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# The Greater St. Charles Education Foundation

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### The Foundation contributed over \$60,000 to support projects for District 303 students this past school year.

**Established** in 1992, the Greater St. Charles Education Foundation is a not-for-profit organization created by a group of volunteer citizens. Their mission was to support and enrich the education of Community School District #303 students.

The purpose of the Foundation is to support efficient, cost-effective initiatives for the teachers, staff, students and community members. To enhance the high quality of education that our district offers.

Today, the 20-member volunteer Board of Directors continues to follow these same principles. Funds raised are given to D303 for the benefit of more than 13,000 students. Expenses incurred are project related and are minimal.

The success of the Foundation is dependent on the support of our community: its businesses, corporations, leaders, professionals and parents.

Our Foundation is one of the most worthwhile organizations to support in the greater St. Charles area.

GSCEF operates independently of District 303.

**Grants** are awarded through a blind review process to ensure complete objectivity and fairness among all applications.

The foundation selected 17 projects for funding through our annual grant program totaling nearly \$40,000. This year's grants ranged from \$500 to provide partial funding for digital audio players for an elementary LRC to \$7,290 for full funding for cameras and video equipment to establish a high school TV broadcasting studio.

The Foundation seeks to provide funding for projects and grants that give teachers the opportunity to put innovative ideas into practice that would not otherwise be possible through the District's normal operating budget.

A summary of the grants can be found on our website at [www.stceducation.com](http://www.stceducation.com).

**Scholarships:** in May, the Foundation awarded \$1000 college scholarships to four outstanding District 303 high school graduates. Shannon Kennedy and Kember Schmidt from St. Charles

East and Candice Inc and Nico Teti-Teal from St. Charles North were chosen from a large number of highly qualified applicants.

**Literature Festival:** The foundation earmarked \$5,000 to support the 2011 St. Charles Literature Festival which hosts nationally recognized authors and storytellers to participate in special events held in

District 303 classrooms and the St. Charles public Library.

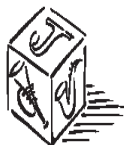
**Honoraria:** The Foundation awarded \$1,000 to each high school music program for their participation in the 2009 Jazz Event. Our annual fundraiser.

**Media Carts:** Over the summer, the Foundation provided over \$12,000 in state of the art multimedia carts to the middle schools completing our pledge made two years ago to award a cart to every D303 school. The integrated system provides teachers with the latest in portable presentation technology in a secure mobile workstation. Reviews from elementary school and high school users have been extremely positives.

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### Upcoming Events for 2010

**Jazz Event: "Celebrating Education and All That Jazz"** Saturday, February 27, 2010 at the Royal Fox Country Club in St. Charles. This event will include a scrumptious dinner, live and silent auction, a raffle and live performances by St. Charles East and North high school Jazz Bands.



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**ArtFusion:** The Education Foundation is launching a new event. ArtFusion will help raise funds as well as celebrate the Arts in all disciplines while promoting unity in the District.

The Art Festival will be on March 24, 2010 at the Arcada Theatre in St. Charles.

**Fee Day:** During the registration period, parents can donate \$10 to the Foundation.