

MISSION

The Ojai Education Foundation (OEF) mission is to promote excellence in public education by building community support and providing resources to our schools, grades K-12, for programs that are outside of the Ojai Unified School District's funding from State and Federal sources.

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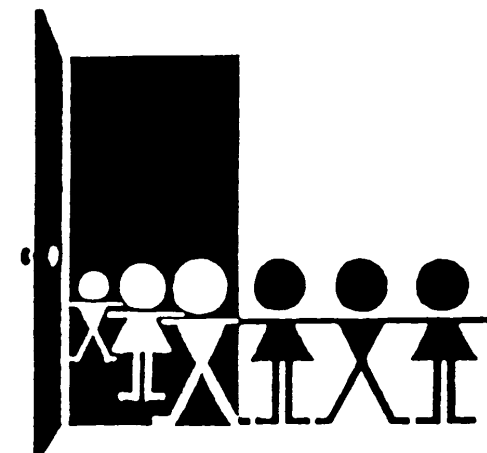


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BACKGROUND



*Jim Bailey
Science Education Specialist
District-wide 5th Grade*

Established in 1993, Ojai Education Foundation (OEF) is a community-based, non-profit organization that has been working to create a vibrant, rich, inspiring educational experience for the children in the Ojai

Unified School District (OUSD).

The Ojai community supports many organizations that benefit our youth. OEF is the only not site-specific organization that funds programs that provide in-classroom benefits to students in our elementary schools, Matilija Junior High School, and Nordhoff and Chaparral High Schools.

ORGANIZATION

Directed by an independent non-salaried board of community members and supported primarily by contributions from Ojai Valley residents and local area businesses, OEF manifests the spirit of a community that takes pride in, and responsibility for, the public education of its children.

PROGRAMS

The Ojai Education Foundation funds four program areas on an annual basis:



*Hominid Evolution Mini-Grant
Nordhoff High School*

Mini-Grants

Helps fund hands-on educational enhancement. Teachers and other qualified individuals submit proposals in response to an annual submission process. Approximately ten grants are awarded each year, ranging from \$700 to \$1,000 each.

Educational Enhancement

Provides support for District-wide activities that address specific educational needs not covered by Federal, State or District funding.

Teacher Enrichment

Allows teachers to participate in conferences, specialized training or learning opportunities to address the critical and evolving needs of OUSD schools.

Educational Heroes



*Cathy Maynard
2007 Education Hero of the Year
Teacher & District Intervention
Specialist*

Recognizes, honors and rewards those educators that go beyond the call of duty to inspire students with their enthusiasm, creativity and love of teaching.

SUPPORT

OEF provides an opportunity for the local community to support its students with the resources they need to excel in their educational goals.

There are several events and opportunities to help support OEF:

Signature fundraising events include the "Ojai Golf Classic" at the Ojai Valley Inn in the spring (hosted jointly with the Ojai Youth Foundation) and the "Garden of Knowledge" in early fall.

An annual appeal to the community at large is also made in the late fall.



*"Garden of Knowledge" Fundraiser
sponsored by local businesses and
individuals*

CONTRIBUTIONS

OEF is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization. To make a tax-deductible contribution to OEF, please visit www.ojaief.org or send a check to:

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