

Thank you to all the parents, businesses and community members who came together to support LGEF last year and made the 2011 Annual Campaign a success! We exceeded the goal, and raised over \$958,000! *Daniel Snyder—President, LGEF Board of Directors*



LGEF

2010-2011 ANNUAL REPORT

BLOSSOM HILL | DAVES AVENUE | FISHER MIDDLE | LEXINGTON | VAN METER

What is LGEF?

The Los Gatos Education Foundation (LGEF) was founded by concerned parents who realized the quality of public education was being undermined by the severe cutbacks after California Proposition 13 dramatically changed the structure and amount of public school funding. LGEF began providing grants to Los Gatos Schools (K-8) during the 1983 school year.

Mission Statement

The Mission of LGEF, a non-profit 501c3 organization, is to raise essential funds to ensure that the children of the Los Gatos Union School District receive high-quality programs and resources vital to their education. To this end, LGEF provides grants to support the education of all students at Blossom Hill, Daves Avenue, Lexington, and Louise Van Meter elementary schools and RJ Fisher Middle School.

A Message from the LGEF President

I would like to personally thank each and every one of last year's donors listed on the following pages. Your investment in the children of Los Gatos has ensured that they have hands-on science, art, music, and technology. I would also like to personally thank the volunteers, teachers and staff who helped to spread the word on the critical need for private funds to support our schools!

Now, more than ever, your donation to LGEF is needed to continue providing a 21st century education for all our students. Per student spending in the Los Gatos Union School District (LGUSD) is lower than the 2005 school year, only \$8,350 per student. The district has lost millions of dollars in state and local funding, money which isn't likely to return any time soon. There are more children, yet less money to educate them all. Unfortunately, the cost of a top quality education has not remained at the same level.

LGEF has picked up some of the increased costs, but teachers and classroom programs have suffered the brunt of the impact, with classroom size (children per class) rising by close to 20% over the past five years, with only limited funds to hire more staff without drastic cuts elsewhere. We must raise the bar for our children's sake.

As we strive to maintain the programs we currently have in Los Gatos, the question we must ask ourselves is *what areas of improvement would we like to offer our children that are not part of the "core" academic program (e.g.; core includes math, language arts, science and social studies)?* Currently, programs such as visual & performing arts, technology integration, library support, foreign language, K-3 physical education, literacy support, and reduced class size, are considered "supplemental" programs that are funded only through local support such as parcel tax, LGEF and Home & School Clubs.

Our schools have done an amazing job with the limited resources they are given, testing in the top 10% of the state. But, other public school districts are doing more and are testing higher.

Our children need the skills and tools to live, thrive and excel in an ever more competitive and complex world. In order to move the district from good to great, we need to do more. As president of LGEF, I am asking you to join me and invest in our children's education. *(continued)*



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President's Message *(continued)*

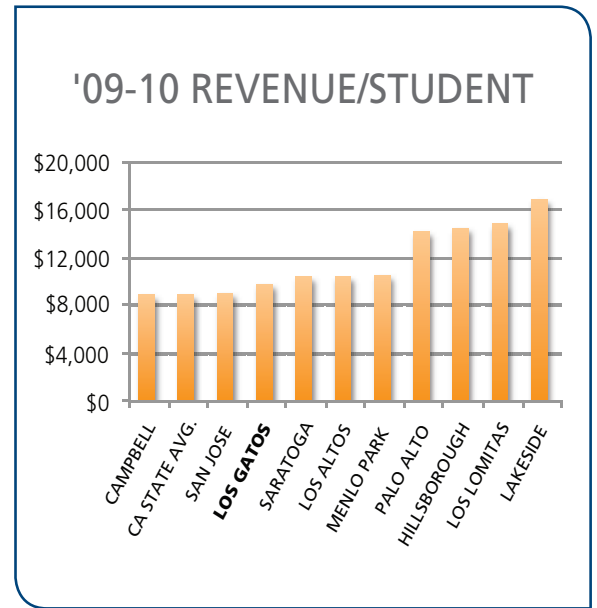
To keep the existing programs in place for the 2012-13 school year, we need 100% participation from our community. Your contribution of \$600 per student (or more) allows LGEF to offer grants to the District for areas of improvement listed above. For example, with 100% participation rate at the \$600 level, LGEF could offer grants to the District in the amount of \$1,800,000. Without your donation, programs remain at risk.

LGEF's 2012 Annual Campaign runs from January 17 - February 17. We need donations by February 17th so that we can let the district know what funds are available before the March 15th deadline, when the State of California requires school districts to issue teacher layoff notices if funds are not available for the subsequent school year.

Please help us raise the bar by donating now. You can pay by check, credit card, and installments or via stock donation. Go to www.LGEF.org or call 408-335-2229 to speak directly with LGEF staff.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Daniel Snyder—President
LGEF Board of Directors



SOURCE: ED DATA

Superintendent's Letter

GRATITUDE IS SOMETHING OF WHICH
NONE OF US CAN GIVE TOO MUCH.

FOR ON THE SMILES, THE THANKS WE
GIVE, OUR LITTLE GESTURES
OF APPRECIATION,

OUR PARTNERS BUILD UP THEIR
PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE.

—A.J. CRONIN

This is an exciting time to be a part of the Los Gatos Union School District (LGUSD). Our elementary schools—Blossom Hill, Louise Van Meter, Daves Avenue, Lexington—and our middle school—R.J. Fisher—earned top academic rankings of “10” for schools in California. As LGUSD looks toward the future and continues to improve its academic programs and facilities, it nevertheless remains Los Gatos in heart and spirit, committed to educating all children to their unique potential by teaching, modeling, and supporting the skills and attitudes that contribute to their development as globally and socially responsible citizens.

Whether you are an alumnus, parent, or community partner, you will notice, upon visiting our school sites and talking to the students, faculty and staff, that LGUSD remains as unique as the Town of Los Gatos...one of Santa Clara County's oldest communities. We are excited about celebrating our 150th anniversary in 2013, and look to you as partners as we face some challenges ahead.

Did you know that California property tax funding provides only about 65% of the money LGUSD spends to deliver our students the excellent education they receive within the K-8 community public schools? The other 35% of the budget every year is provided by

local funds such as parcel tax, redevelopment agency fees, and through private contributions raised by the Los Gatos Education Foundation (i.e. generous donations from you—the Los Gatos community). Your donation allows us to provide Los Gatos students with high quality programs that are valued in the community such as science, music, art, and technology.

Your individual donation and personal attention to our students remind me that it is important to appreciate our dreams, and our expectations collectively. There is no one like you, and we need 100% participation to continue to offer global and innovative academic experiences, and state-of-the-art choices for our students. Yes, we are all unique, and yet, we can take these differences and mobilize them to enhance our curriculum and learning environment. In our differences, we can move together toward a common goal and imagine exciting possibilities.

It is my privilege to lead the District into the future and my obligation to ensure its proper stewardship. Your gift is an honor bestowed upon the Los Gatos Union School District and I want to thank you for your investment in us.

Sincerely,

Diana Abbati—Superintendent

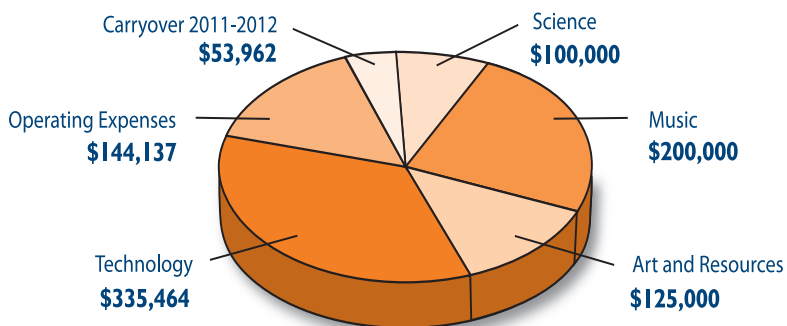
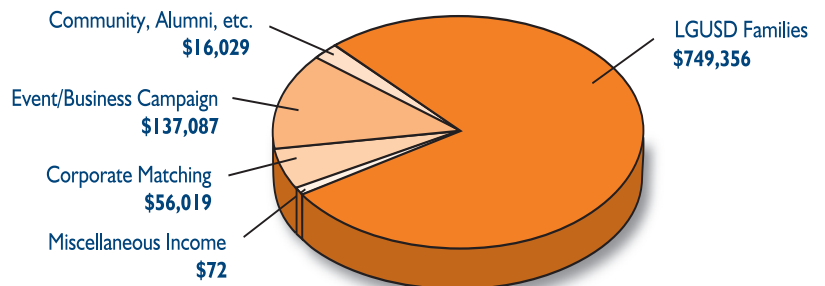
Financials

2010-2011 Revenues & Expenses



2010-11 SOURCES OF FUNDS

LGUSD Families	78.17%	\$749,356
Corporate Matching	5.84%	\$56,019
Event/Business Campaign	14.30%	\$137,087
Community, Alumni, etc.	1.67%	\$16,029
Miscellaneous Income	0.01%	\$72
TOTAL SOURCES		\$958,563



2010-11 GRANTS & EXPENSES

Science	10.43%	\$100,000
Music	20.86%	\$200,000
Art & Resources	13.04%	\$125,000
Technology	35.00%	\$335,464
Total Grants		\$760,464
Operating Expenses	15.04%	\$144,137
Carryover to 2011-12	5.63%	\$53,962

TOTAL USES **\$958,563**



What Are Summaries of 2010 2011-2012

“The student laptops, as well as our document cameras and

“Teachers are able to utilize many on-line resources that directly benefit their up-to-date research sources, leveled reading books..., grammar and math activities, students are able to show their knowledge in many different ways...through written curriculum to come alive and have given teachers the ability to better meet the needs of



SCIENCE

Science Teacher and Materials to Support Hands-On Science Lessons

The LGEF-funded science specialist provides training and assistance to K-8 teachers, helping students experience meaningful hands-on science experiences, and continuing the expansion and improvement of inquiry-based science programming in our schools.

In 2010-11 funding provided:

- 368 hands-on FOSS Science lessons in K-5 classes
- 31 K-5 science lessons (non-FOSS) provided by the science specialist
- 399 K-5 hands-on science experiences for K-5 students

Amount: \$100,000

MUSIC

Weekly Music Instruction in Grades K-5; Music Electives at Fisher

LGEF funding ensures that 100% of elementary students received weekly music lessons. At Fisher, there are 10 different music electives offered by their honor-winning music program. The state provides no funding for music.

- Every K-5 class received weekly music lessons
- More than 33% of Fisher Students take a music elective

Amount: \$200,000

ART

Artist in the Classroom; Art Docent Program

LGEF is funding the Artist in the Classroom, who will teach five hands-on visual art lessons to each K-5 student. In addition, all K-5 students will receive 5 art history lessons and at least one hands-on lesson from the Art Docents. The Art Docents also provide specialized art lessons to Fisher students and stage the annual district-wide student art show with money provided by LGEF. This grant includes \$5,000 for materials for advanced art electives at Fisher.



- 120 K-8 classrooms received Art Docent lessons
- 433 Art History/Art Appreciation lessons throughout K-8
- All K-5 students received Artist in the Classroom hands-on art lessons

Amount: \$70,000



Artwork on this page by students in Ms. Rugani's 1st grade class at Louise

We Funding?

- 2011 LGEF Grants

School Year

projectors, have changed the way student learn and teachers teach.”

students. These activities include enrichment and reinforcement activities..., [and] videos that bring science and history to life... just to name a few. [In turn], work, slideshows, keynote presentations, iMovies, etc. Laptops have helped the our diverse classrooms.” *Karen Tamsen—Teacher, Grade 5 Louise Van Meter Elementary School*



TECHNOLOGY

Technology in the Classroom

The technology specialist, funded by LGEF, develops curriculum and helps teachers and students use technology effectively in classrooms at all grade levels. LGEF money also helped to pay for laptops used by students in the elementary schools and at Fisher.

LGEF funds:

- 100% of student laptops in 6th and 7th grades.
- 70% of the cost of 5th grade laptops at all elementary schools is funded by LGEF grants.

Amount: \$335,464

Resources:

FISHER PROJECT CORNERSTONE

LGEF continues its support of the social and emotional literacy curriculum that has been developed at Fisher Middle School, including support for their popular and award-winning Project Cornerstone program.

Amount: \$15,000

SUMMER SUCCESS ACADEMY (RJ FISHER MIDDLE SCHOOL)

LGEF funded the 2011 Fisher Summer Success Academy which prepared students by providing academic and other support based on students' needs and strengths. These students arrived at Fisher ready to learn and succeed.

Amount: \$20,000

SUMMER SUCCESS ACADEMY (ELEMENTARY)

3 2011 summer classes supported incoming 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade students across the district. The purpose of these classes was to provide a jump-start for these students in order to prepare them for success in the coming school year.

Amount: \$15,000

GATE

(Gifted and Talented Education)

A series of events are scheduled through the GATE program including: Family Math Nights, to inspire and challenge students mathematically; Family Art Nights to develop students' interest in creativity, movement and the arts; and Science Workshops produced by the Lawrence Hall of Science entitled Fantastic Gas, Light Wizardry and Liquid Nitro.

Amount: \$5,000





Thank you to every one of our donors—

—parents, teachers, administrators, businesses, corporations, community members & volunteers—for stepping up to support our schools through your gift(s) to LGEF. We appreciate your support, especially during these difficult economic times.

In addition, we wish to thank those who participated in the 2011 Denim and Diamonds Auction as a donor, bidder, player, attendee, or volunteer.

Following is a list of all donors to the Campaign during the period **July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011**. We have made every effort to ensure our list of donors is complete and accurate. Forgive any errors or omissions. Please send corrections to Debbie at admin@lgef.org.

We also wish to extend a special thanks to our teachers, principals and district administrators, without whom our children couldn't receive the excellent education provided in our District.

Thanks! Together We Make a Difference!

How You Can Help

- **REMEMBER LGEF IN YOUR YEAR-END GIVING**

If you are planning to make your charitable donations before December 31, please remember LGEF in your year-end giving. There are many ways to donate. All donations are tax deductible (tax ID #94-2874929).

- **WRITE A CHECK** (*preferred method of payment*)

Use the enclosed envelope to make your donation. Envelopes are also available in all school offices.

- **USE YOUR CREDIT CARD**

You can make a one-time gift, a gift in installments (with payments over several months), or a monthly recurring gift that continues until you tell us to stop (it will automatically adjust to each campaign on July 1). You can also make a pledge for a one-time payment in the future (or installments to start in the future).

- **DONATE ONLINE VIA GREATER GIVING**

Visit www.lgef.org and donate online. You can choose to donate one-time or on a recurring basis. If you choose to make a donation using your credit card or Greater Giving, please consider adding 3% to cover processing costs.

- **DONATE STOCK OR SECURITIES**

Gifts of stock may include substantial tax advantages. Please consult your tax advisor. To request stock transfer instructions, please call 408-335-2229 or e-mail admin@lgef.org.

- **MATCHING GRANTS**

Employer-corporate matching grants have brought in more than \$175,000 since 2008. If your company offers matching, contact your HR department to find out how they process the requests. Many companies have on-line forms and confirm with LGEF electronically. Others have paper forms to complete and send to LGEF.

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FOR THE CAMPAIGN ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 17 AND END FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17.

It's a short campaign this year—Just 4 weeks.

LGEF has committed to tell the District before March 1st the exact amount that will be provided for grants for the 2012-2013 School Year. Based on that 'promise', the District will determine whether they will need to **issue pink slips to classroom teachers** and/or whether to **reduce funding**

for 'elective' programs, such as **Art and Music**. To this end, we are targeting a goal of \$1.0 million. For those donors who usually give later in the year (March-June) we ask you to donate earlier, if possible, or to make a firm commitment to a future payment.

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