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## Program Spotlight

The Plano ISD Education Foundation will gift approximately \$900,000 to the Plano ISD this year. The funds will benefit teachers and students in the classroom.

Thanks to this year's donors we have already made a huge difference in the classroom:

Granted 52 innovative classroom grants benefiting more than 19,000 students;

Raised the bar in Middle School Math;

Funded 700 5th grade camp scholarships;

## Plano ISD Education Foundation Recognizes Donors for Investing in PISD Students, Staff and Programs



*Beth Webb,  
President Plano  
ISD Education  
Foundation*

The board of directors of the Plano ISD Education Foundation validated on Wednesday (May 26, 2010) the nonprofit organization's importance to the Plano Independent School District, as Foundation Board President Beth Webb proudly announced the group had raised approximately \$900,000 this year.



Dr. Doug Otto and Doug Anderson,  
Texas Health

Ms. Webb said, "Plano public schools are the cornerstone to the quality of life in our community. Our community wants Plano ISD to remain one of the best public school districts in the nation. Our community is willing to invest in our schools through private donations as well as local taxes. Generating \$900,000 this year, despite the economic turbulence, in critical private support for our schools and teachers is important to our schools and to our region. The Plano ISD Education Foundation has more than doubled its fundraising results over the last four years to help Plano ISD schools maintain their high standards of excellence. We plan to maintain the momentum and continue growing support for Plano schools. Investing in the education of our students continues to be a safe investment with guaranteed returns."



Pam Clark and Roxanne Burleson

Approximately 150 attendees celebrated their investment in Plano ISD at a donor recognition event held at Gleneagles Country Club. Major donors of \$5,000 or more received special recognition and honorariums were made to Plano ISD libraries in their names.

View a complete list of [programs](#) supported.

View a complete list of [donors](#).



Provided funding for 5th and 6th grade fitness program;

Supported programs to recruit and retain the very best teachers;

Helped fund 420 individuals literacy training through the Plano Family Literacy Program; and [many more](#).

We are proud of the difference our donors made this year and look forward to providing additional funding in the years to come.

Order your Graduation Memory Video Today and Assist Plano ISD Education Foundation

Plano ISD is pleased to partner with GradMemory to bring a very special graduation memoir for the Class of 2010, a personalized graduation video DVD. The 2010 graduation ceremony will be videotaped with multiple cameras, professionally produced and packaged in a state of the art custom package. The video covers all the key events and presentation of diplomas to each student. For the very first time, students and parents can personalize the DVD with the graduate's name and picture, making it a unique keepsake. The DVD is available to order now on the grad memory website: <http://www.gradmemory.com>. The DVD can be ordered for \$24.99 including shipping and handling.

Part of the sale proceeds will go to the Plano ISD Education Foundation.

Order now to get your DVD

# Thrill of the Grill 5K Run Huge Success!

## 1,000 walkers, joggers & hot doggers participated in event

The Plano ISD Education Foundation reports that its 2nd Annual Central Market Thrill of the Grill 5K Fun Run, held on May 1, was a huge success, with approximately 1,000 participants, including students, staff, family, friends and community members.

View the event video in [MP4 format](#) or [WMV format](#) (Length: 2 minutes), which features students, staff and volunteers from 26 schools plus sponsors and other community participants.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Doug Otto and Plano Mayor Phil Dyer kicked off the 5K fun run. Plano Senior High School Student Rachel Klaassen sang the National Anthem. Jackson Elementary School provided the half-way point entertainment and cheering section. Clark High School cheerleaders manned water stations, and Bowman Middle School sent 30 student volunteers.

Also volunteering were AVID and National Honor Society students, ATPE and Plano ISD's Diversity Advocacy Committee. Visit the [Thrill of the Grill](#) website for finishing times and much more.

## ATMOS Energy Gift Will Make Students' Summer Extra Special

The Plano ISD Education Foundation received \$5,000 from Atmos Energy for Plano Family Literacy's summer program. "Atmos Energy is excited to fund Plano Family Literacy's summer program," Ms. Miriam Raphael. "Atmos Energy believes in improving the quality of life in the communities we serve, and this program allows us to support Collin County families in a meaningful way."

Plano Family Literacy's summer program provides continuity in learning for at-risk families that are unable to afford any type of organized program during the summer. The goal for this six week summer program will be to provide continued educational programming in a relaxed, fun and motivating environment.



Lisa Raskin, Jane Lilliston, Miriam Raphael and Monica Shortino

Funds made available through Atmos Energy will be used to staff the summer program, provide classroom supplies for teachers to develop education centers, provide

soon after graduation. Please direct questions to (866) 977-4723 or e-mail: [support@gradmemory.com](mailto:support@gradmemory.com)

Support Plano ISD Education Foundation by Shopping at Neiman Marcus Willow Bend

The Plano ISD Education Foundation will partner with **Neiman Marcus Willow Bend** to raise funds for the Foundation. The event is Thursday, June 3 from 9 am to 12 noon. The Foundation will sell 100 coupons for \$25 each and all proceeds will benefit the Foundation. When guests bring the ticket to Neiman Marcus Willow Bend on **Thursday, June 3** from 9 am to 12 noon, they will receive \$50 off one sale priced item in the store (excludes Cosmetics). To purchase coupon email [foundation@plisd.edu](mailto:foundation@plisd.edu).

Dr. Doyle Dean Honored for 45 Years of Service to Plano ISD



Dr. Doyle Dean was recently honored by the Plano ISD Education Foundation for his 45 years of service. A [resolution](#) and honorary membership to the [Plano ISD Alumni Association](#) were presented to Dr. Dean.

[View tribute article.](#)

2010-2011 Board of Directors Announced

materials for participants to use during classroom time and fund field trips.



*Last year's summer camp.*

About Atmos Energy  
Atmos Energy Corporation, headquartered in Dallas, is the country's largest natural-gas-only distributor, serving about 3.2 million natural gas distribution customers in more than 1,600 communities in 12 states from the Blue Ridge Mountains in the East to the Rocky Mountains in the West. Atmos Energy also provides natural gas marketing and procurement

services to industrial, commercial and municipal customers primarily in the Midwest and Southeast and manages company-owned natural gas pipeline and storage assets, including one of the largest intrastate natural gas pipeline systems in Texas. Atmos Energy is a Fortune 500 company. For more information, visit [www.atmosenergy.com](http://www.atmosenergy.com).

## Plano Family Literacy Families Benefit from Capital One Financial Education

In honor of Financial Literacy Month, several Capital One associates are providing financial education sessions to families who are served by the Plano Family Literacy Center.

Associates will conduct four financial literacy sessions based on Capital One's financial education curriculum "Money Wise," during the month of April.



"Capital One has been a strong supporter of the Plano Family Literacy Center through the Plano ISD Education Foundation, providing \$75,000 over the last three years toward the program," noted Monica Shortino, Foundation executive director. "In this financial education series, the associates are providing innovative teaching for families' personal finances. They will discuss topics such as banking accounts, budgeting, saving for college and retirement and much more."

"By bringing to bear not only their financial resources, but their talented people and business expertise, Capital One has generated profound, positive outcomes for Consumer Action, our community partners, and their clients," said Ken McEldowney, Executive Director of Consumer Action. "At Capital One, we understand the



Beth Webb and Michael Urtso

The Plano ISD Education Foundation is proud to introduce the 2010-2011 Board of Directors.

### Officers:

Michael Urtso, President  
Lisa Raskin, Vice President  
Bobby Baggett, Treasurer  
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Welcoming New School Board  
Members

The Plano ISD Education  
Foundation welcomes new  
Plano ISD Trustees,  
Tammy Richards (place  
1); Carrolyn Moebius



Chris Brown and Alberto Rios spoke recently to Plano Family Literacy program participants about fiscal responsibility

importance of economic security to families in our communities, and we believe financial literacy and money management skills are crucial building blocks for success."

Jane Lilliston, Plano Family Literacy Program director, said that the financial literacy program "provides one more avenue for parents to get to understand

fiscal responsibility within their lives and for their families. Capital One volunteers teach the classes at a level that does not intimidate participants but makes them comfortable to ask questions."

Capital One employees will follow up the kick-off session with evening programs to help reiterate the first program overview.

"Capital One is a wonderful partner with Plano Family Literacy," Jane continued. "Not only has the company provided much needed financial support, but the company's employees enjoy being a part of our program, volunteering in several capacities throughout the year."

(place 2) and Nancy Humphrey (place 3).

Special thanks to retiring board members Mary Beth King, John Muns and Duncan Webb.



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## Looking for Ways to Get Involved and Help Your School District?

One of Plano's greatest resources is community involvement. The Plano ISD and Plano ISD Education Foundation are always in need of volunteers. Volunteers are an essential piece to our organization. If you are interested in getting more involved we have numerous opportunities.

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities Include:

**Mentoring:** Adult volunteers can invest 30 minutes a week with a student during the lunch hour. All campuses have a mentoring program. Your 30 minute investment will make a huge difference in our students.

**Library Aides:** The library services department are in need of library aides. Aides assist with reading to students, shelving books and other important needs in the library. Contact your local campus to start volunteering.

**Ski Plano Committee:** The Plano ISD Education Foundation is in need of volunteers for this year's Ski Plano committee. Committee members assist with the annual gala attended by more than 800 guests. Committees assist with solicitations of silent auction items, publicity, table sales, set-up and much more. Email [foundation@pisd.edu](mailto:foundation@pisd.edu) to get involved.

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