

Stone Ranch Foundation

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Dear Stone Ranch Community,

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves. We are members of the current Stone Ranch Foundation (SRF) and we would like to tell you about our purpose, our mission and our goals. We would also like to encourage you to become a member of the Foundation and most importantly, encourage you to contribute this year, and every year.

What is the Stone Ranch Foundation (SRF)?

The Stone Ranch Foundation is a tax-exempt, non-profit organization dedicated to raising the necessary funds for programs that are not currently funded by the school budget, grants, or PTA contributions.

The Foundation is made up of a group of parent volunteers and Stone Ranch Elementary staff that work together with the Principal to identify needs.



Our Mission: We are committed to making sure our children receive a **premier education** at Stone Ranch Elementary School.

Our Goal: To raise \$200,000 in the 2008/2009 school year to fund growth in the Music, Science & Technology, and Physical Education programs at Stone Ranch Elementary School.

How does the SRF raise funds?

Primarily, the Foundation seeks contributions from you, fellow parents. Funds are also raised from local corporations and through creative initiatives such as Family Night Out, Trailblazer Treats, and Family Sports Events.

In the 2007/2008 school year, the SRF successfully raised thousands of dollars to temporarily keep Music and Physical Education programs alive at our school. But there's still more to be done.

What is the difference between PTA and SRF, and Why Give to Both?

The Stone Ranch PTA does a great job providing programs and activities that enhance the educational experience and help build community at our school, for example Art Corps, Assemblies, Yearbook, Dances, and others.

The Foundation's purpose is to raise additional funds to support projects and programs that the PTA funds, the school budget, and grants, *do not cover*, for example Music, Science, and Physical Education.

There are a few additional differences that give the SRF more flexibility than the PTA with the use of funds raised. For example, SRF funds can last more than a year, thus enabling long term budgeting and projects; SRF can purchase durable goods, such as computers, the PTA cannot.

How can you help the Foundation and Support a Premier Education for your Children?

- **Take the \$1 challenge:** If each family in our school community would pledge \$1 per day per student we could make a huge impact at our school. There are almost 200 days of school each year so we are asking for each family to contribute **\$200** per child to the Foundation.
- With an enrollment of nearly 1,000 students we could raise \$200,000 each year! A list of contributors will appear on the Foundation Website. Please ask your employer for a **matching contribution** and you could double your \$200 contribution! Check the SRF website for a list of some companies that participate in matching gift programs.
- **Volunteer your time:** Serve on the Board of Directors, join the Foundation, or assist with one of the fundraising activities.

- **Support all SRF Fundraisers:** Family Nights Out at local restaurants, Family Sporting Events, Trailblazer Treats and more to come in 2008/2009. We encourage you to support these events and support your school!

You may not realize that Music, Science & Technology, and Physical Education programs are in jeopardy at Stone Ranch; but they are. And we need your help to keep them. Without each family's contribution, our goals of providing full-time Music, Physical Education, and Science Programs for our children cannot be met. Here at the Stone Ranch Foundation, we humbly ask you to take the \$1 challenge, as we have, and support a premier education for our children at Stone Ranch Elementary School. Please visit our website at www.stoneranchfoundation.com to make your contribution or mail your check today.

Sincerely,

The Stone Ranch Foundation Members

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