

## PRESS RELEASE

### TEACH FOUNDATION AWARDS OVER \$7,500 IN MINI-GRANTS TO SIX AREA SCHOOLS TO ENRICH CURRICULUM

San Luis Obispo (November 19, 2002) --- The Endowment for the Advancement of Children (**TEACH**) today announced that it has granted over \$7,500 to six area schools as part of its long term efforts to foster excellence and support special classroom projects and materials. The grants were announced at the regular San Luis Coastal Unified School District (SLCUSD) trustees meeting. These grants are for immediate use in the 2002-2003 school year.

Individual grants were awarded to:

- Morro Bay High and Los Middle School, \$750 for Solo & Ensemble Music Library Development;
- Del Mar Elementary Schools, \$750 for Mary Ann Britton's "Teach Me To Read" program for 3rd-6th grades;
- San Luis Obispo High School, \$750 granted to Jeff Leebrick for SLOHS ELD Family History Project for 9th through 12th grades;
- Los Ranchos Elementary School, \$750 for a 6th grade Egyptian Museum Field Trip;
- San Luis Obispo High School, \$720 for a 9th grade PE Dance Unit;
- Pacific Beach High School, \$724 for Teresa Johnson's "Enhancing the Art Experience" project;
- Del Mar Elementary Schools, \$647 for Susan Belany's "Natural History Big Picture" project for 3rd Grade;
- San Luis Obispo High School, \$500 granted to Scott Nairne and David Sprague's for a PCPA Theaterfest Shakespeare Workshop for all 12th graders;
- San Luis Obispo High School, \$500 granted to Tom Weinschenk for the Latin Club State Convention;
- Pacific Beach High School, \$500 for the SLO County Mock Trial Competition;
- Pacific Beach High School, \$375 for Daniel Kirk's "Enhancing the Drama Experience" project;
- Los Osos Middle School, \$300 for a 6th-8th grade Choir Clinician;
- Sinsheimer Elementary School, \$270 for Robyn Young's "Growing Grounds and Growing People" K-6 project.

"The **TEACH** Board of Directors is pleased to have given out 20 grants to 10 different schools throughout the San Luis Coastal Unified School District with its first two rounds of funding. We have already reached over 3,000 students in just two grant cycles," said David W. Cryden, Founder and President of **TEACH**.

The grants are awarded in the following areas: the arts, music, drama, physical education, social science, reading, literacy, language arts, math, science, student health services, youth activities and community service. There will be another grant cycle for educators in the San Luis Coastal Unified School District in the Spring of 2003.