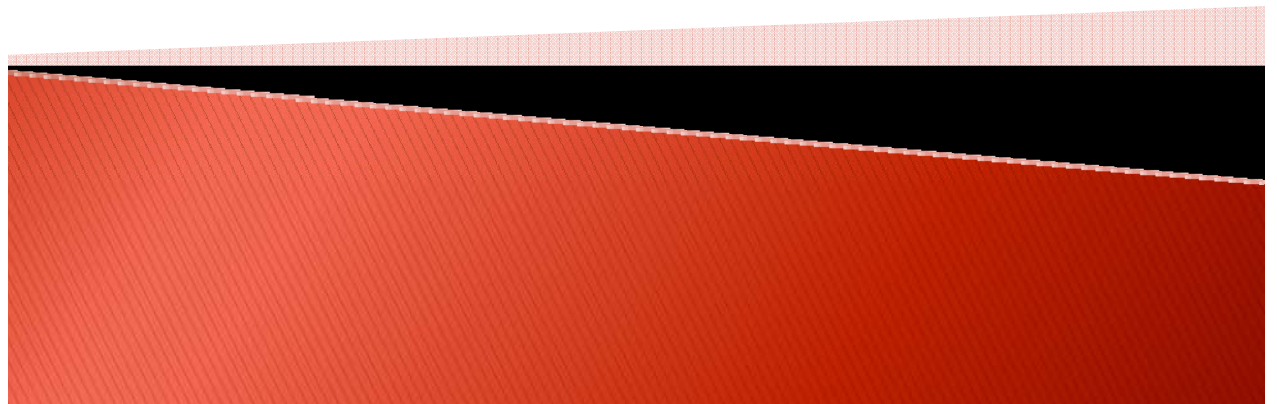


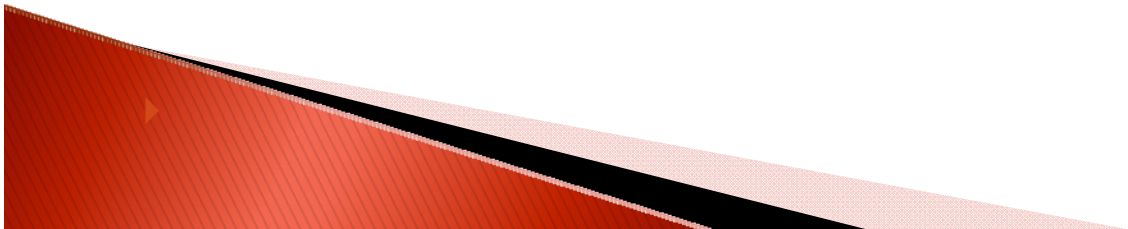
The South Orangetown Education Foundation

Engaging, Enriching and Expanding the
Education &
Experiences of Our Children



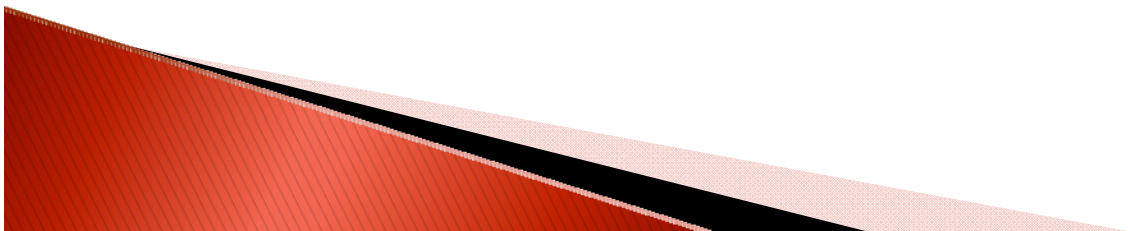
What is an Education Foundation?

- ▶ An education foundation is a nonprofit organization founded for the purpose of enriching educational opportunities for students.
- ▶ A foundation is community-supported, tax-exempt and can fund a variety of educational programs not covered by a school district budget, including classroom teacher grants, arts and culture, sports, scholarship and special programs and projects.
- ▶ It works in collaboration with other organizations that support students including PTAs, SOS and booster clubs, enriching the educational experiences of children across the board.



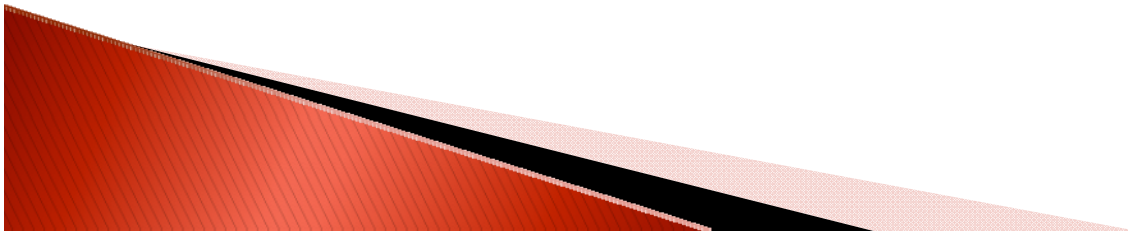
What Other Districts Have Foundations?

- ▶ There are hundreds of educational foundations providing millions of dollars in non-tax revenue to support students throughout the country.
- ▶ In our region, there are foundations in Nyack, Nanuet, Clarkstown as well as several others:
- ▶ Nyack <http://www.inspirenyack.org>
- ▶ Somers <http://www.sefny.org>
- ▶ Ossining <http://www.ossiningmatters.org>
- ▶ Tarrytown <http://www.tufsd.org/foundation>
- ▶ Clarkstown <http://www.clarkstownschooolsfoundation.org>



Why Now?

- ▶ Offers the community the opportunity to be a part of the solution... *to support education and our children.*
 - With financial support for “above & beyond”
 - Enhances and enriches educational opportunities
 - Increases family and community involvement
 - Raises awareness of school needs
 - Builds a partnership with the school district



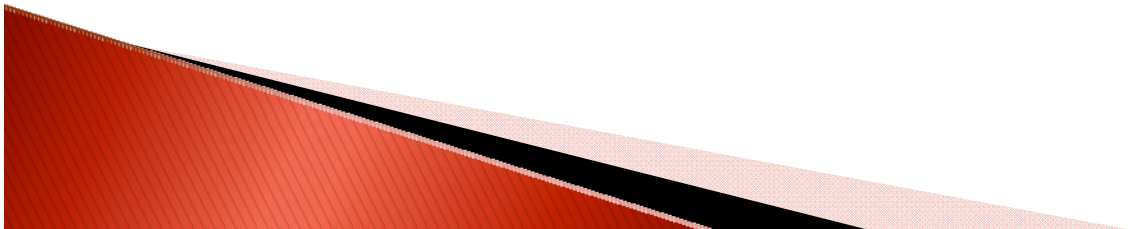
Background & Status of South Orangetown Education Foundation

- ▶ The South Orangetown Education Foundation was established in 2006 by a committed core group of volunteers, including community leaders, educators, parents and youth advocates.
- ▶ It is an independent charitable organization launched to work in partnership with the school district and community to enhance the educational experiences of students. It is awaiting final 501(c)(3) designation from the IRS.



Mission

- ▶ The South Orangetown Education Foundation will enrich the educational experiences of our children by attracting and providing resources and engaging the community, while expanding its partnership with the school district.



Purpose

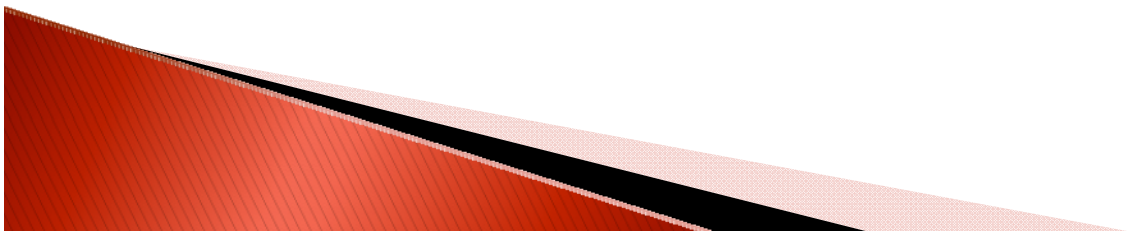
- ▶ The Foundation
 - Supports and enhances **THE TOTAL EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE** for all students
 - Solicits, manages and distributes funds to programs not typically funded by our school district
 - Identifies and secures financial resources
 - Develops partnerships with corporations, businesses, nonprofits and the community
 - Creates volunteer opportunities



Board Leadership-Current

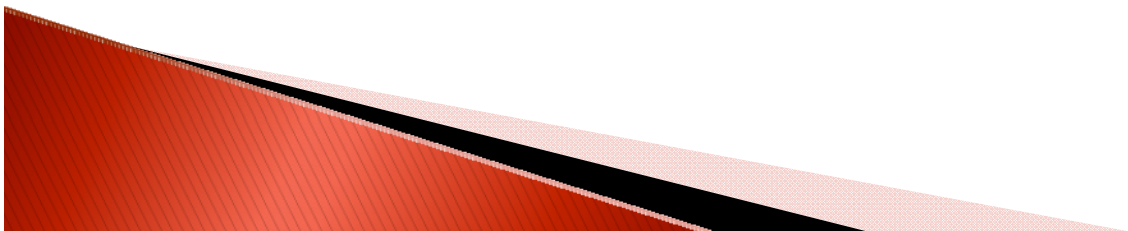
- ▶ Executive Committee (voting)
 - ▶ Mark Alexander
 - ▶ Marian Gryzlo
 - ▶ Laura Neuendorf
 - ▶ Pat Pollack

- ▶ Board Liaisons (non-voting)
 - ▶ Member of Board of Education
 - ▶ Superintendent of Schools
 - ▶ Teacher Representative (one-year term)



Plans for Future Leadership

- ▶ The Board membership will be expanded in 2010 based on potential members' commitment to education, alignment with its mission and represent a cross-section of our community.
- ▶ The foundation is also developing a plan for a "Friends" Advisory Board.



What We Fund

Engage Grants

- ▶ Professional development
- ▶ District-focused grants

Enrich Grants

- ▶ Grants for teacher classroom, grade or school-wide grants for innovative programs
- ▶ Scholarships for students

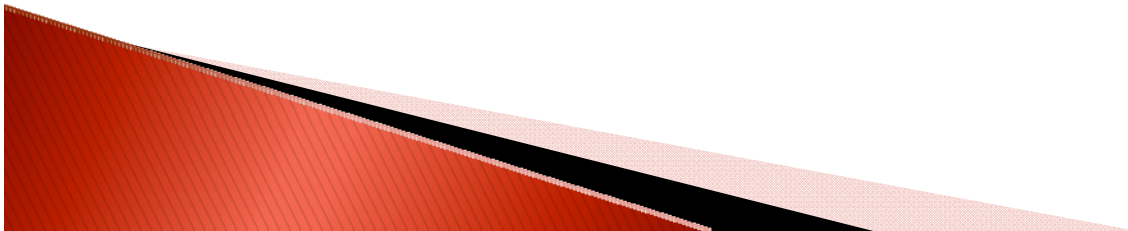
Expand Grants

- ▶ Special equipment
- ▶ Special programs



What We Do Not Fund

- ▶ Items that subsidize the current school budget
- ▶ Salaries and stipend positions
- ▶ Transportation
- ▶ Building repairs
- ▶ Tuition reimbursement
- ▶ Conference fees

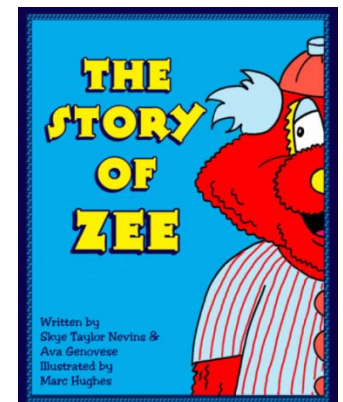


Activities and Accomplishments to Date

Since 2006, the Foundation has raised over \$50,000 through various events and fundraisers.

The Foundation has:

- Showcased student art for auction during "Art for the Heart" Community Event
- Co-sponsored a K-12 professional development on anti-bullying program
- Co-sponsored the publication of a book on school spirit, *The Story of Zee* <http://www.socsd.org/zeebook.htm>
- Awarded Enrichment Grants to support student activities



What Foundation Grants Have Supported

To Engage:

- ▶ Get Physical With Pedometers at TZE
- ▶ “Touch” Math at TZE
- ▶ Get the Digs

To Enrich:

- ▶ Native American Ceramics
- ▶ The Many Faces of Culture
- ▶ Home is Where Your Story Begins
- ▶ Learning through Play for 1st Graders:

To Expand:

- ▶ Video Technology
- ▶ Drift Buoys on the Bering Sea



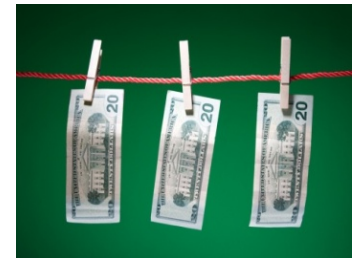
What Are the Future Goals of the Foundation?

Short Term:

- ▶ Build an infrastructure to ensure the sustainability of the Foundation

Long Term:

- ▶ Our initial long-term goal is to raise a minimum of \$250,000 in the next five years
- ▶ The Education Foundation will work in partnership with the district and all stakeholders to raise external resources to support children.



What is the Plan?

- ▶ Raise Awareness “Re-Launch” for the new decade
- ▶ Reach out to stakeholders and partners, PTAs, teachers, etc.
- ▶ Develop a new website and link to the SOCSD website
- ▶ Create a “Friends” Advisory Board
- ▶ Launch 2010 Mini-Grant Program
- ▶ Look at long-term needs that the Foundation may consider



How Can the Foundation and District Work Together?

- ▶ Raise awareness about the Foundation, what it does and how it supports the school district.
- ▶ Convene a meeting to introduce the Foundation to the School Board and Administration.
- ▶ Provide a platform to communicate the Foundation through the district website, district organizations, teachers and district communications on a regular basis.
- ▶ Encourage the school district community to apply for grants and promote their success.
- ▶ Assist in identifying needs and creating opportunities for private funding that cannot be supported by other revenue streams.
- ▶ Identify supporters with expertise that may be potential members of an advisory board for the Foundation.

Engage. Enrich. Expand.

Complement, Not Compete.

What Next?

