

Dear Friend of the Napa Valley Education Foundation,

The highest quality education for our students has long been a goal of all of us who live in the Napa Valley Unified School District, and that goal is all the more important and challenging during these difficult economic times. The current financial crisis facing the State of California has severely affected our district's ability to maintain its staffing level and programs that provide the excellent education to the children of Napa. These budgetary pressures have strained the district's ability to provide access to such critical services as music and art programs, sports programs, field trips, technology tools, and even basic needs such as books and classroom materials. **The Napa Valley Education Foundation, (NVEF)**, a 501c3 non-profit, was established in 1985 to help to enrich school programs, to fund innovative teaching techniques and to maintain education excellence through the means of fundraising. Our mission is: *To support the healthy development of all students enrolled in the Napa Valley Unified School District (NVUSD), by enriching school programs and fostering community support of educational excellence. We need your help now more than ever!*

With more than 17,500 students' grades K through 12 and Adult Education, in Napa, Yountville and American Canyon, the NVUSD is the largest school district in the entire Napa County, representing 88% of all students enrolled in public education. NVUSD is not identified by the State of California as "a basic aid," district, this means that our schools receive less than others to teach students, thus the need for our foundation to exist and attempt to help to shrink this enormous gap.

In an effort to close the funding gap, we are raising funds to support "Basic Classroom Supplies" and our NVEF Enrichment Programs that have the **greatest impact** on students. Our goal is to raise over \$1 million for the NVEF per year, about \$88 per enrolled student. We desperately need the support of all local residents in order to increase the educational experiences of each child.

We challenge you to make a difference in our schools. Your generous gift can improve the quality of education by providing:

- **Teacher Grants:** For 25 years we have provided teachers with an opportunity to apply for a "NVEF Teacher Grant" to be used in their classroom. We have given over \$1 million in grants to teachers thus far in the NVUSD. Awarded grants range from funds for guided reading books for Kindergarten and 1st grade to microscopes for middle school science classes; headphones and computers for elementary computer labs to high school science mobile physics lab, microscopes for biology classes; LCD projectors with interactive white boards to PE equipment and school garden project supplies. We have funded books, art projects, music experience, field trips, drama supplies and so much more.
- **Music Connection:** Many NVUSD families cannot afford to purchase an instrument or pay for music/choral camps for their children. Your gift will help support our student instrument rental by allowing us to build our rental inventory. We rent over 800 instruments a year and find ourselves turning away more than 100 students who want to rent, but we just don't have the supply. Your gift will also provide funding for our winter and summer music day camps, workshops with jazz and orchestra professionals, after-school music lessons and annual choral and music festivals. Additionally, provide scholarships for low-income students to ensure they are able to participate.
- **Fine and Performing Arts:** Your gift will pay for art instruction and art supplies, as well as dance, choral, band, drama and other related programs – to schools throughout the entire district.

- **Technology for the Classroom:** Your gift will be used to improve, update and increase the use of technology in many classrooms. This includes computers, printers, networks, digital cameras, camcorders, sound systems, software programs and interactive white boards for teacher use.
- **Backpacks for Kids:** Many children have life experiences that are volatile, explosive, or unpredictable which leaves them vulnerable, overwhelmed and unprepared for school. Your gift will help kids who have been removed from their homes and are now living in either foster care, family shelters and/or are being supported by CPS to be better prepared for school. We provide these children with backpacks filled with school supplies and other essentials to be prepared for school. This program also provides students with supplies for their school projects ranging from 4th Grade Mission Projects to Senior Projects.
- **Basic Classroom Supplies:** Many classrooms need supplies such as copy paper, tissues, pencils, pens, glue, crayons, etc. We provide supplies for the classroom to help meet this need.
- **Endowment:** We are offering an opportunity to build a legacy in support of the Napa Valley Education Foundation mission and public education as a whole. A gift to this restricted account will ensure the longevity of the Napa Valley Education Foundation and contributions are intended to be long-term assets, to provide a stable source of income for the foundation. We encourage you to considering naming the NVEF in your will or making contributions to the Endowment Fund in the form of cash or securities.

Thank you for taking our challenge!

Sincerely,

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