

The Fort Bend  
Education Foundation  
Annual Report 2010-2011



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# Fort Bend Education Foundation **2010-2011 Annual Report**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### To The Friends of the Fort Bend Education Foundation:



The Board of Directors and Staff of the Fort Bend Education Foundation (FBEF) are pleased to present this Annual Report of the Foundation's activities and accomplishments during the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

The Foundation was created in 1992 for the purpose of enhancing the education process through grants awarded to the classroom teachers. This commitment continues to stimulate the learning experience of our students by facilitating innovative educational programs and providing the tools for teachers to incorporate within their classrooms. Through these grants, the FBEF has demonstrated a long-standing desire to promote academic excellence as well as develop future leaders, employees and productive members of our community.

Since inception, the Foundation, through partners and friends like you,

have contributed more than \$3 million dollars to FBISD schools. In 2010-2011, the Foundation awarded \$250,372 in program contributions. Additionally, 129 new teachers beginning their teaching careers received a financial gift to invest in materials for their classrooms. The Board takes great pride in stating that each and every school in our district has benefited directly over the past few years. Our success in helping to build a brighter future for our children by improving education, expanding knowledge and developing leaders is a tribute to you, the donors, the supporters and the volunteers. Your generous gifts, contributions and efforts make all of these initiatives possible. On behalf of the estimated 69,000 students who benefit from your support – Thank You!!!

FBISD is not only a recognized public school system; it is one of the primary economic driving forces yielding the dynamic growth we have seen in Fort Bend County. However, along with this new growth, our district is faced with new and considerable financial challenges. We have all read about significant budgetary constraints which are affecting the econ-

omy of all school districts. FBISD continues to add new students which creates additional expenses for new schools and teachers. Our goal still remains to continue to bridge these financial gaps in an effort to maximize our commitment of promoting academic excellence and providing funding for the most unique educational opportunities that will have the most impact on our students. With your assistance, we can continue to invest in the future by preparing our youth to be tomorrow's leaders. I want to thank you and our Board of Directors for your continuing generosity and support. I hope that you feel blessed by the significance of your gifts and contributions. Together we can continue to make a difference in our schools and our community by providing opportunities to enrich and enhance the quality of education for All Fort Bend ISD students!

Sincerely,  
Lynn Halford, President  
Fort Bend Education Foundation  
2011-2012

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### Check out our community discounts!

Community Discounts include – Safety USA online drivers education and defensive driving, Startex and Ambit Energy, TRAVEL 4 School, and the Houston Chronicle.

**August 29th** .....11th Annual Back to School Scramble  
Golf Tournament  
Sweetwater Country Club  
1:00 Shotgun

**November 17th**....Angels of Education Auxiliary  
Fall Membership Reception  
The Char House

**November 5th** .....ifest Live 2011  
Sugar Land Town Square

**February 25th**.....19th Annual Gala  
Lights, Camera, Action  
Sugar Land Marriott

**March 24th** .....Education Expedition  
BP MS 150 Recommended Bike Ride  
Hightower High School

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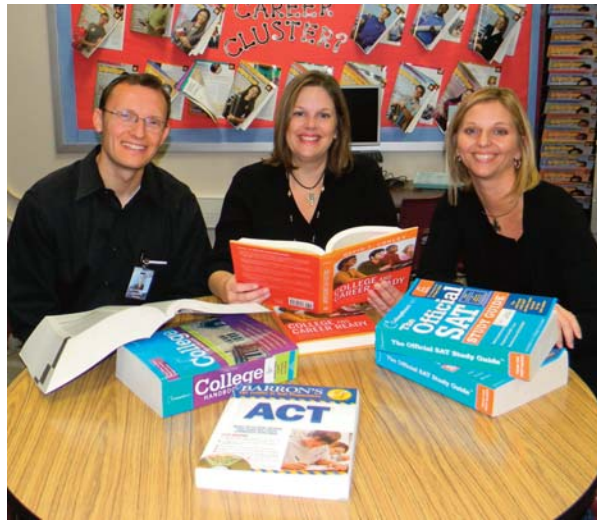
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### Fort Bend Education Foundation funds grant for Kempner High School's Go Center

The Kempner High School Go Center was established in the fall of 2009. The primary goal of the Go Center is to develop a college-going culture in our school. It was designed to be a resource for our students and staff. The Go Center provides a centralized location for the dissemination of college and career information.

Our students' journey to higher education begins in the Kempner High School Counseling Office. There, students learn more about the steps they need to take in order to enroll in college. Students are then referred to the Go Center for specific information.

Using concepts from the AVID Program and Achieve Texas, the Go Center provides several services to our students. Students



can acquire information about their future in a variety of ways such as viewing presentations and reading literature. Students have access to computers so that they may research information and complete applications online. Students and families can find a variety of free brochures and financial planning tools in the Go Center.

The Kempner High School Go Center would not exist without the generosity of the Fort Bend Education Foundation. The Foundation awarded a *school site grant* for the Go Center. The money was used to purchase AV equipment, books, and other materials to support the vision of the Go Center. Thanks to the **Fort Bend Education Foundation**, a visit to the Go Center is a dynamic event.

### Fort Bend Education Foundation News: Fort Bend Education Foundation Donates \$250,372 to FBISD

The Fort Bend Education Foundation presented a \$250,372 check to Fort Bend ISD to fund the Grants to Teachers and Schools, Angel Gifts, Grants for Experts, and other programs during its annual Grants Awards presentation.

Since its inception, the Education Foundation has awarded \$3,076,074 in grants to FBISD teachers and schools. For the 2010-2011 school year, the Education Foundation awarded 143 grants to support the Grants to Teachers and Schools Program, 129 Angel Gifts, and additional funds to support the Grants for Experts program and pass throughs.

*Pictured (front row, from left to right) are: Claude Leatherwood, FBEF President; Dr. Timothy Jenney, FBISD Superintendent; Susan Hohnbaum, FBISD 2011-2012 Board President; Laurie Caldwell, FBISD Board Member; Ann Schmitt, FBEF Board Member; Peggy Jackson, FBEF Board Member; Brenna Smelley, FBEF Executive Director; and (back row) Andy Ralph, FBEF Executive Committee Member; Dr. John Novak, FBEF Board Member; Carl Favre, FBEF Board Member; Gary Dante, FBEF Board Member; and Jim Rice, FBISD 2011-2012 Board Secretary.*



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The 18th annual Fort Bend Education Foundation Gala **"A Tea Party in Wonderland,"** presented by Aetna, was held at the Sugar Land Marriott Hotel on February 26, 2011. Over 760 people were in attendance, and every school in Fort Bend ISD participated by providing a Silent Auction basket.



Gala co-chairs Gabriella Cone and Laura Winters raised their tea cups to the Fort Bend Education Foundation's continuing efforts to enrich and enhance the quality of education for all Fort Bend ISD students. Supporters of the Gala enjoyed a whacky whimsical evening and raised over \$340,000 for Grants for Teachers and Schools.

*Many thanks to our underwriters, sponsors, and individual donors!*



*Fort Bend Education Foundation Sponsors toast the upcoming Gala – Sally Imig; Aetna, Deb Farley; United Healthcare, Don Comer; NALCO, Lina Sabouni; AutoArch Architects, Laura Winters; Gala Co-Chair, Emily Agis-Wahl; BMC Software, Bouche Micky; Sugar Land Rotary Club, Gabriella Cone; Gala Co-Chair, Michael Siwierka; Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins and Mott; not pictured; Top Shelf Wine & Spirits, Jim and Elaine Babb, The Day Foundation, Fred and Mabel Parks Foundation.*

## Fort Bend Fabulous! – An International Festival was a Huge Success!

On Saturday, November 6th, the Fort Bend Education Foundation presented its 5th Annual International Festival at Sugar Land Town Square. The festival was a huge success this year with beautiful weather and outstanding entertainment by FBISD schools and area dance groups. There was fun for the whole family to enjoy with a variety of booths to explore and food to eat! The festival

closed with a fabulous fashion show that took us around the world featuring models wearing formal ethnic celebration attire!

We would like to thank all of our sponsors, participants and volunteers for all of their support in making this year's festival such a wonderful event!

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### Fort Bend Education Foundation Schlumberger Education Expedition



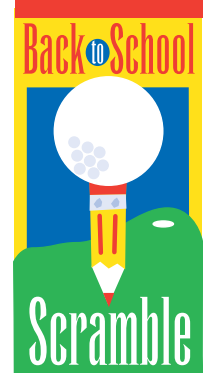
On Saturday, March 26th, 2010 the Fort Bend Education Foundation held its 7th annual Schlumberger Education Expedition bike ride. 750 riders gathered at Hightower High School for this BP MS 150 recommended ride. As a result of this successful ride, the Foundation raised almost \$28,000 benefiting the Fort Bend Education Foundation Grants for Teachers and Schools Programs.

Water stations were staffed by volunteers from local schools and groups. They were vying for the Best Water Station award. Austin High School's Student Council won the award. Go bulldogs!

At the end of the ride, riders were able to enjoy great music and a scrumptious lunch that was catered by Subway and Bravos Mexican Restaurant. We want to thank all of the riders who supported the Fort Bend Education Foundation. We hope to see you again next year! For more information about the Fort Bend Education Foundation visit our website at [www.fortbendisd.com/foundation](http://www.fortbendisd.com/foundation).



### 2010 Back to School Scramble a HOT success!



The Tenth Annual Fort Bend Education Foundation Back to School Scramble golf tournament was held on August 30, 2010 at Sweetwater Country Club. Schlumberger and Sweetwater Country Club presented the "Back to School Scramble" chaired by Ron Bailey and Rod Nelson.

Thanks to the generosity of this year's participants, the event netted more than \$88,000 for the Fort Bend Education Foundation. The 264 golfers that attended the tournament enjoyed lunch from Chick-fil-A and an awards banquet at the end of the day.

The Foundation provides opportunities to enhance and enrich the quality of education for all students in Fort Bend ISD through our Grants for Teachers and Schools programs.



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## FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

### Who decides how the money is spent?

The Foundation's Allocation Committee is responsible for the solicitation, review, and acceptance of proposals for projects and programs that will improve and enrich classroom education.

Since its inception, the Education Foundation had awarded over **\$3 million** to Fort Bend ISD teachers and schools.

### Where does the money go?

Every school in Fort Bend ISD benefits from the Fort Bend Education Foundation grant programs that train teachers, provide equipment, and offer new instructional experiences to students of all ages. Each year, hundreds of grant proposals are submitted to the Education Foundation. Each proposal undergoes an extensive review process. The number of grants awarded depends upon the amount of money raised through the Education Foundation's annual fundraising events.

### 2010-2011 Results

- Over \$250,372 was awarded in grants to teachers and schools for the 2010-2011 school year.
- 131 teachers beginning their teaching career received an Angel Gift from the Foundation for a total of \$19,650.
- 143 grants were awarded through our Grants for Teachers and Schools Program.
- Every school in Fort Bend ISD was impacted by the Foundation's programs.
- Continue to grow our endowment, ensuring we can fund future innovative education opportunities.

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**FOUNDATION NEWS**

# Grants at Work

**A.**



**B.**



This is a sampling of the Grants that were awarded in 2010-2011.

- A.** Smart Response
- B.** Wireless Slate Technology
- C.** Digging Into History
- D.** Math Through Literature
- E.** Exploring Human Anatomy



**C.**



**D.**



**E.**





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