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December 2009 Newsletter

Thank You

to all the current parent
donors!

Please accept our apologies in advance
for any errors in this list!

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Fred and Ruth Hoffman

Bob & Christina Homami

Mike How & Anne Chanq

Happy Holidays!

As you probably noticed this morning at drop off, this week (December 7-11) is the **ISM Foundation Annual Fund Drive**. Volunteers will be on campus every morning from 7:30AM-8:00AM at the lower and upper drop off zones to accept your Family Share Contributions.

Each family who makes a donation during the Fund Drive will receive either a muffin (generously donated by Layer's Cakes in Monterey) or a Power Bar (generously donated by Power Bar). **We also have gift certificates available for folks who would like to give their child the "Gift of Education" this holiday season.**

There are two GREAT reasons to contribute to the ISM Foundation right now, and we want to make sure that you know about them.

First: though 2009 is drawing to a close, it's not over yet. You still have time to make a tax-deductible donation to the ISM Foundation for 2009.

Second: ISM is one of the local non-profits selected by the Monterey County Weekly as a recipient of some matching grant monies. What does that mean? It means that the Monterey County Weekly, through their Community Fund will donate additional funds to selected non-profits; we're one of them! In other words, if you make a contribution now, it is worth more! So if you haven't yet made a contribution to ISM, or if you were planning on making another, now is the time to do it!

PLUS, the Monterey County Weekly will provide two additional grants: **A \$1,000 grant will go to the organization with the largest number of donors and another \$1,000 grant will go to the organization with the most donors under age 35 years old.** This gives ISM students an opportunity to support their own school with pocket change or allowance money and, perhaps, leverage an additional \$1,000!

Please follow this link for the quick and easy form to fill out (check box number 18):

<http://www.montereycountyweekly.com/files/donationform.pdf>

Contributions must be made to the Monterey County Weekly Community fund or you can pay by credit card (you have to call in the credit cards to 831-394-5656), and the funds will be attributed to ISM.



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"Thank You"s *continued*

Markus & Laura Hubrich
Amy Hutchinson
Steven & Carrie Jacobs
Tim Jensen
Chris and Hedy Kahn
Shannon & Seth Karm
Zaheer & Patricia Kasad
Sara Kennedy
Yung-Chung Heh & Clifford Kennedy
Michael Kolpaczyk &
Merilee Rockefeller- Kolpaczyk
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Jacob & Camilla Mann
Steven Mann & Karen Kushel
Kevin & Andrea Maticka
Alexander Matiyevsky &
Ella Rubinstein-M
Stephen and Therese Mayone
Mauricio & Luz Mendoza
Nicholas & Carolina Mesman
Mark & Myeongju (Jay-Hee) Miller
Tate & Jesse Miller
Lorraine Morales
Eric & Susan Morgan
Paul & Leslie Muga
Nikolai Myers & Benedikte Milling
Maria Nabor
David & Iris Nannie
Marci Thornton
Dina Nasrallah
David & Karen Nemiroff
Khang Nguyen & Bach Vu
Thai & Huong Nguyen
Samala O'Brien
Andrew Offenbacher & Elena Shulgina
Katsuhiko & Barbara Okamura
Andrea Olsen
Charlito & Emerenuana Paghasian
Steve & Marilyn Parmley
Nardito and Mylene Peralta
Fausto & Gabriella Perez
Ken Peterson & Paulette Lynch
Lance Pham & Mindy Dang
Todd and Nicole Phillips
Valerie Poggemeyer
Ned & Katrina Powley
Timour Radko & Elena Falkorskaia
Rajesh Chandrasekaran & Aparna Rajesh
Sunder and Varna Ramaswamy
Kevin Raskoff & Kim Shirley
Christine Reed
Don & Lynn Richardson
Alastair & Francine Rodd
Timoteo & Reina Romero

As of December 1st **58%** of our families have contributed to the Family Share program. **Our goal next week is to receive first time contributions from the 156 families who have not yet given (for those that have already given, THANK YOU!) and to raise \$50,000 towards our annual goal.**

If you have not already done so, please make your contribution today - and of course - if you are able to do more and help support the education of another student at ISM, please consider doing so.

Thanks

The ISM Foundation Team

Bin Rong & Ying Liu
Tim & Heather Rougeot
Venetia Rivera & Steve Rovell
John Rowe and Callie Chandler
Tim & Najoo Ruediger
Dan Sakoda & Naoko Matsuo
Michael & Kelly Sanchez
Roland & Leora Sanchez
Dan & Lisa Sandberg
Anil & Priya Sethi
Troy & Lisa Seva'aetasi
Rudy & Kathy Sierra
Dan Simpson & Denise La Fontaine
George & Beverly Smith
Jeffrey & Leslie Spang
Ben and Lacy Spangler
Chad Spooner & Elissa McLaurin
Greg & Karina Starace
Chris & Leah Steinbruner
Joanne Storkan
Bryan & Michele Swanston
Hitoshi & Cynthia Tanabe
Emerson Tila & Corinna Quina
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Bernard & Melanie Trainor
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Reynaldo & Andrea Villegas
Rufegio and Olga Guerrero-Vizcaya
Luyen & Ngoc-Sinh Vu
Floyd & Krongjai Walker
Natalie Webb
Russell & Donna Wegfehrt
Joseph Welsh & Mary Cunningham
Nancy & Geoff Wheat
Sean & Tami Wheeler
Mike & Heidi Whilden
Plasha & Randy Will
Darcy A. Wilson
Greg & Sandra Wolfson
Daniel & Denise Wood
Steve Moore & Suzanne Worcester
Kirk & Tina Worley
Jane Wu and Geoffrey Xie
Pamela & Jeffrey Yamashita
Shi (Peter) Yan & Sun (Sheila) Ying
Louis & Jennifer Zeidberg

P.S. This month's donor profile highlights the Millers, who are grandparents giving on behalf of their grandchildren's education. We wanted to report that so far, we have received almost **\$5000** from grandparents making donations to ISM! A grandparent's contribution is attributed to the Fair Share total for that grandparent's family...so if there are any grandparents who would like to give the "Gift of Education" to their grandchildren, we have gift certificates available!

P.P.S. If you are interested in becoming a member of the ISM Foundation, please contact Plasha Fielding Will at foundation@ismonterey.org

The Foundation meets on the first Saturday of every month at 9:00AM at MY Museum, 425 Washington Street in Monterey.



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Every month we will feature comments from a family who has made contributing to the ISM Foundation a priority.



December Donor Profile *Carol and Curtis Miller "Grandparents Donating To Their Grandchildren's Education"*

Carol and Curtis Miller are the grandparents of Jasmine Miller, a 4th grader in Mr. Spencer's fourth grade class. Mr. and Mrs. Miller live in Galesburg, MI.

Greetings to the ISM Community!

Last year, our son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Jaehee Miller, asked us if we would consider providing some financial support to Jasmine's school.

We support many different organizations that we believe in, both financially and as volunteers. But none is more critical or important for us than the school where our only grandchild is educated.

We are pleased by the commitments that Jaehee and Mark made to seek out and to enroll Jasmine at ISM. Their commitments made it an "easy sell" for us to support the school financially. And, of course, we are especially happy about the quality and breadth of the education that Jasmine is receiving.

Therefore, we contributed to the ISM Foundation last year, and we will continue to contribute in the future.

When our own children were young, they attended local public schools, and we were actively involved in contributing and soliciting funding to support these schools. It seems natural to continue this support for our granddaughter, Jasmine.

Having recently listened to a talk by Greg Mortenson (author of *Three Cups of Tea*), we so appreciate that children in our country have the excellent opportunities they do.

We believe that quality education must be a continuing effort to develop children to their full potential and allow them to become responsible world citizens and leaders of the future.

If we ever hope to live in a society of responsible, caring citizens, our efforts must start with our children. Our children and grandchildren should be aware of the world in which they live and which they will inherit. They must be exposed to and experience a life where there is diversity and where there is acceptance of and respect for all. These values are what we perceive as standard at ISM.

When we come to California to visit Mark, Jaehee, and Jasmine, we attend classes and activities at ISM. We have been impressed with the broad-based academic experiences and social values that Jasmine



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has gained. Her enthusiasm and active participation in her own education says a lot about the school. It is encouraging to meet Jasmine's ISM friends and see that they share the same zest for learning, positive attitude and respect for others.

We know that much of the school's strength comes from the enthusiastic support of parents. Therefore, for us as grandparents, it is with equal enthusiasm that we provide financial support for ISM.

We are fortunate to have worked for a corporation (Pfizer Pharmaceutical) that matches gifts we make to charitable and/or educational organizations. Thus, contributions that we make to the ISM Foundation are enhanced by matching corporate funds.

Those who work, or worked, for organizations with matching gifts programs should take full advantage of this perk. We ask that you look into the possibility of your own company matching your tax-deductible gifts to ISM.

Another great way to make contributions is to transfer stock to ISM. If you do this, you get a federal and state tax credit for the full value of the stock on the day it is transferred to ISM. You are NOT taxed on the stock's appreciated value. ISM assumes this responsibility but since it is tax exempt, there is NO tax liability.

Check with your financial advisor to get details for exactly how to contribute stock, if you think this is something you would like to do. Doing so allows you to make a contribution, avoid capital gains taxes, and get an income tax deduction all at the same time. The ISM Foundation knows what information is required and how to process stock contributions.

We are sure that those lucky grandparents who live locally find it personally rewarding to volunteer in the classroom or help out ISM in other ways. But, a financial donation of any size really helps things along at the school. And, for relatives who live as far away as we do, a financial contribution is a tangible way we can take part in the ISM community.

We are extremely proud to have Jasmine attending ISM. We are proud that Jaehee and Mark volunteer at the school and contribute financially on their own. We are equally proud to be financial supporters of ISM. We encourage all grandparents to share in this experience.

~Carol and Curtis Miller~