

President's Report

The White Salmon Valley Education Foundation (WSVEF) is pleased to distribute our first annual report since our formation in April 2006. It has been a very successful 18 months thanks to tremendous community support.

To date, total contributions are at an impressive **\$258,176**. The 2nd Annual Gorge Grape Escape raised \$40,000 of this sum, while \$78,920 has been

*Together,
we are making
a difference.*

expenses are only .02% – that's less than one quarter of one percent – of our total income.

In 2007, we granted \$50,000 towards eleven different programs in our schools. Students and teachers are enjoying new science equipment, instruments, technology, and exciting projects that inspire learning. We are also tapping into additional sources of revenue for the District through public and private organizations via our Grant Writing Committee.

We have discovered that *having* an education foundation in our community opens the door to more funding. The Foundation demonstrates a level of community organization and support that is essential to obtaining such funding.

Our community continues to make education a top priority. We want to thank every one of you for your generosity and vision. The Foundation is committed to helping our School District manage the challenges of ongoing financial cutbacks. We believe it is essential to ensure the Foundation is a reliable source of supplemental funding for our schools. Together, we will continue to work with the School District to provide our teachers and children with the educational experience they need to succeed, and which they all deserve.

Ronda Crumpacker
President, WSVEF

*Thank you for
your outstanding
support and
commitment.*

The *e*leven projects which received a combined \$50,000 in WSVEF grants in 2007 combine creativity with mentors, technology, social conscience and real world projects.

- 1** **Purchase Four Robotic Equipment Kits** **[\$6,579]** *Created a robotics program at Columbia High School where students design and build machines while utilizing engineering principles and scientific processes.*
- 2** **Presentation of the musical "Narnia"** **[\$2,000]** *This was a very successful collaboration between the Music and Drama Departments at Henkle Middle School which would not have been possible without the Foundation's help.*
- 3** **Communication Skills via Technology** **"Media Corps" [\$8,640]** *Project Open Door (POD) at Henkle will use funds for a student group which will develop the POD website.*
- 4** **Classroom Set of 23 Wind Instruments** **Grades 5/6 [\$5,287]** *This class now has an increased focus on the performing aspect of music, as well as music history and theory.*



- 5** **Understanding Democracy - "Votermorphosis" Project** **[\$3,850]** *This Columbia HS social science project expands 12th graders' understanding of what it means to be an active, engaged, and responsible member of a democratic society.*
- 6** **Exploring the Golden Ratio in Math, Art & Music** **[\$4,058]** *Henkle students are exploring the concept of ratios - building vital math concepts by constructing number sequences, examining patterns in nature, and building hands-on models.*
- 7** **United Nations Teen Relief Project - Simulated Aid for Africa** **[\$3,115]** *This 7th grade Henkle project groups students into teams that determine the most effective means of allotting \$1 billion in aid to a specific nation.*



- 8** **Three New Lab Kits Provide Hands-On Investigation** **[\$5,977]** *A big boost - the purchase of three physical science kits allows teams of students to conduct experiments during class, rather than simply watching teacher demonstrations.*
- 9** **Talented & Gifted Program Grades 5/6 Supported** **[\$2,100]** *Challenging and inspiring opportunities incorporated in one learning unit per semester, continuing for 2 years.*
- 10** **14 Digital Pianos, Keyboard Kits and Software** **[\$5,126]** *Introduces the use of computers, software, and electronic musical instruments to Columbia HS students in the Music Appreciation and Technology Class.*
- 11** **Leveling the Earth - ESL Classes US and World History** **[\$2,800]** *Students build web pages to allow others to follow the footsteps of immigrants and explorers over the years of US history.*

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The 3rd Annual Grape Escape
Friday, February 8, 2008
Columbia Gorge Hotel

Our Mission

is to promote and help fund the best possible learning opportunities for all students in the White Salmon Valley School District by:

- *Providing a stable source of supplemental funding*
- *Funding curriculum enhancement and professional development*
- *Seeking funding from other public/private organizations.*



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