

School Library/Public Library Collaborative Grant Program

Several months ago, PVF brought together librarian directors from eight Bay Area cities to find out what types of library programs are working and what more can be done to encourage youth to use the libraries and to read. Many expressed concern that teenagers are not using libraries. Through the generosity of the Somerton Family, PVF has created the School/Public Library Collaborative Grant Program. Typically, schools have the teens and public libraries have the resources. This Program fosters collaboration between the two to maximize the effectiveness and appeal of overall library services to teenagers. Grants are available to school librarian/public librarian teams, serving grades seventh through twelfth, to fund collaborative projects in five Bay Area counties. Examples include, special events and incentives to encourage school and public library use, coordinating programs such as poetry contests and book groups, and student and professional trainings on new uses of library resources.

Coursework in Philanthropy at the University Level

As part of PVF's commitment to youth and the expansion of philanthropy, PVF President Bill Somerville will teach at Stanford University, for his fifth straight year, *Introduction to Community Service Organizations*, Department of Urban Studies, with Kent Koth of the Haas Center for Public Service. The course introduces students to philanthropy and community development as a means to address urban issues. The students assess local non-profit agencies and engage in grant making as they evaluate proposals and distribute actual grants to community non-profits. Funding for the grant making component of the course comes from the Sand Hill Foundation.

Bill Somerville is also lecturing on philanthropy at University of California, Berkeley's Haas School of Business and at its School of Social Work. UC Berkeley is among the first to offer a course on charitable giving in its School of Business.

The curriculum developed by Bill and his co-teachers is being utilized as a model for universities across the country, including Brown University, and University of Southern California.

Renewal Grant from the Packard Foundation for Science Education Grants Program

In keeping with its commitment to youth, education and science, The David and Lucile Packard Foundation has renewed its funding to PVF to continue the Science Resource Grants Program with \$100,000 in funding for the 2002-2003 school year. Grants of up to \$500 are available to public school teachers, grades kindergarten through twelfth, in seven Bay Area counties for science projects, classroom resources, science field trips, and professional development. PVF responds to teacher grant requests within 48 hours. PVF has been running Teacher Resource Grants programs for the Packard Foundation since 1996 and has distributed over \$1.25 million.

PVF in the News

Starting in late October 2002, Bill Somerville will be making regular appearances on Peninsula TV-26, a regional community cable TV channel, accessible throughout San Mateo County, which focuses on community issues and events. Each appearance will air several times each month and will cover grassroots grant making, creative ideas in grant making and will be used to announce new grant programs. Bill has been invited to do regular segments by the show's host, former Redwood City Mayor, Dani Gasparini.

Charitable Giving Through PVF

PVF is eager to work with readers of *Progress* and current donors on their charitable giving. If you are interested in creating new charitable programs to match your giving interests, give to programs you have read about in *Progress*, make recommendations for grants to non-profit organizations, or make your “year-end” contributions, contact Moira Walsh, PVF Associate Director. Ms. Walsh is available anytime to answer your questions and work with you on your charitable giving plan.