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RE: DONATION REQUEST FOR Outdoor Science School

2023-2024 School Year

Dear Community Business Leader:

San Juan Children's Education Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization established to support the children of San Juan Elementary School ("SJES") in providing every student with the opportunity to achieve academic success. Part of the Foundation's ongoing support is to provide educational enrichment programs for our students. Each year the Foundation funds the cost of sending the fifth grade students to outdoor science school in Big Bear, California. The cost of Outdoor Science School ranges from \$45,000-\$55,000 depending on the student count and the number of nights the grade stays. Outdoor science school engages students by immersing them into nature and bringing science to life. The learning experience is based on Next Generation Science Standards where each lesson incorporates the new state standards into the curriculum and seeks to inspire and engage students in a hands-on way. Developing interest in science in elementary school is a critical time for engaging students so that they may choose science careers in college. The overnight stay builds self-esteem and confidence which encourages independent and critical thinking.

As you consider a donation, the following may be of interest:

Two-Way Immersion Program - In September 2004, our school was selected to implement a Two-Way Language Immersion program. Beginning in Kindergarten, native Spanish-speaking and native English-speaking students study together to become bilingual and biliterate. This program offers our students the priceless gift of fluency and literacy in two languages: English AND Spanish.

Title 1 School – Our school is located across from the San Juan Capistrano Historic Mission and is made up of a diverse group of children from San Juan Capistrano and surrounding cities. Over 64% of the families at our school currently qualify as low income. While students at many of the schools in our district attend this valuable program because their parents can afford the participation fee, Title 1 schools must fundraise. Since every student must be granted the opportunity to attend this program, the Foundation's challenge this year is to raise approximately \$50,000.00.

Through the generous support of community businesses and parents, we have been able to send the fifth grade students to Outdoor Science School in previous years. Will you help our school with a financial contribution so that we can continue this important program? All funds raised go directly to supporting Outdoor Science School.

If you have any questions regarding a donation or would like further information about Outdoor Science School funded by the Foundation, please contact Magally Pule at president@sjcef.org or (949) 813-2081.

Please identify your donation as "**5th Grade OSS Fundraiser**" and send it to:

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Sincerely,

Magally Pule - President, San Juan Children's Education Foundation