

Cedar Hill Independent School District
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting Date: December 13, 2010
Presented by: Mr. Horace Williams, Superintendent of Schools
Subject: The Meadows Foundation Charitable Schools Program

Information Item

BOARD GOAL:

Promote a safe and orderly learning environment in our schools by promoting and supporting the Six Pillars of Character.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Believing that voluntary citizen action is one of America's fundamental strengths, the board of The Meadows Foundation initiated its Awards for Charitable School Projects in 1981 to encourage and support youth volunteerism. Through participation in the program, students develop leadership skills and a sense of personal responsibility for the welfare of others. Since its inception, the program has grown to include over 400 public and private high schools and middle schools in the North Texas region and has awarded over \$2.5 million to participating schools. Cedar Hill ISD has been awarded \$2,000 to be divided amongst W.S. Permenter Middle School, the Ninth Grade Center, Collegiate High School and Cedar Hill High School.

CONTACT PERSON(S):

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Mrs. Usamah Rodgers, Principal
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FUNDING SOURCE:

Meadows Foundation

ENCLOSURE:

Attachment

The Meadows Foundation for Charitable School Program-Cedar Hill ISD

Participation in The Meadows Foundation for Charitable School Program affords students the opportunity to expand their life experiences through interaction and involvement with those of different circumstances and backgrounds. Their involvement exposes them to the reality of the struggles faced by those they seek to help. Of equal significance, the Foundation has seen that participating students become empowered when they discover that through their own efforts, they have the capacity to effect change in the world.

Below is an overview how each campus will spend the awarded funds.

Permenter Middle School funds will be used to support the Vogel Alcove Homeless Childcare Center in Dallas. The campus worked with them last year as well. The Student Council will purchase items with the funds that children need (books, baby swings, diapers, etc.) deliver the items and set them up. The campus will work with the director this year to see what their primary needs are.

Collegiate High School's Student Government Association adopts a student from each CHISD Intermediate School and provides a holiday package. The Student Government Association also adopts a 1st grade class at a CHISD elementary school and gives each student a book for their personal library.

The Ninth Grade Center is currently in the process of adopting a family for Christmas from the Second Wind Dallas non-profit organization. If there are any remaining funds, then the campus will also participate with Toys for Tots.

Cedar Hill High School will partner with the Cedar Hill Food Pantry who will provide at least 300 food baskets for people in the community at Christmas. Their greatest need is for someone or various groups of people to provide turkeys for these Christmas meal baskets and through these funds CHHS will provide turkeys for the baskets.