

Palo Alto Community Fund

...endowing our future

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Making College a Reality

What better endorsement for the work of the Foundation for a College Education than the words of Bennie Joe Mackey II, who was in the FCE Class of 1999 and is now a graduate of Pitzer College:

"In 1998, I was astounded when I heard about a program created for minority students who wanted to go to college. I was a member of the pilot group of students in FCE when resources were minimal. Despite this, we were always taken care of. FCE helped us get through SATs and college applications, even going far above and beyond the call of duty to take us on college tours and set up college interviews for us. I had an extraordinary college experience and I'm proud to say that I'm on my way to Santa Clara University Law School this fall. I owe a great deal to FCE."

From a quiet start, FCE has developed a program of truly extraordinary scope and depth. In 2003, FCE enrolled 80 high school students through the College Bound High School Program and the College Success Program. FCE collaborates with RISE (Realizing Intellect through

Self-Empowerment) at Menlo-Atherton High School, providing expertise in college admissions and financial aid. It has developed a formal partnership with NASA Ames Research Center to offer FCE students

paid summer internships with the goal of full-time positions at NASA upon completion of their college degrees.

Scholarships, workshops, counseling, college visits, SAT preparation, tutoring—thanks to these services and the encouragement of FCE's enthusiastic staff, ten 2003 high school graduates are now freshmen at Stanford, San

Francisco State, San Jose State, Amherst, Santa Clara, Notre Dame, North Carolina A & T, and Mount St. Mary's. The most exciting news for FCE is the graduation of FCE's first five college students, among them Bennie Joe Mackey!

The Palo Alto Community Fund recognizes that FCE is making a positive impact on our future and is pleased to have supported its efforts with a grant in 2003.



"Unlike most outreach programs, we track our students throughout their entire college career and offer ongoing support."

Stephanie Wick, FCE Executive Director

Celebrating 25 Years of Building Community

Twenty-five years ago, a group of civic-minded Palo Altans created a local community endowment and awarded its first grants, totaling \$12,000, to three local non-profits. From those modest beginnings, the Palo Alto Community Fund has grown its endowment to more than \$3 million, and last year made grants in excess of \$130,000 to nineteen non-profits.

To usher in its next twenty-five years, the Palo Alto Community Fund is celebrating with a campaign to raise a quarter of a million dollars to

match our quarter of a century service to the community. And to strengthen our endowment for the next twenty-five years and beyond, we are establishing the Palo Alto Legacy (PAL) Circle, whereby donors can become "real PALs" by naming the Fund as a beneficiary of their Will or Trust.

In short, this is an exciting year for the Fund, and we hope YOU and all of our neighbors and friends will be part of it!

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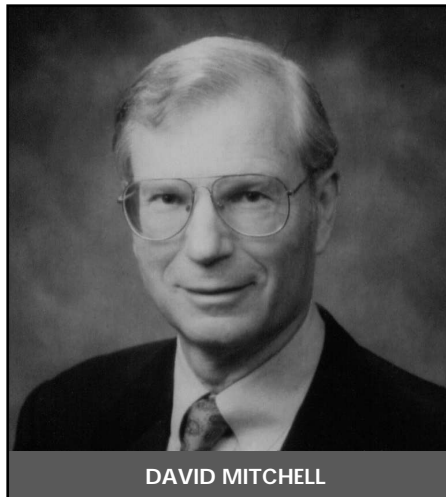
PACF Welcomes Two New Board Members

We welcome Elizabeth Lucchesi to our Board. Elizabeth serves as Associate Director for Class Giving in Stanford's Office of Development, where she previously held positions in Major Gifts and Alumni Relations. Devoting a good portion of her "spare" time to benefiting the community, Elizabeth serves on local boards such as Family and Children's Services and Association for Senior Day Heath. Her first PACF assignment is to the Community Development Committee, which is thrilled to benefit from her expertise.

Another stellar addition to our Board is Dave Mitchell, an attorney specializing in tax, trusts and estates, and non-profit organization law. Dave joins the Board with a distinguished record of non-profit experience, including service on the Boards of the Peninsula Open Space Trust, Second Harvest Food Bank, Community Foundation Silicon Valley, and United Way. A Palo Alto resident since 1965, Dave will now focus his expertise on his local community, serving on the PACF Grants Committee.



ELIZABETH LUCCHESI



DAVID MITCHELL

Thank You All...

Palo Alto Community Fund is pleased to report that, thanks to your support, our 2003 fund-raising campaign totaled \$216,000 from 367 donors. We thank you each and every one — it's rewarding to watch our Fund grow.

The mission of the Palo Alto Community Fund is to build and sustain a philanthropic endowment that responds to the goals and needs of our community by supporting new or existing programs sponsored by a broad spectrum of Palo Alto area non-profit organizations.

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