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Honor Your Teacher Campaign Raises \$43,000 for Teacher Grant Program

349 educators honored district-wide

June 9, 2006 – Palo Alto, California – Palo Alto Partners in Education today announced it had raised more than \$43,000 through its fourth annual Honor Your Teacher campaign, which ran from mid-April through May. The funds will help support the foundation's teacher grant program, which awards small grants to teachers in the Palo Alto Unified School District. Partners in Education will award approximately \$100,000 in teacher grants in the current school year.

The Honor Your Teacher campaign offers parents of PAUSD students the opportunity to make a donation in recognition of any district educator. Donors this year honored 349 educators, including teachers, principals, reading and language specialists, classroom aides, coaches and trainers. Approximately 60% of the honorees were from the elementary schools, with 20% each from middle and high schools.

Contributions to the campaign this year totaled more than \$43,000, a 30% increase over the \$33,655 raised by the campaign last year.

Teacher Grant Program

The teacher grant program was established in 1987 by Partners in Education's predecessor organization, the Palo Alto Foundation for Education. The program awards grants ranging from \$500 to \$3,000 to teachers who propose innovative classroom projects. Over \$1 million has been awarded in 37 rounds of grants to educators at all levels in the district. This year, Partners in Education granted \$52,000 to 40 projects in February, and it will award about \$50,000 in mid-June.

Partners in Education

Palo Alto Partners in Education is a nonprofit 501(c)3 foundation dedicated to sustaining extraordinary public education in Palo Alto. In March, the foundation donated \$1.89 million to the Palo Alto Unified School District to augment its 2006-07 budget. That donation will be allocated directly to the principals at each of the district's 17 schools on a per-student basis. For more information, please visit www.papie.org or contact Simone Coxe at simone@bando.com.