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SFDR CISD EDUCATION FOUNDATION ESTABLISHES LAPTOP INITIATIVE PROJECT FOR STUDENTS IN NEED

This year, members of the SFDR CISD agreed to forego their annual “Adventure on the Creek” fundraiser and replace it with a different initiative that would target and help support underprivileged students in our Del Rio community.

Founded in 2012, the SFDR CISD Education Foundation is a non-profit organization whose mission and purpose is to fund educational projects and activities not otherwise provided for by public monies. Foundation members raise funds annually to award scholarships to high school seniors and innovating teaching grants to teachers in the District. Flagship fundraisers such as “Dinner of the Creek” and “Adventure on the Creek” were cancelled this year in the interest of public health.

During their last monthly meeting in August, the Education Foundation Board agreed that they needed to do something that would support students who currently don’t have the means to participate in virtual classes while schools are closed to in-person instruction. As a result of their discussion, the Foundation formalized an initiative that would involve partnering with businesses and organizations who would sponsor the purchase of a laptop or two, for students whose families cannot afford to offer their children a learning device of their own. The goal of the Laptop Initiative Project is to reach \$60,000 in sponsorships, and award an estimated 100 laptops to deserving students.

Education Foundation president Sylvia Owens announced that this week alone, Burke Properties, Texas Community Bank, the Khoury Group (Ram Country, Hyundai of Del Rio, and Toyota of Del Rio), Border Federal Credit Union, Schneider Electric, Brown and Brown Insurance, the Law Offices of Schulman, Lopez, Hoeffler & Adelstein, and ERO Architects have each committed to platinum sponsorships of \$5,500 or more towards this initiative.

Owens explains that “moments like this, reminds us that we’re all connected. We’re called upon to be our best selves, with patience, understanding and compassion. Recognizing that education is the best investment we can make in the future of our community. We sincerely thank the businesses and community members who have join us thus far in supporting this special project and very worthy cause.”

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