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Moraga Education Foundation celebrates 40th anniversary

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April 30, 2022, after two years off due to COVID-19.

"MEF's Week of Giving is a time when we remember how important the excellence of our local public schools is to the strength of our community. I hope everyone, both parents and our community at large, chooses to support our schools this year with a donation to MEF - especially during this, our 40th anniversary year," MEF President Ana Moon encourages.

The 2021-22 Giving Campaign is going on now and runs through the end of June 2022. Donations can be made online at moragaeducation.org.

The Moraga Education Foundation (MEF) has been supporting Moraga's public schools for 40 years. MEF was founded in 1981 by a group of concerned parents in response to drastic cuts to education from the passage of Proposition 13. Their first fundraising campaign back in the Spring of 1982 was a phone-a-thon to raise a lofty \$50,000. MEF's mission has always been to raise funds to bridge the gap between state education funding and the real cost of educating Moraga's students through a broad-based community effort.

MEF's Week of Giving is Oct. 4-10, a perfect time to make a donation to the Annual Giving Campaign. The money raised will go toward grants to Moraga's public schools for next year.

This year, MEF granted \$1.5 million to the Moraga School District (MSD) and \$800,000 to Campolindo from funds raised last school year. MSD Superintendent Dr. Julie Parks shares, "Our Moraga schools thrive because of our remarkable community, a community that deeply values a strong educational experience as an imperative for their children. MEF helps make this value a reality by providing our schools with technology, support staff and programming, and instructional materials that ensure that our teachers can provide a rich and innovative experience and our children can continue to learn at high levels."

In honor of the 40th anniversary, MEF has redesigned its website. Check out the new site at moragaeducation.org and read more about the impact of your donations.

In addition, MEF will be holding its Auction Gala on



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