

# Eureka! \$150,000 raised for schools foundation

The Eureka Schools Foundation recently hosted two auction events to support the teachers and education programs within the Eureka Union School district.

These annual fall events kicked off ESF's fundraising season where the funds raised support education programs such as elementary and junior high school band and music, computer labs and technology aides, athletics and coaches, updated technology for teaching and Spanish enrichment education and library programs at every campus for all K-8 students.

ESF typically gives the EUSD approximately \$400,000 every year to support these programs, but due to state budget cuts, the district will need \$607,000 from ESF at the end of its fundraising season this school year, so the district won't have to eliminate education programs and issue pink slips to the teachers who teach within these programs.

"It is vitally important that our school district continue to offer the range of distinguishable advantage-based programs to our students," said Dr. Tim McCarty, superintendent, Eureka Union School District. "Without the funds given by ESF, the district would be faced with a scenario similar to other districts in California that have had to cut program after program."

The first auction event was ESF's annual online auction at [esfauction.com](http://esfauction.com) that offered one-of-a-kind items such as several celebrity sport packages, including a football toss with a former 49'er and private basketball lessons from a Sacramento Kings player. Other auction items included teacher experiences, front-row school graduation packages, multiple kid-friendly birthday party packages, music and art lessons, notable items for the home and garden and many other items.

ESF held its 17th annual auction gala event on Saturday, Nov. 7 at the Granite Bay Golf Club. Guests were treated to a selection of gourmet foods, ultra premium wines, dancing until after midnight, exclusive auction items and a live auction with guest auctioneer, Bri-



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Leah Green, left, and Gail Salado check out some of the offerings available at the Gala's silent auction.



an Hickey of KCRA-TV.

"The Eureka Schools Foundation's annual auction events not only offered extraordinary items up for bid, but ultimately benefits the children within the community," said Julie Guerrero, executive director of the Eureka Schools Foundation. "We are grateful to the parents, teachers, businesses

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and community-at-large who so generously donated to ESF and continue to support education within Granite Bay and Roseville – especially during these difficult economic times."

For more information, visit [eurekaschoolsfoundation.org](http://eurekaschoolsfoundation.org).

~ Staff Report



Eureka Schools Foundation board members include Renee Nash, left, Judi Gavia, Greg Sazima, Jennifer Mobell, Dr. Tim McCarty and Cheryl Nelson.



Enjoying the evening are Michael St. Denis, left, Jon Walker and Doug VanOrder.



Granite Bay residents Rene and Brian Hickey out on the town to raise money for the Eureka School District.