

Palo Alto Community Fund

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Summer 2008

2008 Grants top \$180,000

PACF is pleased to announce that this spring we provided over \$180,000 in grants to 30 local nonprofits in Palo Alto, East Palo Alto, Menlo Park and other area communities. Both the total grant amount and the number of grant recipients were the largest ever for the organization.

"We are very pleased to be able to provide this level of impact to local nonprofits in our community," said Kathy Schniedwind, Co-President



Students participating in KidPower learn "closed mouth power".

of PACF. "Through the generosity of our donors, we've been able to increase the size of our endowment, which has, in turn, allowed us to increase both the depth and breadth of our grant making efforts."

For almost 30 years, PACF has grown and managed its philanthropic endowment, which exceeded \$4 million this year for the first time. Each year, the proceeds of that endowment directly improve the quality of life in the Palo Alto area through an extensive annual grant making process. This year, nearly 80 local nonprofit organizations applied for grants. The 30 organizations that received grants cover virtually every area of philanthropy, including social services, housing, education, healthcare, environment, youth and family support, community development, seniors and the arts—all focused on the greater Palo Alto service area.

"Every year, we receive so many compelling applications from such a wide range of wonderful organizations" said Amy Renalds, Co-President of PACF. "One of our major priorities is to increase the size of our endowment, so we can afford to fund more of these incredibly worthy organizations and projects."

One of the organizations that received fund-

ing this year is Collective Roots. The organization, founded in 2000 at Belle Haven School in Menlo Park and now located at the East Palo Alto Charter School, has been locally focused since its inception. Like many PACF programs, Collective Roots touches a large number of students with their garden-based educational programs for children grades K-8.

"The support from PACF could not come at a better time. Our work at Collective Roots is made possible through donations and grants like this one from PACF," said Wolfram Alderson, Executive Director of Collective Roots. "This support is helping us establish a bridge between garden-based learning and food system change; helping to eliminate health and environmental disparities in East Palo Alto, a community long overdue for such change. PACF is a perfect partner for us in funding these critical programs."

Eight organizations were first time recipients of a PACF grant in 2008; Art of Yoga, Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto, KidPower, My New Red Shoes, Parca, Peninsula Bridge, Project Read Menlo Park, and Resource Area for Teaching (RAFT). A complete listing of 2008 grant recipients is in the blue sidebar on the reverse. For more detailed descriptions of



Job Train participants study solar photovoltaics.

grants please see our website at <http://www.paloaltocommfund.org/pgs/grants2008.html>

Congratulations and thank you to all of our generous donors for making this our most successful grant season ever in terms of number of dollars awarded and organizations served. We could not continue our long tradition of supporting the individuals in our community without the generosity of our donors.

Board Briefs

At the June board meeting Co-Presidents Amy Renalds and Kathy Schniedwind turned the reins of leadership over to President Mike Trigg and Vice-President and Secretary, Dave Mitchell who begin their terms in July. Other officers for 2008-2009 include Treasurer Worth Ludwick. At this meeting we also thanked past president, Barbara Carlitz, and Annette Bialson who are leaving the board upon completion of their terms. They will be missed.

We also welcomed our new Executive

Director, Emily Wu. Please see the article on the reverse side.

In June we also thanked Alloy Ventures for letting us have very reasonably priced office space in their facility. With the addition of Administrative Assistant Kim Perlmutter, we required more space and have secured it at Silicon Valley Community Foundation. While we retain our Palo Alto PO box address for mail, we are pleased to share the new office space provided by the foundation.

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The mission of the Palo Alto Community Fund is to grow, sustain, and use its endowment to improve the quality of life in our community. The Fund supports the work of new and existing nonprofit organizations serving the Palo Alto area.

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PACF Welcomes New Executive Director

We are very pleased to welcome our new Executive Director, Emily Wu. Emily comes to us with many years of experience as a fundraising professional and volunteer in the Palo Alto community. She has been the development director for Peninsula Youth Theatre in Mountain View and has served on many local nonprofit boards and volunteered for a number of nonprofit organizations in our community.

These organizations include Second Harvest Food Bank, Ronald McDonald House, the Los Altos Educational Foundation, the Anti-Defamation League, the Junior League of Palo Alto * Mid Peninsula, and Children's Health Council. She has also served in many leadership positions at Castilleja School and was PTA president at Keys School. Emily has a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of California, Berkeley and an MBA from the University of Michigan.



EMILY WU

Emily is very excited about her new position with the Palo Alto Community Fund and looks forward to meeting and getting to know all of our wonderful volunteers, donors and grantees. She lives in Los Altos with her husband Drew Hoffman and children, Allison and Daniel.

We welcome Emily and know she will be a tremendous asset to PACF!

2008 Fall Reception—September 25

We hope you received the "Save the Date" postcard for our fall reception which will be September 25, 2008, at Maddy and Isaac Stein's home in Atherton.

We look forward to honoring our 2008 grantees and also launching our fundraising

season which has a strong focus in the fall.

If you haven't already done so, be sure to mark your calendar for September 25, 2008. A formal invitation will be sent to all donors this summer.



Family Connections parents and staff at their new site located at 1070 Beech Street in East Palo Alto (l) and Art of Yoga (r) were grant recipients in 2008. For all 2008 grant descriptions see - <http://www.paloaltocommfund.org>.



2008 GRANT RECIPIENTS

- Abilities United
 - Acterra
 - Art in Action
 - Art of Yoga
 - Collective Roots
 - Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto
 - Community School of Music and Arts
 - Downtown Streets Team
 - Each One Reach One
 - Environmental Volunteers
 - Family and Children Services
 - Family Connections
 - Foundation for a College Education (FCE)
 - Friends of the Palo Alto Junior Museum
 - InnVision
 - JobTrain (formerly OICW)
 - KidPower
 - League of Women Voters of Palo Alto and South San Mateo Counties
 - MayView Community Health Center
 - My New Red Shoes
 - Palo Alto Community Child Care
 - Parca
 - Peninsula Bridge
 - Peninsula Stroke Association
 - Project Read - Menlo Park
 - Resource Area for Teaching (RAFT)
 - Shelter Network
 - St. Vincent de Paul Society
 - Stevenson House
 - YES Reading
- For nonprofit websites and grant descriptions see:
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