



# Durango Foundation for Educational Excellence

## Annual Report 2010

And so the question is whether all of us – as citizens, and as parents – are willing to do what is necessary to give every child a chance to succeed.

- President Obama -

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Serving the students and teachers of Durango School District 9-R since 1984, the Durango Foundation for Educational Excellence operates independently from the school district to support educational excellence, by funding programs and projects which meet the expressed needs of teachers, students and parents. Funding comes from the philanthropy of local businesses, private foundations, community members, and 9-R staff members who recognize an obligation to enrich the 9-R educational system and, in doing so, the social fabric of the region and the future of its most precious resource – the children.

2010 was a year of growth and accomplishment for DFEE, despite a difficult economy, as the foundation added \$82,400 to its endowment fund, and established a Student Competition Fund to assist student teams moving beyond the local level in academic-based competitions. DFEE provided over \$39,000 in program funding and over \$9,500 in incentive funding for the 2010-2011 school year, and administered the distribution of 11 scholarships for Durango High School students pursuing higher education. DFEE additionally celebrated the service of 9-R staff and provided awards to six staff members for their outstanding contributions to the education of our students.



This report is provided for the many sponsors and donors who make DFEE grants and scholarships possible, and it is dedicated to providing the recognition, accountability and transparency their charity deserves.

Special thanks are given to DHS alumnus and volunteer Sean Deaver for his work on this report, and to DHS student and intern Angela Grogan for her 2010 contributions to DFEE's work.

# 2010 Financial Summary



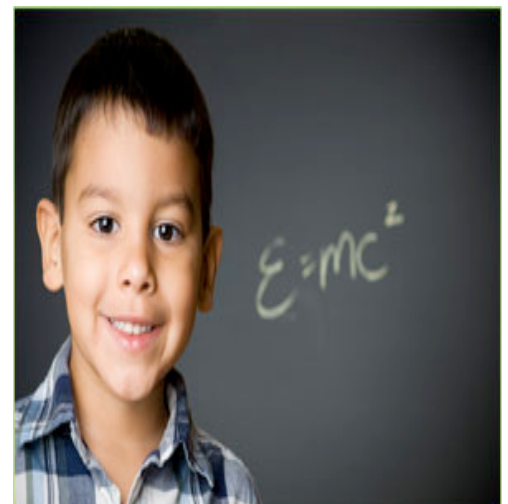
| Revenue                       | 2009             | 2010            |
|-------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Total General Donations       | \$40,879         | \$23,124        |
| Total Fundraising Donations   | \$40,986         | \$56,755        |
| Investment Income             | \$18,135         | \$15,023        |
| Other Income                  | \$2,812          | \$2,266         |
| <b>Total</b>                  | <b>\$102,812</b> | <b>\$97,168</b> |
| <b>Expenses</b>               |                  |                 |
| Program Expenses              | \$46,039         | \$55,594        |
| Management & General Expenses | \$38,287         | \$37,858        |
| Fundraising Expenses          | \$6,600          | \$5,704         |
| <b>Total</b>                  | <b>\$90,926</b>  | <b>\$99,668</b> |

DFEE added \$82,400 to its endowment fund, and \$11,050 to a newly established Student Competition Fund, during 2010.

## 2010 Scholarships

(Awarded or continued)

Brinton Family Girl's Swimming Scholarship  
 Helen Smith Friendship Award  
 Mary Ruth Bowman Boy's Swimming Scholarship  
 Class of 1959 Alumni Scholarship  
 Sachs Construction, LLC Scholarship  
 Tom Hartney Scholarship  
 Scott Slade Memorial Golf Scholarship  
 Pine River Valley Bank Scholarship  
 Robert and Christine Finegan Heinich Scholarship  
 Steve Duke Leadership Award  
 Scott Newbold Memorial Scholarship



# A most sincere 'Thank You' to our 2010 Sponsors and Donors:



## 9-R Employee Appreciation Event Sponsors and Donors

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The Lost Dog  
The Mahogany Grille  
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Maria's Bookshop  
Jay Marqua  
Mutu's Italian Kitchen  
The Nail Shoppe  
Nature's Oasis  
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The Ore House  
The Palace Grill  
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## Tom Hartney Golf Tournament Sponsors and Donors

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The Payroll Department  
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A 9-R School Board Member  
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The Estate of Bud Maynard  
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"Each contribution, no matter how small, helps to provide innovative and enriching educational programs for our students." – Dr. Keith Owen



## Donors and Sponsors (Cont'd):

### Ski for Education Sponsors

Durango Mountain Resort  
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Four Corners Broadcasting

### Student Competition Fund Donors

Estate of Bud Maynard  
Moni Grushkin  
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### Back to School and Other Donors

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### 2010/2011 Grant Funders

Anschutz Family Foundation  
Ballantine Family Foundation  
High Noon Rotary  
Kinder Morgan Foundation  
La Plata Electric Association

# 2010/11 Program and Incentive Funding Overview



Needham Int'l Baccalaureate Programme of Inquiry Tree

| Program Supported                              | School                              | Amount          |
|--|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Volunteer Program                              | DeNeir Youth Services Center        | \$1,200         |
| Accelerated Reader Program                     | Riverview Elementary                | \$1,200         |
| Animas Valley Learning Garden                  | Animas Valley Elementary            | \$525           |
| Mobile Broadcast Studio                        | Durango High School                 | \$6,285         |
| International Baccalaureate Programs           | Florida Mesa and Needham Elementary | \$5,000         |
| Read Naturally Program                         | Sunnyside Elementary                | \$3,315         |
| K - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Classroom Technology | Needham Elementary                  | \$6,000         |
| Special Education Classroom Technology         | Escalante Middle School             | \$4,136         |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Classroom Technology     | Florida Mesa Elementary             | \$7,655         |
| LIFE Special Education Program                 | Durango High School                 | \$3,000         |
| Back to School Backpacks                       | The Family Center                   | \$1,000         |
|  |                                     | <b>\$39,316</b> |

Incentive funding was additionally allocated to all District schools to support character-building, reading, and academic achievement incentives.

## Florida Mesa Interactive Whiteboards:

*“Our SMART boards have allowed us to make daily lessons such as Daily Oral Language, Everyday Math, phonics games, literacy activities, social study activities and science activities interactive and multi-sensory, thus engaging students' critical thinking skills.” -- Karin Bowker, Teacher, Grade 1, Florida Mesa Elementary*



## DHS 'LIFE' program and Mobile Broadcast Studio:

**DHS Freshman Angela Grogan interviews Diane Lashinsky, DHS Principal:**

### I. How has the Durango Foundation for Educational Excellence benefited DHS?

– The incentive grants are the best way to recognize and reward students. For example, the last incentive money donated by DFEE bought new showcases to display student works. Funds also go towards small assemblies and ceremonies to reward students. Grants also free teachers to try new ideas and to supplement programs including the LIFE program.

### II. How have the LIFE program and the Mobile Broadcast Studio benefited from DFEE funding?

-- Regarding LIFE, the curriculum in this type of community-based program benefits from supplemental grants, which aid students in learning life skills. The Mobile Broadcast Studio inspires students and allows teachers, Eric Hillstrom specifically, to continuously innovate the program.

# 9-R Employee Appreciation Celebration

## Awarded Outstanding.....

Elem. School Teacher – Cindy Winckel

Middle School Teacher – Debra Goodman

High School Teacher – Erik Nordstrom

Support staff – Dan Huntington, Julio  
Martinez, Deawne Maddox



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