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# Foundation Focus

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## Please join us at our 15th annual dinner auction

The Frankfort School District 157-C Education Foundation is proud to announce that its annual dinner auction is coming home to Frankfort!

On Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, our fifteenth annual dinner auction will be held at Frankfort's very own CD&ME. The board is thrilled to make the dinner auction more accessible with its new local venue and lower ticket cost. We're confident that CD&ME can easily manage the magnitude of our event in their fantastic, one-of-a-kind space.

Guests entering the grand tent will be transported to "Club

157C" with its lounge-style vibe and decor. The "Club 157C" theme was really inspired by the economic climate and the board's appreciation that the past year has been difficult for a lot of individuals, families and companies. "We want to treat our supporters to a special night with great energy, delicious food and awesome music in a really comfortable and relaxed setting. Club 157C will be a little escape for everyone." said Foundation member JanaLee Wiechers.

Club 157C will be the perfect

backdrop for the Foundation's much anticipated auction. It will feature many of the traditional favorites including a huge variety of gift baskets, principal-for-a-day, spa and gym packages and the always popular wine raffle. The Foundation Board agrees that the community and "Friends of the Foundation" have truly outdone themselves this year with their generous donations and auction items. All proceeds from the event directly benefit district children by funding grants for special projects, equipment and technology.

The ticket cost is \$50 per person,

\$25 less than previous year's tickets, with a cash bar. Attire is casual.

District families, Chamber of Commerce members and Village officials will receive formal invitations for the event in March. For more information or to donate auction items, please visit the Education Foundation's website at [www.fsd157cedufoundation.org](http://www.fsd157cedufoundation.org)

**Please mark your calendar and save the date! See you there!**



**EDUCATION FOUNDATION  
15TH ANNUAL DINNER AUCTION  
"CLUB 157C"  
APRIL 23, 2010, 7:00 PM  
CD & ME  
23320 S. LAGRANGE RD  
FRANKFORT, IL**

## From the Foundation President

### EDUCATION FOUNDATION BOARD

President - Anne Walker

Vice President - Marni Vaundry/  
Becky Dees

Secretary - Natalie Bauer

Treasurer - Sue Jennrich

Dear Community Members,

The Education Foundation looks forward to an exciting new year and decade! We are thrilled to hold our ever-popular annual dinner auction at a new venue on a new spring date.

Please join us at CD & ME on Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> for the Foundation's 15th annual dinner auction. Our theme "Club 157C" promises to be a great casual evening out to support the children of the 157-C School District. You can be sure to enjoy the delicious food stations that should appeal to everyone's palate, as well as music, dancing, and activities galore. We have planned silent and live auctions, a wine raffle and split-the-pot, just to name a few.

We are so very fortunate to have a fabulous team of 19 dedicated, hardworking volunteer board members. Their responsibilities are not only to plan and execute a successful dinner auction but also to engage in the attraction, management, and distribution of funds through an annual grant process to the district teaching staff.

Overall, the Education Foundation funded 23 grant requests for a total of \$62,345 during the 2009/2010 school year. A sample of these include the improvement of technological integration, introduction of a fifth grade Center Stage Math Program and continuing the Math Homework Assistance and Rebecca Caudill Reading programs at Hickory Creek Middle School.

In addition, we are appreciative of the continued growth of our "Fund-a-Project" program, which was developed as an answer to larger-scale projects that exceeded our annual grant budget. This additional option is a way to donate to

the Foundation by funding a designated project. It is a great opportunity for a company to invest in our children and schools while achieving its corporate commitment to the community where it conducts business. Last year alone, \$25,000 was donated through our "Fund-A-Project" program by K12 Teachers Alliance, Insuresoft and Triple R Childcare.

The Foundation's success in enhancing the educational materials and the children's learning environment continues to depend upon the generous support of our District 157-C community and parents.

There are several ways this can be accomplished: joining us for our annual dinner auction, donating an item or service to be auctioned off, donating to our "Fund-a-Project program or becoming a "Friend of the Foundation." For more information, please visit us at:

[www.fsd157cedufoundation.org](http://www.fsd157cedufoundation.org)

Or you may also make a check payable to the Education Foundation and mail it to the District 157-C Administrative Office, 10482 W. Nebraska, Frankfort, IL. 60423. If you have a

child attending school in the district, you can send your donation to school in an envelope marked "Education Foundation."

We hope you will join us on April 23<sup>rd</sup> for a really fun, informal evening to benefit the children. Please watch for the invitations, which will be mailed out in early March, to District families, Frankfort Chamber of Commerce members and Village Officials. We appreciate all who have already helped us this year and in the past. If you are not on our current mailing list and wish to attend, please call the District Office at 815-469-5922.

We thank you for all previous support you have provided and hope we can continue to count on the community and parents of District 157-C to make this a very successful year.

Sincerely,

**Anne Walker**  
Education Foundation President



## Special thanks to our “Friends of the Foundation” Families:

The McRay Family	Mindy Olivieri	The Kayhan Family
The Phaby Family	The Meiners Family	The Barone Family
The Lemmons Family	The Mauriell Family	The Palmer Family
The Villa Family	The Rhodes Family	The Green Family
The Stefanovich Family	The Guderjan Family	The Zuccato Family
The Varner Family	The Kingsbury Family	The Blais Family
The Ward Family	The Reichart Family	The Cunningham Family
The Singer Family	The McCormick Family	The Kuzlik Family
The Liby Family	The Golden Family	The Konstanty Family
The Barrionuevo Family	The Kannaday Family	The King Family
The Reis Family	The Sekula Family	The Camp Family
The Troeger Family	The Stern Family	The Mergenthaler Family
The Chantelois Family	The Clayton Family	The Baker Family
The Nelson Family	The Muntean Family	The Taylor Family
The Roldan Family	The McCarthy Family	The Malec Family
The Keegan Family	The Barnes Family	The Binowski Family
The Williams Family	The Guzy Family	The Bachler Family
The Mazurak Family	The Bauer Family	The Hoffman Family
The Hicks Family	The Fiorella Family	The Nagle Family
The Feehery Family	The Kenny Family	The Walker Family
The Hedman Family	The Stroede Family	The Piunti Family
The Christensen Family	The Rosetto Family	The Macha er Family
The Sterr Family	The Blankenburg Family	The Vander Woude Family
The Pitlik Family	The Justic Family	The Freund Family
The Pellegrini Family	The Daniluk Family	The McGarry Family
The Tuzik Family	The Thieman Family	The Werning Family
The Loeffel Family	The Hasson Family	The Entwistle Family
The Faxal Family	The Hawkinson Family	The Victor Family
The Vaundry Family	The Simental Family	The Winkler Family
The Yambor Family	The Ristich Family	The Udani Family
The Wunderlich Family	The Powers Family	The Barkauski Family
Paige Knecht	Susan McDermott	The Horton Family
Jennifer Lee	Marcella LeSage	The Buggemi Family
Kim Shehorn	Vernon LeSage	The R. Brown Family
The Brajkovich Family	The Gromnicki Family	The Donofrio Family
The McGinn Family	The Darrin Bauer Family	
The Jennrich Family	The Bruns Family	

## WELCOME!

*For the past 15 years, the Foundation has been very fortunate to have so many business and community members join us at the dinner auction. If you are new to the district or simply have not had an opportunity to attend this event for the children, we extend a warm welcome to you to join us this year!*



### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

**You have enabled the Foundation to provide enhancements for education at all three schools!**



### HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS YEAR'S EVENT:

*New venue CD & ME! Club Style Vibe and Décor.  
Lower Ticket Cost, Music, Fun, Wine Raffle & More!*

### BID ON THESE GREAT 2010 AUCTION ITEMS:

- *Autographed Sports Memorabilia*
- *Special packages donated by teachers*
- *Principal for a Day*
- *8th Grade Graduation Seats*
- *VIP Parking Spot*
- *AND MORE!*



Become a “Friend” by sending a check in any denomination payable to the Education Foundation at the district office or send it to school with your child.

### OVER \$62,000 IN GRANT AWARDS FOR 2009-2010

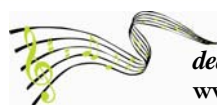
GRANT NAME	AMOUNT GRANTED
<b>GRAND PRAIRIE</b>	
Classroom Technology Integration	\$ 7,350.
Wireless Presenters	\$ 1,348.
Expanding Geography Skills	\$ 335.
Leap Into Reading	\$ 1,520
Character Counts Program	\$ 1,285.
2nd Grade Reader Rabbit Software	\$ 1,148.
Education City	\$ 700.
<b>CHELSEA</b>	
Health Sensory Motor Tune Ups	\$ 962.
Mats for the Masses	\$ 1,500.
Center Stage Math 5th Grade	\$ 8,700.
Character Counts Assembly	\$ 1,600.
Chelsea Award for Outstanding Literature	\$ 1,300.
Listening Centers 4th Grade	\$ 2,214.
Center Stage Math 4th Grade	\$ 9,744.
Continuing Wanted Good Character	\$ 900.
Wireless Presenters	\$ 649.
Mobi's for the Classroom	\$ 4,050.
<b>HICKORY CREEK</b>	
Elmo's for the Classroom	\$ 4,800.
Improving Dissection: Increasing meaning & allowing all students to participate	\$ 214.
Electric Guitar and Bass	\$ 1,644.
Math Homework Assistance Program	\$ 5,500.
Rebecca Caudill Book Awards	\$ 4,970.
Flip Mino: Repeat, Re-teach, Refine	\$ 356.



### SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR NEW FUND-A-PROJECT DONORS:

**TRIPLE R CHILD CARE (also donated last year)**  
**\$4,678 Portable Greenhouse for Hickory Creek**

**SAFETY MEETING OUTLINES, INC.**  
**\$750 Elmo for Grand Prairie**



*For information on making a tax deductible Fund-a-Project donation visit:  
[www.frankfort157cedufoundation.org](http://www.frankfort157cedufoundation.org)*