to all qualifying VCB Scholars from the CEF Board of Directors.
- Additional private scholarships are available through CEF and VCB Scholars are encouraged to apply.
- Each qualifying VCB Scholar is honored during the annual CEF Recognition Reception and during their senior graduation ceremony.
- The VCB Scholar's commitment to good grades, attendance, and community service continues to benefit them as they go through college and pursue their career.

Thank you to our VCB Scholars for giving back to our community. Thank you to our community and to our donors for supporting this outstanding program. To our parents and students, thank you for your understanding during these challenging economic times. We look forward to brighter days ahead.

FINANCIALS 2008/2009



Giggles, Squiggles, & Squirms Instructional Activities for Parents of 3 & 4 year-olds

We hope you catch yourself smiling as you read the words Giggles, Squiggles, and Squirms! Learning should be fun and the CEF is proud to provide these instructional activities for parents, grandparents, family members, and educators of 3 and 4 year-old learners. The program features eight books for each age group accompanied by exciting activity workbooks you can do side-by-side with your child.

The activities are based on state and national Early Learning Standards and include the:

- “Giggles” of language development and verbal expression
- “Squiggles” of writing and fine motor development and
- “Squirms” of physical development and activity



Additionally, the series encourages good nutrition and physical activity for the early promotion of a healthy lifestyle and obesity prevention. If you would like more information on this program, please visit www.GigglesSquigglesAndSquirms.com. For orders, contact the Chandler Education Foundation at (480) 224-3030 or Scholastic at 800-387-1437.



MESSAGE FROM CHANDLER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT,
DR. CAMILLE CASTEEL

Our Educational Foundation enhances opportunities for our students, staff and families.

The dedicated volunteers work diligently in order to provide exceptional programs, scholarships and individual teacher and school wide grants. Thanks to their efforts, we are better able to achieve our mission to provide students with the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to be lifelong learners and responsible citizens.

Please review this report, which documents the Chandler Education Foundation's tremendous accomplishments on behalf of the Chandler Unified School District. We believe this information demonstrates the success of our partnership and is further evidence of the many benefits our families and staff receive.

On behalf of the Chandler Unified School District Governing Board, thank you to all who contribute to the Foundation. Even in these challenging financial times, your generosity brings us closer to providing all of our students with a quality education.



Heart to Heart High Tea
the Castle at Ashley Manor
Friday, February 5, 2010
11:30 am - 1:30 pm



Heart to Heart High Tea *February 2009*

National Wear Red Day is a day when Americans nationwide take women's health to heart by wearing red and showing their support for increased awareness of heart disease among women. February 6, 2009 was an event-filled day for CEF. Over 160 women from the community dressed in red, wore fancy hats, and enjoyed High Tea catered by Robert's and hosted by The Ashley Manor Castle. Chandler Fashion Center provided a stunning fashion show and former CUSD Governing Board Member, Charlotte Patterson, won the fancy hat contest! Women's heart health presentations were made by the American Heart Association and Diet Coke (The Heart Truth Campaign) and VCB Scholar Morgan Bethell-Wehner inspired the attendees with her story of community service. Four of Chandler's GREAT WOMEN were honored including Dr. Camille Casteel, Dr. Maria Hesse, Mary Lou Fulton, and Becky Jackson. Great prizes were drawn including a Chocolate Diamond necklace, Leidan Mitchell Salon Services, and fluffy border collie puppy. For more information about the 2010 Heart to Heart High Tea event, please visit our website ChandlerEdFoundation.org or call (480) 224-3030.

**VISION: COLLEGEBOUND SCHOLAR ~ CLASS OF 2000,
MORGAN BETHELL-WEHNER**



Morgan Bethell-Wehner is a VISION:CollegeBound Scholar from the Class of 2000. She is a Chandler native, an Erie Eagle, Jacobson Jet, Bogle Bulldog, and a Chandler High Wolf. After high school, Morgan graduated with a Bachelors in Pre-law from ASU and her Masters in Education from NAU.

One of the key things with the VISION:CollegeBound Scholars program is **service**. Had it not been for this component Morgan may have never been introduced to the Child Crisis Center in the East Valley where many foster children live in wait of a good foster home.

“It was an eye opening experience,” states Morgan. “After my community service experience, I knew being a foster parent would be important to me someday, despite our ‘healthy fertility’. In 2007, my husband and I took in two children, a 12 month old and 24 month old, both classified developmentally delayed. In 2009 we took in their 18 month old brother who is on a feeding tube and also developmentally delayed. This summer we added their 8 year old sister and in 22 months, we have grown to a family of six!”

Morgan goes on to share about her professional life. “After being a teacher for Tempe schools, in 2008 I opened my own business, the Kumon Math and Reading Center at Chandler Blvd and Gilbert Road, just a short distance from my alma-mater. I employ three high school students, all of whom attend Chandler schools.”

Morgan’s message to us today is this: “Well rounded students, produce well rounded adults. They may not all come back to Chandler like I did. But many will. Many will open small businesses which help the local economy. Many will do an act of service that benefits a child. Many will step up and become teachers, mentors, and community leaders. All of this benefits the community! Programs of the Chandler Education Foundation (CEF) like the VISION:CollegeBound Scholars program, helps our students develop into well rounded adults who give back to their community. To CEF we owe a debt of gratitude. We thank you...and our children thank you, too!”

Chandler Education Foundation Board of Directors & Staff 2009-2010



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CREATING A BETTER FUTURE TODAY

2008 - 2009 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **2009 Car Raffle:** Congratulations to Lori Hinojosa of Gilbert, Arizona the winner of the 2009 BMW 128i convertible.
- **100% Awareness Campaign:** More than \$61,000 was raised during our 18th annual campaign - THANK YOU!
- **Teacher Mini-Grants:** 106 grants were awarded to CUSD teachers from 100% Awareness Campaign proceeds.
- **Community-donated Scholarships:** More than \$97,000 in scholarship dollars were awarded to over 65 deserving seniors from the Class of 2009.
- **VISION:CollegeBound Scholars Program:** 186 seniors from Basha, Chandler, and Hamilton's graduating Class of 2009 successfully qualified for the VCB Scholars Program. A special thanks to ASU, CGCC, NAU, and UofA for their added support.
- **Recognition Reception:** VCB Scholars and CEF scholarship recipients from Basha, Chandler, and Hamilton, High enjoyed a sponsored celebration with CEF donors, CEF Board of Directors, community members and family at the Ashley Manor.
- **Golf Tournament:** 68 golfers participated in our 8th annual Golf Tournament, raising more than \$14,500.
- **Celebrate Chandler:** Over 150 attended at the All Class Alumni/Retiree Reunion in April 2009, leading up to Chandler's 100th Birthday Celebration in 2012.
- **Chandler Challenge 5K / 10K:** Over 300 walkers/runners participated in our 2nd annual Chandler Challenge, raising more than \$13,200.
- **Seniors Saying Thank You!** More than 1,000 high school seniors from Basha, Chandler, and Hamilton High participated in the program to formally thank their most influential high school teacher.
- **CEF Board of Directors:** CEF welcomed three new board members, participated in Strategic Planning for the future of CEF, revised the CEF/CUSD Contract, updated Bylaws, implemented the approved Plan of Work, and evaluated CEF's role for the Chandler CARE Center.
- **Grants:** Over 40 grants were submitted for VCB & GSS.



Visit us at
CelebrateChandler2012.com
 for more information on
 The Countdown!



<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
February 5	Heart to Heart High Tea at The Castle
February 13	Lexus Car Raffle Announcement @ Chandler Fashion Center
March 31	Senior High School Scholarship Applications Due
April 1	Senior VCB Community Service Hours Due
April 23-25	Celebrate Chandler ~ Alumni/ Retiree Reunion
May 6	Recognition Reception at The Ashley Manor
August 16-27	100% Awareness Campaign
September 10	9th Annual Golf Tournament at Whirlwind Golf Resort
October TBA	5k and 10k Chandler Challenge
November 1-12	Freshman VCB Open Enrollment
November 15	2011 Vehicle Raffle Kick-Off

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