



Palo Alto Realtors Donate \$60,000 to Palo Alto Partners in Education

June 12, 2006...Palo Alto, California The Palo Alto Council of the Silicon Valley Association of Realtors (SILVAR) today announced the donation of \$60,000 to Palo Alto Partners in Education, the non-profit education foundation dedicated to sustaining Palo Alto's community tradition of extraordinary public education. The Palo Alto Council will present a check to the foundation at a reception on June 15 at the Garden Court Hotel in Palo Alto.

The Palo Alto Council is comprised of local Realtors and affiliated businesses, such as lenders and title companies. This is the Realtors' seventh campaign to support the teachers and students in the Palo Alto Unified School District. Over the past seven years, the Realtors have raised more than \$250,000. This year, the Palo Alto Council met its goal to donate \$60,000, a 15% increase over last year's donation of \$52,000.

Michael Hall, from Alain Pinel Realtors, and Jennifer Keenan, from Coldwell Banker, are co-chairs of the Palo Alto Realtors' Community Out-Reach Committee, which leads the fundraising effort.

Palo Alto Partners in Education is a nonprofit 501(c)3 foundation dedicated to supporting Palo Alto's public schools. Through its annual Schools Campaign, the foundation donated \$1.89 million in March 2006 to augment the 2006-07 PAUSD budget. The funds will be allocated on a per student basis directly to the principals at each of the district's 17 schools. Partners in Education also runs an annual Teacher Grant Program, in which it awards approximately \$100,000 in small grants to teachers to foster innovation and provide needed equipment and supplies.

Susan Bailey, president of Partners in Education, commented, "One of our key goals is to reach beyond the traditional parent community. Palo Alto Realtors are a significant part of the broader community, and we are thrilled that they continue to support us with increasing dollars."

Please contact Simone Coxe at 650-302-4088 or Michael Hall at 650-543-1084 for more information on this campaign. To learn more about Partners in Education, visit www.papie.org.

