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City of Plano Mayor Phil Dyer proclaimed September 13-19, 2010, as "Adult Education and Family Literacy Week" in Plano with a special presentation of the proclamation to the Plano Family Literacy Program held this month at the literacy center.

City Councilwoman Jean Callison (pictured, right) presented the official proclamation to Plano Family Literacy Program Director Jane Lilliston while city officials,



Grant Patrol Surprises 103 Teachers with Grants Totaling \$68,000



Teachers at Beverly Elementary

The Plano ISD Education Foundation's "Grant Patrol" made

surprise visits across the district to teachers in their classrooms on Thursday, November 11, to present 52 grants to 103 teachers totaling \$68,000 to fund innovative instructional programs. Foundation Board members, sponsors, district staff and parent leaders presented the grants in person, arriving at schools in vehicles provided courtesy of Park Place Lexus.

Plano ISD Education Foundation Board President Mike Urtso said, "The Foundation is pleased to assist our teachers by funding innovative programs that enhance student learning in their classrooms. The Grants to Educators program is one of the best ways that private dollars can assist outstanding classroom instruction." [Read More](#)

Education Foundation Hosts First-Annual CEO Breakfast

Supporting public schools was the topic of a first-annual CEO breakfast hosted by the Plano ISD Education Foundation and Southwest Airlines CEO Gary Kelly. The event was held September 29 at Gleneagles Country Club with corporate and civic chiefs representing approximately 20 businesses and organizations who discussed challenges affecting public schools, importance of great public schools, business and education partnerships and forging ongoing partnerships and dialogue with public school educators. Michael Urtso, president of the Plano ISD Education Foundation, welcomed guests and introduced Superintendent of Schools Dr. Doug Otto who shared with the executives the current challenges facing public education.



Lisa Raskin, Plano ISD Education Foundation president-elect; Gary Kelly, Southwest Airlines CEO; Dr. Doug Otto, Plano ISD superintendent of schools; and Michael Urtso, Plano ISD Education Foundation president.

members of the Plano ISD Board of Trustees, Plano ISD Education Foundation Executive Director Monica Shortino, Plano ISD Executive Director for Student and Family Services Dr. Cathy Galloway and other administrators looked on and then toured the literacy center's classrooms.

In the proclamation, Mayor Dyer encouraged all citizens to join him and the Plano City Council in supporting Plano ISD, the Plano ISD Education Foundation and the Family Literacy program for the dedication of the teachers, staff, and participants involved in the program who positively effect the children and families of the city. View the [city proclamation](#).

Holiday Card Orders
Now Being Accepted

"Illuminating the Season" was the theme for Plano ISD's 2010 Holiday Art Contest. Visit our [Holiday Art Photo Gallery](#) online to view the judges' top 40 picks, including finalists' artwork. The contest attracted more than 1,000 entries from students in grades PreK-12. Greeting cards featuring the winning art may be purchased through the Plano ISD Education Foundation website using the official [order form](#).

Ski Plano 2011
Save the Date

Join us for "An Extraordinary Evening on the Mountaintop" at the 15th annual "Ski Plano" fundraiser to benefit the Plano ISD Education Foundation. This year's event will be held at 6:30

Gary Kelly, Southwest Airlines chairman of the board, president and CEO, addressed the group about the importance of a quality public school system to the community and the value that his company places on the impact of public education, touching on the challenges from a corporate perspective of having a quality public education system available for the future workforce. The focus of his remarks was to enlighten and impassion his peers to become involved in supporting public education. [Read More](#)

Special Thanks



Angie Bowers, Monica Shortino and Melinda Perez. Ms. Bowers and Ms. Perez delivered a \$10,000 donation from AEGON Direct Marketing for STEM Partners program.



Jane Lilliston, Cesar Moncada and Monica Shortino. Mr. Moncada presented a \$20,000 donation for the Plano Family Literacy Center at the Plano Senior vs Plano East Football Game

p.m. on Saturday, January 29, at Southfork Ranch in Parker, Texas. More than 900 guests are expected to enjoy the evening's activities including a seated dinner and dancing to the music of Mars Hill. Other entertainment will include the live auction, the silent auction, and the one-of-a-kind Avalanche raffle. [Purchase tickets today.](#)

Thanks to everyone that attended the Gift Giving Party earlier this month. The event was attended by more than 80 guests and raised \$4,000 for the silent auction. [View Photos.](#)

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2010 Ski Plano Live Auction Item

Raise Money While You Shop

Kroger customers can now earn money for the Foundation with each purchase. Simply print the [form](#) and bring it with you to your next visit and begin supporting the Foundation.

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Capital One Hosts 'Book Day' at Plano Family Literacy Center

Capital One's mortgage team recently delivered nearly 500 books and a grant for \$25,000 to the Plano Family Literacy Program. The Capital One contributions represent continued support for schools and programs in Plano ISD and a committed partnership with the Plano ISD Education Foundation. [Read More](#)



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