

El Dorado Community Foundation supports organizations

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In November 2005, The El Dorado Community Foundation presented six awards to South Lake Tahoe organizations from the South Lake Tahoe Area Fund. In August 2007, a Request for Proposal form was circulated seeking proposals from any group whose program supports or enhances the educational enrichment opportunities for children in our local schools.

The South Lake Tahoe Area Fund, managed by the foundation and advised by South Lake Tahoe cabinet members Mark Acri, Wendy David, Terry Finney, Karen Houser, Bob Novasel and Doug Rosner, has awarded funding to 20 Lake Tahoe-area organizations representing 35 projects and more than \$44,000.

The organizations receiving recognition and funding this year are as follows: Blue Lake Aikido, Boys and Girls Club of Lake Tahoe, CASA El Dorado/South Lake Tahoe, H.E.R.O. Scholarship Fund Inc., Lake Tahoe Community College Foundation, Lake Tahoe Humane Society, Lake Tahoe Unified School District Music Program, Latino Affairs Commission South Lake Tahoe, Soroptimist International of Tahoe Sierra, South Lake Tahoe Friends of the Library, South Lake Tahoe Wrestling Club, South Lake Tahoe Women's Center, South Tahoe Middle School, St. Theresa Catholic School, Support South Tahoe Athletic Teams, Tahoe Arts Project, Tahoe Resource Conservation District, Tahoe Valley Elementary School and Tahoe Youth and Family Services.

The South Lake Tahoe Area Fund was greatly enhanced by the generosity of Joan Rochelle. Before Rochelle died in 2006, she consulted with her financial planner, who told her about the foundation and the work it was doing in the community. She liked what she heard and bequeathed some of her estate to the foundation in the form of the Joan Rochelle Memorial Fund.

In the words of Steve Healy, El Dorado Community Foundation executive director: "The children living in South Lake Tahoe will now and in the future benefit from the kindness of Joan Rochelle. The majority of these grants came from the gift Ms. Rochelle made to the Community Foundation in her will. The foundation is honored to carry out the wishes of this thoughtful woman, not just this year, but every year, to benefit the people of South Lake Tahoe."

Jackie Nelson, South Tahoe Middle School principal, one of the recipients of funding, said: "This funding is bringing to life some important priorities for students and staff. I am already witnessing new energy from people who are excited to have their priorities supported."

The work of the El Dorado Community Foundation continues daily. Individuals and nonprofit organizations interested in learning more about the foundation or how the foundation may be able to help them realize their

Representatives of the 20 Lake Tahoe-area organizations that received more than \$44,000 from the El Dorado Community Foundation gather for a group photo.
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charitable dreams are asked to contact the El Dorado Community Foundation, P.O. Box 1388, 3097 Cedar Ravine, Placerville, CA 95667, (530) 622-5621, e-mail info@eldoradocf.org or visit the foundation's Web site at www.eldoradocf.org.

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