

LIFE Newsletter

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LIFE Grant Aids San Pasqual Academy

This spring The LIFE Foundation was able to make a grant at the request of Eta Chi Chapter in Area X to benefit the San Pasqual Academy in Escondido that would also result in the funds being matched by the San Diego County Office of Education. The San Pasqual Academy is an institution that is the first in the nation - a residential high school for students who are in foster care. Students do not "age out" in this program when they turn eighteen, but can continue attending the school and living in its residential facilities until they graduate from high school or even longer under certain circumstances. The school even has "grandparents" who are volunteers from different walks of life living at the school and providing the contact with elders that proves to be so vital in the development of young personalities.

A rigorous academic course is provided for the students, along with remediation when necessary, as is instruction in valuable life skills that are so important in today's fast-moving economy and society. There is an Agriculture Department that is striving to become completely self-sustaining that participates in several local farmers' markets, not to mention a Culinary Arts Department.

Headed by Principal Ron Major, the school has an



San Pasqual Academy is a first-in-the-nation residential education campus designed specifically for foster teens. The Academy is located in Escondido, CA and provides foster teens with a stable, caring home, a quality, individualized education, and the skills needed for independent living.



Youth live in family-style homes with up to eight youth per home. The homes are spacious and feature a common living room, kitchen, dining room, laundry space, bedrooms and bathrooms and a suite for the houseparent staff.

enviable graduation rate in the ninety per cent range, and now even has middle school students, siblings of the high school students, living on campus and attending a nearby public school.

The members of Delta Kappa

Gamma in Chi State should be proud of themselves for their generous support of The LIFE Foundation which made this grant possible. For more information about the Academy, please go to their website at www.sanpasqualacademy.org/

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LIFE Board of Directors

2010-2011

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LIFE Wants You to Donate \$24,838.05 This Year!

Now that I've got your attention, let me tell you how this can be done without your spending an extra penny! We've been talking about using GoodSearch, a search engine powered by Yahoo, for a few years now. GoodSearch donates approximately one cent to LIFE for each search that participants make. At the latest count, Chi State has a membership of 6,805. If every member of Chi State made just one search on GoodSearch everyday, LIFE would earn \$68.05 daily. Multiply that by the number of days in a year, and you've got \$24,838.25. Additionally, the GoodSearch website has GoodShop that accesses literally hundreds of your favorite stores such as Amazon.com, Nordstroms, Best Buy, etc. The list is enormous. GoodShop donates a varying percentage of on-line sales made by participants to The LIFE Foundation. Of course, we know that not every member of Chi State uses the computer on a daily basis, but there are MANY of us who do, just as there are many of us who frequently shop on-line. Just go to www.GoodSearch.com to register for Chi State Learning Is For Everyone Foundation--LIFE--as a participant. While on the website, you'll see the names of many other well known charities that are using GoodSearch, so you'll know that it is safe and reliable! If you encounter any problems or wish to have more information, please contact me at suzanreiner@hotmail.com. or call me at 760.815.8206. Your "LIFE" support is much appreciated.

Attention Chapter Presidents

Did you know that every chapter has a LIFE liaison? Did you know that, if you have not recruited or appointed someone from your chapter, YOU are the LIFE liaison?

This is the perfect position for a new member! Please e-mail your chapter LIFE liaison's name, address, telephone number and email address to litteratemary@yahoo.com as soon as possible. If your liaison does not have an email address, please provide me with another member's e-mail address. In an effort to be fiscally and environmentally responsible, all correspondence will be electronic.

If I do not hear from you, I will assume you want to be your chapter's LIFE liaison.

Mary Thomas
LIFE Liaison Coordinator

The Chi State Learning Is For Everyone Foundation 2009-2010 Finance Report

The following report reflects the financial operations of The LIFE Foundation for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

INCOME	PROPOSED	ACTUAL
Donations	\$10,200.00	\$6,886.37
Fund Raising	\$7,200.00	\$7,208.39
Interest	\$520.00	\$1,260.41
Board Member Fees/Other	\$1,500.00	\$588.50
TOTAL INCOME	\$19,420.00	\$15,943.67

EXPENSES

Operating Expenses

Board Meetings		
Hotel	\$4,900.00	\$4,223.36
Travel	\$1,900.00	\$1,372.27
Postage	\$500.00	\$44.00
Printing	\$1,000.00	\$717.98
Supplies	\$400.00	\$221.80
Telephone	\$00.00	\$0.00
Audit/Review of Books	\$50.00	\$ 25.95
Bank Charges/Misc.	\$100.00	\$178.91
Total Operating Expenses	\$8,850.00	\$6,784.27

Fund Raising Expenses

State Raffle Fee	\$20.00	\$20.00
Printing	\$150.00	\$0.00
Supplies	\$100.00	\$92.86
Other/Prizes	\$300.00	\$170.57
Total Fund Raising Expenses	\$570.00	\$283.43
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$9,420.00	\$7,067.70

	PROPOSED	ACTUAL
GRANTS	\$10,000.00	\$13,450.00
TOTAL Expenses and Grants	\$19,420.00	\$20,517.70
BALANCE	\$00.00	(\$1,097.70)*

*Taken from Reserve Grant Funds

The LIFE Foundation books were reviewed and audited by an audit committee in 2009. The committee was composed of Mary Marchi, Delta Lambda Chapter, Area V; Dorothy Becker, Delta Lambda Chapter, Area V; Mickey Miyamoto, Delta Lambda Chapter, Area V. The books were found to be in order. One minor change in Board Procedure was recommended and has been adopted.

The Chi State Learning Is For Everyone Foundation

Annual Report 2009-2010

The mission of The Chi State Learning Is For Everyone Foundation is to promote and support special projects related to learning and literacy within the State of California.

FINANCE*

Donations this fiscal year :	\$11,794.00	Donations to date:	\$ 96,756.00
Fundraising this fiscal year:	\$ 7,318.00	Fundraising to date:	\$ 50,510.00
Grants this fiscal year:	\$13,380.00	Grants to date:	\$ 62,525.00
Helene Going Green Award	\$ 70.00	Helene Going Green Awards to date	\$70.00

TAX-EXEMPT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER/ MONETARY GRANTS

Since its inception in 1999, The LIFE Foundation has awarded a total of 183 monetary grants, 27 of which were awarded this year, plus one Helene Going Green Award. Eighty-nine projects have received approval for the use of the 501 (c)(3) Tax Exempt Identification Number. Nine of those were approved this year. The Tax Exempt ID number, upon approval, may be used to seek funding from additional foundations and corporations.

Activities

During the 2009-2010 fiscal year the Board focused its attention on the following activities:

Fiscal Responsibility and Long Term Planning

- Researched methods of fundraising to increase The LIFE Foundation's income for grant and operational expenses
- Planned and participated in fundraising activities, including raffles, collections of used inkjet cartridges and cell phones for Life's recycling fundraiser, promoted the use of eScrip, GoodSearch and GoodShop to raise funds through use of the internet and sale of LIFE pins
- Solicited donations to increase The LIFE Foundation's grant and operational income
- Arranged for the 2008-2009 annual financial review of the books
- Continued the development of a Strategic Plan for the future of The LIFE Foundation

Board Visibility and Outreach

- Board Members made presentations at Area Presidents' Meetings, Area Conferences, state and chapter meetings
- Published and sent LIFE Foundation materials to Chapter Presidents, Area Directors, and other members of the Chi State Leadership Team
- Engaged the help of Chi State Area Directors to disseminate LIFE information
- Presented information about LIFE at the new Chapter Presidents' training at Chi State Convention
- Provided a LIFE Foundation display in the Chi State Members Mall
- Held the eleventh Annual Meeting of Members at the 2010 Chi State Convention

LIFE Foundation Mission

- Encouraged chapters to become involved in learning and literacy projects
- Provided ideas for learning and literacy projects for the new Chapter Presidents
- Provided information to chapters on how to apply for LIFE grants for their projects
- Awarded grants and the use of the Tax Exempt Identification Number for qualifying projects

Board Communication

- Solicited recommendations for nominations for the elected positions on the Board
- Revised and updated The LIFE Foundation letters and forms
- Continued distribution of The LIFE Foundation brochure
- Continued use of The LIFE Foundation donation enclosure cards
- Published articles and information in the *Chi State News*
- Continued publication of *The LIFE Newsletter*
- Continued the position of Liaison Coordinator and the awarding of LIFE Liaison lapel pins in an effort to continue increasing the number of chapter LIFE liaisons

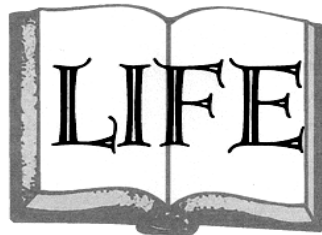
Made plans to send nearly all LIFE communications electronically to Chapter Presidents and Chi State Leadership Team members

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board of Directors recommends the following:

- Chapters include a donation to The Chi State LIFE Foundation in their annual budget
- Individual members are urged to make an annual tax-deductible contribution
- Members make donations to The LIFE Foundation in honor of someone or in memory of someone and also include The LIFE Foundation in estate planning
- Chapters continue to invite Foundation Board members to speak about The LIFE Foundation
- Area Directors invite Board members to speak at Chapter Presidents' meetings
- Chapters and individuals make requests for financial support for learning and literacy projects by submitting a grant application to The Foundation Board of Directors
- Members continue to collect used inkjet cartridges and cellphones for recycling
- Members participate in searching through GoodSearch and shopping through GoodShop to raise funds for The Foundation
- Members register for eScrip to raise funds for LIFE
- Members include The LIFE Foundation when planning their wills
- The Board of Directors continues to research operational grant opportunities

During the 2009-2010 fiscal year the main goal of The Foundation was to fulfill our mission, which is to promote and support special projects related to learning and literacy within the State of California. The progress of the past eleven years is due to the participation and support from members throughout Chi State. The dedicated educators of Chi State are making a difference through special learning and literacy projects. The future success of The LIFE Foundation depends on the continued support of the Foundation's projects and fundraising activities. The Board of Directors invites every member of Chi State to share in the exciting and rewarding experience of taking an active part in the work of The Chi State LIFE Foundation.



Board of Directors (2009-2010)

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Board of Directors Recommendations

Due Nov. 1, 2010

Three director positions on The LIFE Foundation Board of Directors will be voted upon in 2011. Persons recommended for nomination should have some prior experience in grant writing, fundraising, and service on a board. Directors currently on the Board may choose to submit their names for nomination for a second term.

A Nominations Committee, made up of three people from The LIFE Board and two people from the general membership, will review the recommendation forms and the qualifications of those recommended. The committee's goal is to select people who will support the mission of The Foundation, based on individual qualifications.

The recommendation for nomination forms are available on the Chi State website. You may contact Ann Lundgren at NOEL3L@yahoo.com or call at 530.668.8938 if you have any problems. Forms must be postmarked by November 1, 2010. The slate of nominations will be published in the *Chi State News* prior to the election which will be held at the Annual Meeting of Members at the Chi State Convention on April 29, 2011.

LIFE Thanks You for a Successful Raffle

The major fundraiser that helps sustain The LIFE Foundation is the annual raffle held at the Chi State Convention. A mere "thank you" cannot adequately convey how much your support of this effort is appreciated. Both the purchase of tickets and the generous contribution of prizes by individuals and chapters made LIFE's raffle a success. We've made every effort to formally thank all who contributed prizes, but in the rush of things, some "mystery" prizes appeared that could not be traced back to any individual or chapter. Consequently, we hope you will accept this message as our sincerest appreciation and thanks for your LIFE support.



Child Development Center Recreates Itself with the Help of a LIFE Grant

A destructive firestorm on November 15, 2008 completely destroyed the Olive View Medical Center/ ULA Infant and Child Development Center in Sylmar, leaving the staff and children "homeless." The center was relocated to a larger conference area that was part of the hospital complex. The child care center staff needed a lot of support to open their doors again. Comfort and security were especially important for the children. In March, 2009, with the assistance of a \$1500 grant from The LIFE Foundation and a \$1000 gift from Omicron Chapter, Area XIII, the staff recreated the Center in a temporary building, bought new books and games for the library, and created a new "cozy corner," a warm and caring place for the children to learn and grow.

Ann Bridge, Center Director, and Marilyn Siemon-Burgeson, Early Childhood Consultant and Omicron Chapter member, submitted updates to The LIFE Foundation in May, 2010. The cozy area is being used every day as it is situated in the library area. It is also the main area used for circle time.

In addition, the library and books have been a wonderful gift throughout the center. The older children have access to books throughout the day. The younger children are read to and have access with assistance, as they learn to use books properly. The soft books/ board books are used daily in the infant and toddler rooms.



One of the VERY SPECIAL purchases was the listening center for the preschool. This has become a favorite activity for the preschool children. They have learned to share and take turns, as there are a limited number of headphones. They recognize their favorite stories and have developed the ability to sustain/ enjoy listening activities. Dress-up clothes for dramatic play also support creativity and language development.

These additions to our Center have really helped maintain quality for our children and families. All of us are thankful for the learning materials that this grant permitted us to acquire.

Update: June 9, 2010

Olive View Center received accreditation for their program in this relocated site by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. NAEYC is the premier accreditation agency for early childhood programs. They have also had commendations from the licensing agency in regards to the way they have managed to provide quality care in a less than ideal space, meeting requirements for health and safety codes.. Expectations are for the rebuilding of a new center to be located at the former site within two years. Meanwhile, the site has been cleared of the fire debris ruins, the lawn is watered and the purple dinosaur looks over all.

Marilyn Siemon-Burgeson, Omicron Chapter, Area XIII



LIFE Sets Recycling Goal for 2010-2011

The Chi State LIFE Foundation Collects and Recycles

- Used cell phones, preferably working. The more current the model, the more it earns.
- Inkjet printer cartridges – those that fit in your hand including Epson “tanks”
- PDAs and smart phones.

Getting Started

- Set a goal; announce starting and ending dates. (See statewide collection schedule below).
- Identify a LIFE Liaison to handle the collection and communication.
- Make it fun – encourage competition with small, whimsical prizes.

Collection Pick Up

- Label your collection box with Area and Chapter name and contact information (email please)
- Separate phones and cartridges. Place cartridges in a plastic bag(s). Handle cartridges carefully; damaged cartridges will be recycled but do not generate any funds.
- Contact: Phyllis Howard phyllis.howard@gmail.com to make arrangements for pick up.

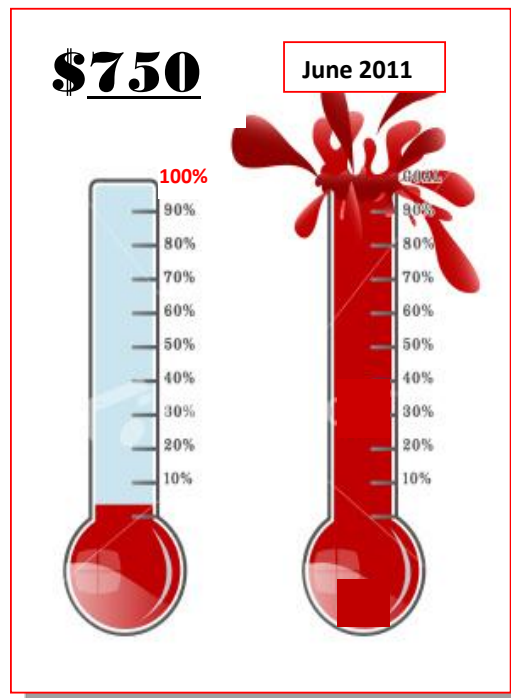
Statewide Collection Schedule

Contact your Area Director regarding specific dates and locations.

- January Chi State Leadership Planning Session
- May Chi State Convention
- July Chi State Leadership Planning Session

Special thanks to all the chapters and individuals who helped to raise \$500 in 2010!

For more information:
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Thank You *LIFE* Donors!

You make it possible for us to continue to inspire a lifelong love of learning and literacy in California*

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*** This list reflects donations recorded from June 30, 2009 through June 30, 2010 . We have made every effort to compile a complete and accurate list. Please contact The LIFE Foundation to indicate corrections. We will publish corrections in the next publication of a donor list.**