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## **Teacher Resource Grants in Science**

The David and Lucile Packard Foundation has renewed its funding to PVF for the Science Resource Grants Program for the sixth year in a row. The focus this year is on projects in conservation. Grants of up to \$500 are available to public school teachers, grades kindergarten through twelfth, in seven Bay Area counties for conservation science projects, field trips and classroom resources. Teachers send their requests for funding by facsimile and PVF responds within 48 hours.

The *immediate response* concept was created at PVF and now serves as a model for similar programs in other geographic areas and at other foundations. PVF has distributed over \$3 million to public school teachers through these immediate response grants programs over the last 7 years. Teacher grants have focused on a variety of subjects such as general education, music, art, science and special education.

PVF specializes in creating customized giving programs for donors. To make a donation to support Teacher Resource Grants or for more information, contact Moira Walsh at PVF.

## **College Philanthropy Courses through PVF**

Bill Somerville will be teaching a course on philanthropy at Laney College, a community college in Oakland, California, starting in the Fall 2005. The course will be taught through Laney's Department of Sociology and will explore community development, grant making and non-profit operations. This is an experiment in teaching about philanthropy to a population that is not typically

exposed to charitable giving, Somerville stated. PVF is putting up funding in the amount of \$10,000 from which the students will make grants to the non-profit agencies that they select based on their on-site assessments and performance reviews.

In addition to the course at Laney College, Bill will begin his seventh year of teaching philanthropy at Stanford University, and he continues to be a guest lecturer at UC Berkeley.

## **Holiday Giving**

For many years, The Barkley Fund, a Donor Venture Fund at PVF, has made a point of setting aside funding to meet the needs of low-income people during the holidays. Each year The Barkley Fund designates the amount they want to give for the holidays and then works with PVF to identify the high impact agencies whose clients would significantly benefit from additional support at this time of year.

This year The Barkley Fund has allocated \$145,000 for distribution to agencies throughout the Bay Area: Samaritan House Free Health Clinics (San Mateo and Redwood City); Catholic Worker Houses (Half Moon Bay, Redwood City and San Bruno); Next Step Learning Center, Oakland; Puente Ministry, Pescadero; Saint Francis Center, Redwood City; Immediate Response Social Worker Resource Grants, to reach foster care children with critical needs during the holidays, San Mateo; Emancipated Youth Resource Grants to support teenage foster care youth aging out of the system in San Mateo, San Francisco, Alameda and Santa Clara counties.

If you are interested in learning more about outstanding agencies in your community for your holiday giving or your year-round giving, please contact PVF.

### **Point of Interest**

With the January 2005 retirement of Mr. Kirke Wilson, thirty year President and Executive Director of the Rosenberg Foundation, Bill Somerville will be the senior professional in philanthropy on the west coast.

### **PVF Wish List**

Included in this December 2004 issue of Progress is a giving envelope, which sets forth PVF's Wish List for several of the high impact Programs PVF is operating in the Bay Area that would benefit from additional support. In addition, PVF's Wish List includes the option to make an unrestricted gift to PVF or a gift to support PVF's operations. If you have any questions regarding PVF's Wish List, please feel free to contact Moira Walsh at PVF. Your support is greatly appreciated.