

September 16, 2005

2005 HOLIDAY LUNCH ANNOUNCEMENT

(San Francisco, CA) It's that time of year again! We are pleased to invite you to join us for the San Francisco Education Fund's 26th annual Holiday Lunch. The celebration will be held on December 13 and we would be honored to have you attend.

Since 1979, the Ed Fund has advocated for excellent public education in San Francisco so all public school students can reach their full potential. In our 26 years, we have provided innovative programs for more than 750,000 students and 15,000 teachers throughout San Francisco. Every year, the Ed Fund awards grants to teachers for creative classroom projects, facilitates ongoing professional development, and creates opportunities for teachers to develop as leaders. The Ed Fund also trains young people in tutoring, mentoring, and conflict mediation through the nationally recognized San Francisco Peer Resources program, and last year we implemented the Public Engagement Initiative, designed to engage the entire community in advocating for quality teaching and supportive learning environments in our city's public schools.

We expect this year's Holiday Lunch to attract nearly 600 attendees, including business representatives, community leaders, teachers, and parents. The program includes presentation of a video honoring outstanding classroom projects supported by the Ed Fund, entertainment from school groups, youth speakers, and a keynote speech from Congressman Mike Honda. With your help and participation, the funds raised from this event will strengthen our valuable programs and help San Francisco's public school students receive the best education we can give them.

Please consider becoming a Holiday Lunch underwriter with a leadership gift of \$15,000 (Principal Philanthropist) or \$10,000 (Philanthropist). Alternatively, you can show your support by purchasing a table for ten as a Benefactor (\$5,000), Sustainer (\$3,000), or Sponsor (\$2,000).

Gifts and pledges received before October 6 will be listed in the event invitation, which is mailed to 3,000 businesses and individuals, and all donors will be recognized in the printed lunch program. We also thank all donors in our newsletter, which is distributed to 2,000 individuals who invest in public education, and on our website.

Please pledge your support for the Ed Fund now, and join us on December 13 as we celebrate excellence in public education in San Francisco. We all benefit when our schools succeed, and our schools succeed with the support of our community. Together we can make a difference.

See below for sponsorship opportunities, and for information about reserving your table, please contact Jen Milley at 415.912.2238 or jen@sfedfund.org.

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Holiday Lunch Sponsorship Opportunities

- ❖ **\$25,000 Philanthropist of Education (table of ten)**
Help 50 teachers attend workshops to improve their teaching of literacy

- ❖ **\$15,000 Principal Philanthropist (table of ten)**
Support comprehensive Peer Resources programs at five middle and high schools

- ❖ **\$10,000 Philanthropist (table of ten)**
Engage community members in dialogue and action to improve public education

- ❖ **\$5,000 Benefactor (table of ten)**
Teach reading skills to an entire first grade class

- ❖ **\$3,000 Sustainer (table of ten)**
Support 25 math and science teachers in developing new ways to teach critical subjects

- ❖ **\$2,000 Sponsor (table of ten)**
Develop an after-school program in creative writing for over 100 young children

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Gifts of securities are welcome. Please contact Jennifer Milley at 415.912.2238 for more information.

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