

CSISD EDUCATION FOUNDATION

DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM

- The College Station ISD Education Foundation was created to support the educational programs for both the students and staff of the College Station Independent School District. Funds are used to facilitate student achievement and skill development, to recognize and encourage staff excellence and to expand community involvement from individuals, business and civic organizations.

HISTORY

- ◉ Began in 1999, with some direction from a consultant, Pete Karabatsos.
- ◉ The foundation is a non-profit, tax-exempt 501©(3) public corporation operating independently under its own board of directors.
- ◉ The foundation board began with 27 board members. 5 of the original board members are still with us today.
- ◉ Raised over 1.3 million dollars over 10 years.

MAJOR PURPOSE

- Grants
 - The Innovative Grant Program is designed to encourage, facilitate, recognize and reward innovative and creative instructional approaches to the accomplishment of program objectives.
 - Awarded over \$375,000 in grants from 1999-2009.



History Trunks Grant

MAJOR PURPOSE

- Examples of grants awarded that are now permanent programs or projects:
 - Freshman Learning Lab
 - Sophomore Learning Lab
 - “Kick it up a Notch!” awarded in 2003 is currently an ongoing Head Start project.
 - “Tiger Corn” was awarded in 2006 to the life skills class. The students sale popcorn during the day to the students.



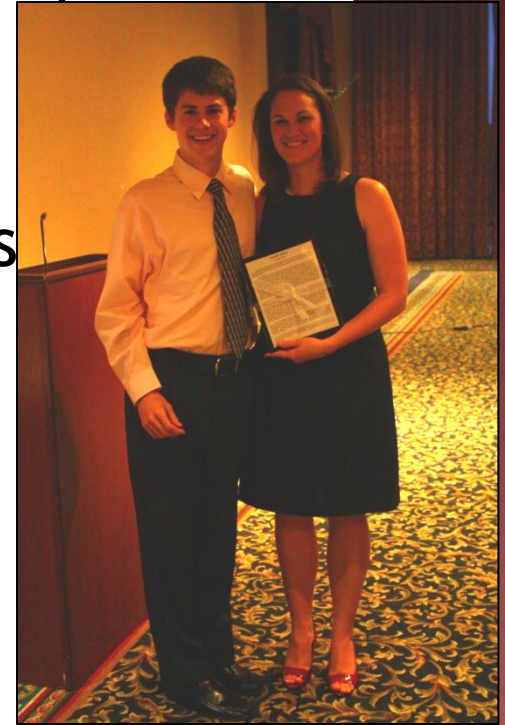
MAJOR PURPOSE

- Scholarships
 - 121 Scholarships awarded totaling \$119,000
 - 8 Endowed Scholarships totaling \$149,139



MAJOR PURPOSE

- Academic Recognition/Hall of Fame Banquet
 - Academic Recognition 2000-2003
 - Hall of Fame Banquet 2004-2009
 - 361 Honored Students and Educators
 - Over \$21,000 raised
 - College Station Medical Center graciously has underwritten the event for 9 of the 10 years.
- Walk our Walk 2003-2008
 - 84 Participants visited CSISD classrooms and programs



PROGRAMS & FUNDRAISERS

- Star Cards 2001-2008
 - Over 1500 cards delivered
 - Raised almost \$28,000
- Player of the Game 2004-2005
 - Raised \$6000
- Walk our Walk 2003-2008
 - 84 Participants visited CSISD classrooms and programs
- 50 Men Who Can Cook 2008-2009
 - Showcase culinary skills of prominent community members.
 - Raised almost \$112,000



PROGRAM NEEDS

- ⦿ Continue to expand community awareness about the foundation.
- ⦿ Increase fundraising efforts to support the purpose.
- ⦿ Form Committees to better utilize the foundation board members and volunteers.

PROGRAM CHALLENGES

- ⦿ During tough economic times raising funds has its challenges.
- ⦿ Recent economic downturn has made it challenging to raise funds.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS?