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Providing educational opportunities for LEUSD students, from early readers to high school grads

LEVEF PUTS FREE BOOKS INTO YOUNG READERS' HANDS



When a LEVEF member asks students "Who likes to read books?" hands go up, way up!

The Lake Elsinore Valley Education Foundation (LEVEF) recently distributed over 700 free books to second and third grade students in two elementary schools in Wildomar and Lake Elsinore. The Foundation is in its third year making books available to young readers who attend pre-school through fifth grade in the Lake Elsinore Unified School District. The Foundation is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide college scholarships and educational opportunities for students of the Elsinore Valley.

The book program serves to furnish free activity books and reading materials to some of LEUSD's youngest readers, while also promoting the Foundation. According to President Kevin Pape, "Thanks to the Foundation's all volunteer Board of Directors and bookplate sponsor, Lake Buick-GMC, the Foundation has distributed nearly 4,000 books since starting the program in 2011."



Free books given to elementary age students by the LEVEF are enthusiastically received.

The foundation obtains a variety of school-approved titles through *First Book National Book Bank*, which in most cases charges only shipping and handling for surplus and overages from various book publishers.

Since 2005, the Foundation has distributed over \$27,000 in scholarships for LEUSD graduates. The Foundation was created under the auspices of former LEUSD Superintendent Dr. Sharron Lindsay, who envisioned it as a lasting way for the community to help support students of all abilities to pursue a college education. Fundraisers to support scholarship and book donation programs includes an annual golf tournament at The Links at Summerly, and bingo, sponsored by the Elks Club, in Wildomar.

Nothing lights a child's smile like a first book donated by the LEVEF. Local businesses are among the bookplate sponsors that help underwrite the cost of providing free books.

For more information about getting involved with the Lake Elsinore Valley Education Foundation, contact Mr. Kevin Pape, Chairman, at (951) 674-5555 (work number), or visit the LEVEF Web site www.levelf.org.

