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Foundation Wins \$4500 NVCF/CCEF Grant



The North Valley Community Foundation launched the Chico Children's Endowment Fund with a \$1 million donation from an anonymous donor. The purpose of the CCEF is to improve the lives of children living in Chico who are growing up in physically and emotionally adverse conditions by strengthening local service providers, increasing awareness, and funding advocacy, education and access to resources.

As part of its launch, the Chico Children's Endowment Fund has awarded grants to organizations in Butte County who make a positive difference in the lives of children in vulnerable housing situations, and the BJHS Foundation is the recipient of one of these grants!

The purpose of the Youth Development Grant Program is to engage and support community organizations serving children living in vulnerable housing situations. The BJHS Foundation is committed to supporting students who face housing insecurity to increase their level of student success and attendance rates. Through this grant, BJHS Foundation is able to engage in a broader community dialogue addressing this challenge.

Martha Hanson Newton, lead caseworker for the grant, has distributed items such as PE uniforms, backpacks, school supplies, bus passes, and spirit wear to students in need.

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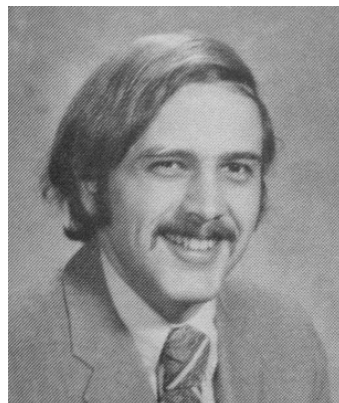
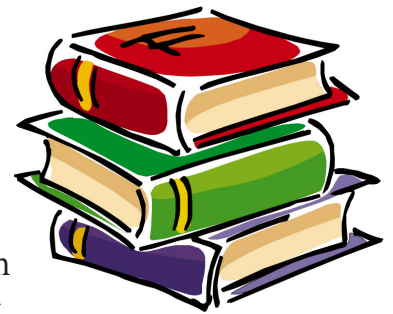
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YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK!

- Software to support mastery of math concepts
- Movie gift cards for Spelling Bee contestants
- Medals for Spelling Bee winners
- Band instruments
- Class sets of novels for 6th grade honors English
- Waterproof PA system for PE classes' swim unit



John Schulz Memorial Endowment

Established in 2007 with a \$2,000 grant from the BJHS Foundation Board, the John Schulz Memorial Endowment is maintained by the North Valley Community Foundation and has grown over the years from donations provided by our donors, you, the Friends of Bidwell. This year, the FOB donations directed to the Endowment once again exceeded \$1,800.

Our dream is to create a permanent source of funding to support learning for BJHS students. The plan is to grow the Endowment Fund to a level which will allow interest income to be used each year without diminishing the principle amount. The Endowment is presently nearing the \$30,000 mark. With your generous help, our dream will become a reality.

SPOTLIGHT ON THE BOARD

Mike Christensen

My favorite memories of Bidwell include representing Kenya in the Bidwell Olympics and working with a great group of professionals.



- Prior to teaching, I was a short-order cook and soda jerk, a junior high school classroom aide and a seasonal employee for Coca Cola
- Instructed Mathematics at St. Paul High School (Santa Fe Springs 1974-77), Bidwell Junior High School (1977-84), Pleasant Valley High School (1984-2012)
- Recognized as “Distinguished Secondary Teacher of the Year” by the Chico Public Education Hall of Fame (2009)
- Married to Susan for 37 years and counting, who was also a BJHS teacher
- Currently retired and serving as President of the BJHS Foundation
- Enjoys golfing, fishing, hunting, jogging, and biking and hiking in Bidwell Park.

Shoe Angel

The Board is proud of its collaboration with the “Shoe Angel,” an altruistic citizen who raises funds to purchase shoes for the children and teens of Chico.

This winter, a fundraiser was held at Mountain Mike’s Pizza on Mangrove Avenue. A portion of the profits that evening were donated to the Shoe Angel to support his continued work.

The Shoe Angel can be seen dropping off pairs of shoes for students throughout Chico.



Hitting the Right Notes

For years, donations to the BJHS Foundation have been dedicated to supporting the Bidwell Band by purchasing and repairing instruments and providing sheet music. Jazz band and Choir are new additions to the Music Department.

Recently, the Foundation approved a request to purchase sheet music for the Choir’s public performances. To toot their horn, the Bidwell Band, Jazz Band, and Choir are orchestrating a musical comeback at the junior high level in Chico. The Foundation and FOBs have been instrumental in reviving music at Bidwell Junior High School. We sincerely thank you!

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