

News Bulletin



February 2009

Save the Date:

- March 28, 2009 –
Teacher Recruitment
Open House
- April 18, 2009 –
Central Market 5K Run

Ski Plano 2009 Breaks Fundraising Records

The Plano ISD Education Foundation announced that Ski Plano fundraising gala netted \$200,000 for the Foundation's programs in support of Plano Schools. "An Extraordinary Evening on the Mountaintop" was enjoyed by a record 800 guests who dined, danced, mingled with friends of Plano ISD and bid in silent and live auctions. The event featured honorary emcee, Brad Leland Williams, from "Friday Night Lights."

A committee of volunteers, led by Foundation Director, Lisa Raskin, coordinated the evening's festivities. Fabulous auction items and raffle prizes were purchased and won throughout the evening, including "Lexus Sampler Package," which will find successful bidders Kathi and Kevin Rupp enjoying driving a different luxury vehicle each month for a year compliments of Park Place Lexus.

To view a Ski Plano photo gallery visit the Plano ISD website at www.pisd.edu.

Touch the Heart of a Child

Plano ISD Education Foundation Annual Employee Contribution Campaign Underway Through February 25

The Plano ISD Education Foundation announces its annual employee contribution campaign, "Touch the Heart of a Child," which is underway through February 25. Foundation President Ralph Stow reported that, "In 2008, the employees of Plano ISD made the most significant contribution to the Foundation, validating the importance of the support the school district foundation provides Plano schools."

Monica Shortino, Foundation executive director, confirmed that, in last year's campaign, more than 3,300

faculty and staff members made a collective donation to the Foundation of nearly \$116,000. "The Foundation appreciates the contributions and the support of our employees and looks forward to another successful campaign this year."

This year the Foundation is hoping the community teams up with the employees to raise additional funds for the District. The "I Love Plano ISD" annual drive has been extended to allow the community to continue contributing through the end of the school year. All employees and

*"It is today we must
create the world of
the future."*

-Eleanor Roosevelt



Dr. Otto and wife Bobbi pose with Aspen sponsor David McCall and wife Sharon, Foundation Board member.

Touch the Heart of a Child cont.



Brian Jensen, Lisa Raskin, and Brad Leland Williams at Ski Plano 2009.

community members that contribute over \$100 will receive an "I Love Plano ISD" decorative yard sign to display. Beth Webb, President Elect, added "We hope by challenging the community to grow their support we will be able to provide additional much needed resources for the District"



Program Spotlight: Teacher Recruitment Open House

Again this year the Plano ISD Education Foundation is partnering with PISD Human Resources to recruit new teachers. The Plano Independent School Recruitment Open House, to be held on March 28, 2009 at Murphy Middle School.

Because of the Plano Independent School District's national reputation for excellence in public education, this unique all-district activity brings together in one day over one thousand candidates from across the nation, all interested in employment in Plano schools.

Plano ISD Education Foundation understands that teachers are one of the district's greatest assets and is happy to partner on this wonderful event.

Special thanks to Ebby Halliday for sponsoring this year's event.

Additional sponsorships still available.



Special Thanks:

- **AT&T – gift of \$50,000 for Destination Graduation programs**
- **Capital One – gift of \$25,000 for Family Literacy program and Ski Plano 2010**
- **Ebby Halliday – gift of \$5,000 for Teacher Recruitment Open House**
- **Gay McCall Isaacks Gordon and Roberts – gift of \$10,000 for Teacher of the Year Gala and commitment for Ski Plano 2010**
- **Countless sponsors and volunteers of Ski Plano 2009. Complete list online.**

Every gift matters!



What's New

This year the Plano ISD will be hosting commencement ceremonies at the Dallas Convention Center on Monday, June 8 for all three senior high schools. The Convention Center will be a lovely facility to host our graduates.

This year for the first time we will be offering a sponsorship opportunity for graduation. This will be a great opportunity to reach our graduates, their family and friends on a very memorable occasion. For more details contact Monica Shortino at 469/752-8272.



Get Involved!

Central Market will be hosting the "Thrill of the Grill" 5K run on April 18, 2009 benefitting the Plano ISD Education Foundation. Join more than 1,000 runners for this community wide event. The event will also feature grilling demonstrations and live music following the run at Central Market Plano. The fun is for the whole family and will feature a children's "fun" run. This is a great opportunity for you and friends to support the District and stay healthy. We need your help spreading the word to your family and friends for a great turn out. If you are interested in volunteering please contact

the Foundation office at 469/752-8272. You may register to run at Luke's Locker or www.lukeslocker.com.



I Plano ISD

Signs are popping up all over Plano! This month all campuses began displaying "I Love Plano ISD" yard signs. We hope you will help promote the signs to your friends and neighbors. All donors of \$100 or more will receive a sign. The donation forms are available at www.pisd.edu.