



# Synergies

*The power of partnerships for our schools*

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## *CFF Develops Priorities With IMPACT*

New CFF Board of Directors President Tom Dillon believes significant opportunities are on the horizon in 2007.

Dillon and the board will be capitalizing on the momentum generated by outgoing president Todd Gutschow in developing specific fundraising capability and strategic plans.

The genesis of that effort lies in the recently completed IMPACT study conducted as part of the San Diego Foundation's



Organizational Success Program. CFF was one of 12 nonprofits selected for a comprehensive self-assessment exercise as part of the IMPACT program. The effort identified key strengths and organizational opportunities as the basis for an updated strategic plan.

The IMPACT study was completed at a time when CFF has the opportunity to use TIME methodology to help reinvent the Joe Rindone Regional Technology Center as a "teacher's innovation space." That will greatly improve a highly valued teacher and student resource.

"We also have the opportunity to forge a strong relationship with new

superintendent Dr. Randy Ward as well as educators across the county," added Dillon.

Dillon also noted a fresh assessment of CFF strategies and goals that support its mission of galvanizing innovative practices in the classroom will become a major initiative in 2007. ❖

### **10 Years of Educational Innovation**

## *CFF Salutes 10 Years' Innovation Progress*

On November 17, 1997, the Classroom of the Future was established to support the Joe Rindone Regional Technology Center. Both have become acknowledged leaders in educational innovation.

**Joe Rindone Regional Technology Center**



The JRRTC was the first of its kind in California, a teachers' resource center providing state-of-the-art technology and best-practice teaching programs. In the ensuing 10 years, approaching half a million teachers and students have come to the Linda Vista facility to take advantage of the unparalleled resource.

In addition, the JRRTC became the model for the South County and North County technology centers that recently have been developed. ❖

## May 24, 2007: Save the Date!

Biogen Idec will be the presenting sponsor for the Innovation Awards program as CFF celebrates its 10<sup>th</sup> year of inspiring meaningful innovation in education.

Biogen Idec is a leader in both life sciences and in forging practical and productive partnerships with educations.

It's especially fitting that this year's Innovation Awards program salutes 10 years of innovation progress in the classroom at Biogen Idec.

When CFF was established in 1997, nationally 3 in 10 elementary students did not have access to computers. In those days nearly a third of America's teachers did not have access to the



Internet as well.

Today, CFF is leading the charge to not only adopt innovative educational technology but some cases utilize computer technology to more directly link the classroom with the student's living room.

CFF and the JRRTC have worked hard to keep pace with technological innovations that can inspire greater student achievement in the classroom.

A variety of sponsorships are available for what promises to be a compelling and memorable 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

For more information, contact Bruce Braciszewski at (858) 292-3685 or [cffstaff@list.sdcoe.net](mailto:cffstaff@list.sdcoe.net). ❖

## General Atomics Awards \$10,000 for Mobile Education

Students will be able to study weather, physiology and a variety of physical sciences in the field, thanks to a General Atomics grant for mobile computer carts that feature environmental probes.

It's called "Data Intensive Science Education" and enables students to measure things from an individual's heartbeat to air and water pollution and then conduct academic exercises with their collected data.

Middle school science teachers can borrow the equipment for use by their students after completing a short training session. The next training session is scheduled for January 25, 2007. For more information, call Nancy Taylor at (619) 292-3854 .

The grant is the second award made by General Atomics, extending an initial \$20,000 award made two years ago.

A special thank you goes to CFF Board member and General Atomics liaison Pat Winters for her continuing hard work on this important initiative. ❖

## Alan November Speaking Engagement

December 14, 2006 Alan November, an internationally recognized leader in education technology will be speaking at the San Diego County Office of Education on Collaborative Learning Communities. Please join us! The San Diego County Office of Education, CTAP Region 9 and the Classroom of the Future Foundation are sponsoring this special event. ❖

## *Dr. Bruce Braciszewski Receives Award*



Bruce Braciszewski with Jeanette Roache President, Technology Training Foundation of America and Randy Jones, Master of Ceremonies and Former Padres Cy Young Award Winner (far right)

CFF Executive Director Bruce Braciszewski recently was given the 2006 Leadership Hero Award by the Technology Training Foundation of America.

The prestigious award is a tribute to Bruce's 8-year tenure as CFF Executive Director and as Senior Director of Instructional Television Services with the San Diego County Office of Education.

He has played a key role in the development of CFF as a leading regional resource for innovation in the classroom.

Under Bruce's leadership and in working closely with the board of directors, CFF has provided \$1.1 million to support learning technology models in local schools in the last three years.

Congratulations to Dr. Bruce Braciszewski for his dedication to the Classroom of the Future Foundation and the teachers and students who benefit!



