

Plano ISD Education Foundation

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Charity Through Art (CHAART) Foundation invites you to "Seven Wonders of the World" a unique dance ballet depicting stories of love and war behind the Birth of Seven Wonders. The event benefits the Plano ISD Education Foundation and three other local charities. The ballet will be on November 22 at 4 PM at Granville Arts Center in Garland. Come enjoy a wonderful student performance and support the Plano ISD Education Foundation. Tickets and information: 972-208-1012 or email chaartfoundation@yahoo.com or visit www.chaartfoundation.org. Tickets are \$10.

Plano ISD Education Foundation Grant Patrol Surprises 120 Teachers with \$68,000 in Grants

The Plano ISD Education Foundation "Grant Patrol" made surprise visits to 120 teachers in their classrooms on Thursday, November 12, to present \$68,000 in 54 grants for innovative instructional programs. Foundation directors, sponsors, district staff and parent leaders presented the grants in person, arriving at schools in vehicles provided courtesy of Park Place Lexus.



As part of the surprise visits, each honoree was presented a special badge proclaiming his/her selection as a 2009 grant recipient. Each grant winner's school was presented a banner for

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display throughout the year. Some 120 educators were recognized throughout the morning.

The Plano ISD Education Foundation Grants to Educators program is intended to help Plano ISD educators enhance instruction in schools and classrooms across the district. Earlier in the school year, teachers had the opportunity to complete applications for grants for programs for their classes, schools or joint programs at multiple schools. [View complete listing of grants.](#)

Grant Committee Chairman Rick Dunham adds, "Because school districts are limited in funding all instructors' needs, teachers frequently dip into their own pockets to enhance instruction in their schools and classrooms. The Plano ISD Education Foundation helps to bridge this funding gap. We are proud to offer this competitive grant program to Plano ISD educators every fall. Plano ISD educators make our classrooms exciting places for students to learn."



The Foundation awarded \$68,000 in grants this year. Funding for the grants program comes from the following generous sponsors: Park Place Lexus, Plano ISD Council of PTAs, the Andrea-Mennen Foundation and the Texas Muslim Women's Foundation. Since the Foundation's inception more than \$527,000 has been awarded to Plano ISD teachers through the Grants to Educators program.



Plano ISD Education Foundation Board President Beth Webb said, "The Foundation is pleased to assist our teachers by funding important programs they have planned to enhance student learning in their classrooms. The Grants to Educators

program is one of the best ways that private dollars can support outstanding classroom instruction by educators across Plano ISD."

Grant Patrol volunteers included PISD Trustee John Muns, Jordan Case representing donor Park Place Lexus, Bart Ridley, Mark Ball, Windon Chau, Meryl Evans, Lisa Williams, Beth Webb, Lisa Raskin, Troy Tucker, Rob Sumner; Harvey Fishero, program donors Carole Greisdorf, Rudolph Andrea of the Andrea-Mennen Foundation, and numerous Plano ISD staff members.

This year's grant program was chaired by Foundation director



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Get a Jump on the Holiday Season!

The Plano ISD Education Foundation partnered with the Plano ISD "Season of Harmony" Holiday Greeting Card Art Contest this year. The Plano ISD student winning this year's artwork competition will not only be the official 2009 holiday greeting card for the Plano ISD but will be available to the public for purchase to raise funds for Plano ISD priority projects such as educator grants, middle school math programs, 5th grade camp scholarships and many more.

The holiday donation cards make a great gift for co-workers, friends, clients and family. Each card will include a special acknowledgment that a gift has been made in their honor to support Plano ISD. [Place your order today.](#)



Rick Dunham. Volunteer judges included Foundation board members Rick Dunham, Robin Joseph-Williams, Kyle Walters, Sue Kay, Windon Chau and Mark Ball; seven community volunteers from the Plano ISD Council of PTAs; Plano ISD Teachers of the Year and Teaching Excellence awardees, and Plano ISD curriculum staff.

Grants are also funded through the Plano ISD Education Foundation Parent and Community Honor Roll annual fund drive, the Plano ISD employee campaign, and Ski Plano, an annual winter fundraising event open to the public.



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