

## PRESS RELEASE

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### **EEF RECEIVES GRANTS IN SUPPORT OF TUSD** **K-12 PROGRAMS** **THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS!!!**

EEF is very proud to announce receipt of funding in support of programs for our TUSD family for the 2003-04 fiscal year. These include:

#### **TUCSON CONQUISTADORES - \$12,000**

This grant provides funds to pay participation fees for interscholastic activities. More than 450 students will benefit.

#### **TUCSON CITIZEN - \$3,000, TUCSON FEDERAL CREDIT UNION – \$3,000 SOUTHWEST GAS - \$500**

These grants provide funding to teachers for unique and creative classroom projects that stimulates learning.

#### **SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF DESERT TUCSON - \$5,000**

This grant purchased more than 200 school uniforms for distribution to needy students by the TUSD Clothing Bank.

#### **COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA - \$4,000 JOSEPH STANLEY LEEDS FOUNDATION - \$10,000**

Through a partnership with LensCrafters, more than 150 students will receive eye exams and new eyeglasses.

#### **RINCON OPTIMIST CLUB - \$1500 CANYON RANCH FOUNDATION - \$1500**

Through their generosity, and a partnership with Payless ShoeSource, more than 200 TUSD students will receive new shoes and socks.

TUSD, the largest school district in Tucson, has a student body of 61,000 students, 57% of whom qualify for free or reduced lunch. Sometimes a new pair of shoes stands between class attendance and missing a day of school. Looking appropriate builds self-esteem and confidence; clear vision makes the classroom a bright and friendly place; being on the team helps boys and girls to develop a feeling of belonging and we all know that gifted teachers can do amazing things with small but significant grants for classroom projects.

*Thank you to the members of Tucson's caring community who make the seemingly impossible possible for our children – our future.*

For further information on how you may become a supporter of the Educational Enrichment Foundation's programs, contact Sally Trattner at 325-8688.