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Alpine School District Honors Excellence Among Staff

On Thursday, May 4, 2006, 12 of Alpine District's most outstanding educators were honored with the *Accent on Excellence* Award. The banquet and celebration took place at the Alpine Country Club. Mr. Doug Wright, KSL Radio broadcaster, was the Master of Ceremonies for the prestigious event.

The *Accent on Excellence* Awards are sponsored by Alpine School District, Alpine Foundation, and local businesses. Each recipient received a check for \$500, and a gift basket with a piece of jewelry, a throw, a statuette, dinner certificates, a calculator, and a book. They had previously received a basket of flowers and a pair of tickets to a Utah Jazz game. Also, each of the recipients' schools received a check for \$500.

Congratulations to the following educators, who were honored as exemplary role models and heroes of the students. They have given outstanding service to Alpine School District:

*Kimberly Allred, Maintenance Department
Rachelle Bolingbroke, Valley View Elementary
Cheryl Brenchley, Snow Springs Elementary
John Bushman, Principal, Eaglecrest Elementary
Cindy L. Clark, Orem High
Melanie Hansen, Timberline Middle School*



*Lois Johnson, Lone Peak High School
Leland Moon, American Fork Junior High
Rochelle Pinnock, Highland Elementary
Lilly H. Taylor, Forbes Elementary
Margo Ungricht, Willowcreek Middle School
Susann B. Wagner, Sharon Elementary*

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		Seagull Book
		Kara Chocolates



In-kind Donations for Our Schools

The Alpine Foundation receives many in-kind donations during the school year. Many items go directly to a school selected by the donor. Our organization prepares a tax-deductible receipt which the contributor can use for tax purposes. The value of the donated items is always determined by the donor.

Working with the the Alpine District warehouse personnel, large donations are divided and delivered to our schools. For example, through the school year we received several pallets of scrapbooking supplies from Stampin' Up! and Close to My Heart. The paper, pens, stamps, scissors, scrapbooks, picture frames, and

other specialty items were divided and delivered to each of our 64 schools. Several boxes of supplies were sent to each school. These were fun and valuable commodities. Teachers were excited to receive them.

If someone wishes to donate items that are useful to our schools, the Foundation can help process a receipt. All that is needed is the donor's name and address, and a short description of what was given. Please call Alpine Foundation (756-8425 or 756-8403) if you have questions. A receipt can be written as soon as a school has possession of the donation. Also, please note that the principal should be aware of items coming into the school. All contributed materials become the property of Alpine School District.

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Farewell from Foundation Director Kay W. Laursen

It is with mixed feelings that I will be officially leaving the Alpine Foundation and Alpine School District on June 30, 2006. It has been a distinct privilege to serve in this position and to work with the finest of people. It would be difficult to find higher quality associates anywhere.

For nearly 10 years I've witnessed the excellent support of the District administration, Alpine Board of Education, and the Alpine Foundation Board of Directors. The organization has been able to make steady growth in its ability to be of greater service to the students and our schools as a result. I express my sincere appreciation to all who have been involved with the Foundation in any way.

I thank and commend the members of the staff who have participated in the Payroll Deduction Program. Your generosity and your caring about making education better for students has been very amazing and emotional to me. Your example of charitable giving to help others has given me a more positive attitude about the quality of people in our society. It has been rewarding to work as a partner with you.

Alpine is a fine school district, and I feel fortunate to have worked here with all you great educators. I wish you the very best.

Kay W. Laursen

Scholarships--Opportunities to Help Students!

The Alpine Foundation Board of Directors provides nine \$500 scholarships for selected graduating students. The Alpine high schools, through the administrations, staff, and counseling departments, try to find a business or private individual to match the Foundation's portion to provide the nine students with a \$1,000 grant. This has proven very successful, and it is a thoughtful way to help students, who may not otherwise receive a scholarship, to get started in their post-high school education.



The Foundation has had several individuals and businesses sponsor scholarships. Many donors have special interest in music, sports, and leadership. The field is wide open for those who wish to help students with funds to start their post-high school training. In order to make this happen, those interested can contact the Alpine Foundation for information and for processing. In most cases the donations are tax deductible. And of course, a donation may not be directed to a relative.



Scholarships are great ways to enhance the lives of students!



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STARS

Funding Helps Students Shine!

Each year the Alpine Foundation Board of Directors has made a commitment to raise \$77,000 to fund the STARS Summer Reading Program. This well-designed training program truly changes the lives of the struggling children who participate. Since reading-needy first- and second-grade children benefit so greatly, the Board members have made fund-raising for this program a high priority.



STARS provides an additional 20 days of intensive instruction, with the teachers using the techniques of Balanced Literacy and Reading Recovery for the students who are in greater need. Young children who are reading below the average of their classmates may be invited to participate at one of ten school sites during the month of June. Kids love the experience, and parents, teachers, and administrators sing the praises of STARS.

One method of fund-raising to support this experience for needy children is the "Swing for the STARS" Golf Tournament. The second annual event is scheduled for September 7, 2006. The committee

hopes to raise even more with this next event. Sponsors are now sought to make this event successful. If you know of a business or an individual who may wish to be a sponsor, please call Alpine Foundation, 756-8425. Sponsorship levels range from \$1,000 to \$5,000.



Anyone who wishes to support the STARS students can make a cash donation. Checks can be written to Alpine Foundation. A tax-deductible receipt will be prepared for all donors. Any help would be appreciated. The children we serve will be the beneficiaries. ★



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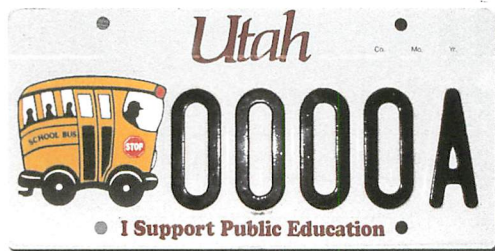
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Plaudits to the Committee for the Celebration of Teachers

What a thrilling way to kick off the new school year! The American Fork High School Band was there to send chills up one's spine and to say that teachers are appreciated. The packed McKay Special Events Center made one feel the power of the instructional staff in Alpine's 64 schools. The thousands who attended laughed together and cried together. Pride in being part of one of the greatest teaching corps was made evident by the lump in the throat.

The stories, poetry, and jokes about our Alpine teachers let one know that they are part of the greatest profession. We were reminded that service to students puts a teacher through the full range of accomplishments and emotions. The program "charged our batteries" for the 2005-2006 school year.

The Foundation extends its heartfelt thanks to all those on the Celebrating Teachers Committee. Also, thanks for the gift bag of goodies. We recognize the amount of work and preparation it took to remind us of the great cause we are involved in.

Congratulations!



First Annual "Swing for the STARS" Golf Tournament Tees Off

The "Swing for the STARS" Golf Tournament was held on September 8, 2005 at the Cascade Golf Center. It was a huge success! The event raised approximately \$18,000, which will be used to help fund the STARS Summer Reading Program in June 2006.

John Aldrich, Alpine Foundation Fund-raising Chairman, was the leader of the excellent golf committee that put the tournament together. They did a super job of making the participants happy with prizes, a steak luncheon, golfing on a beautiful day, and a chance to win a new car. The committee was also successful in finding all the super sponsors who made the golf tournament possible. Keven Stratton and his staff at Cascade Golf Center went out of their way to make the event one of the very best. A special thanks to the golf committee!



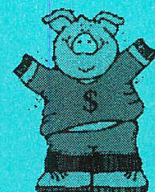
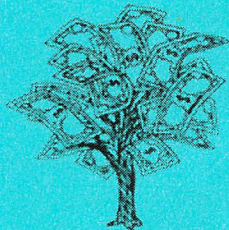
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Payroll Deduction Donations Enhance the Classroom for Students

Alpine School District staff members are catching the vision of what their participation in the Payroll Deduction Program can do to enrich the educational experience of their students. Many are allowing their monthly donations to accumulate so that larger or more expensive items can be purchased. Others purchase supplies for their classrooms as needed. Either way, the graciousness of our staff translates to a richer experience for those we serve. A large variety of items can cause this to happen.

Payroll Deduction funds can be used to purchase such things as computers, TVs, scanners, and sound equipment for the classroom. Some teachers are buying books to supplement the classroom libraries. One teacher indicated that she bought a digital camera for direct use with her students. A high school teacher used some of his donated money to pay for an AP test for a student who couldn't afford it. Our secondary staff can designate their donations for scholarships for graduating students or for gym shoes for a needy youth.

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If you have any questions about how Payroll Deduction funds can be used, talk to your principal, or call the Alpine Foundation (756-8425, 756-8403). All materials and equipment purchased with the donated funds must be approved by the building principal, and they become the property of Alpine School District.

We encourage all of our staff to participate in the Payroll Deduction Program. It offers many advantages to you, your schools, and to your students. ☞

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The Alpine Foundation has recently received several in-kind donations that have been, or will be distributed to our schools and classrooms. Author and poet Andy Hogan donated copies of his book, *A School of Trout*. It is fun reading for those who love fishing. Clyde E. Weeks has given the Foundation several copies of his book, *The Post Office War in Timpanogos Town*. He has included stories about the post office, stamps, and some historical information. Each school will receive copies of this work.

Scrapbook companies (Close to My Heart, Stampin' Up!, and Making Memories) have given the Foundation several pallets of cardstock, decorative paper, stickers, and stamps. These items will help our teachers enhance the education program for our students. They will be divided and distributed as soon as possible.

The Foundation thanks Clark Esteban and his crew at the warehouse for helping with the pickup and delivery of our large donations. We couldn't do it without their help.

The Foundation can help with the processing of the in-kind donations offered to our schools. Just call the office and give us the name and address of the donor and describe what was donated. A tax-deductible receipt will be prepared. Useable items can enhance our service to the students. ☞



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People who buy the specialized license plates pay an extra \$25 each time they renew their registration, and this money is returned to the school district foundations in the county where the purchase was made. In Alpine, the funds are used to help finance the STARS Summer Reading Program, which provides 20 days of additional intensive training for 275 first- and second-grade children who are struggling with their reading skills.

The Alpine Foundation Board of Directors attempts to raise approximately \$75,000 to fund STARS each year. Support for this eminently successful program comes from many sources. A few of them are as follows: Utah Income Tax Check-off



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Wells Fargo Bank Helps Students to the Next Stage

Alpine School District and the Alpine Foundation were presented a check of \$7,010 to help enhance the education of the students in our schools. Marilyn Robinson, Wells Fargo Bank Area President, presented the funds which were generated from their "Team Up for Our Schools" program. The Wells Fargo branches in the Alpine District area gave \$10 to the schools for each new account opened with their bank during August and September 2004.



The executives who accompanied Marilyn Robinson were Rhonda Paul, President, and Todd Allen, American Fork branch; Suzanne Bowman, Orem/Albertson's branch; Mardene Boren, Highland/Alpine branch; and Shane Kelson, Pleasant Grove branch.

Accepting the check are Melanie Bastian, Foundation President, and Gary Seastrand, Assistant

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Congratulations, American Fork High School Band!

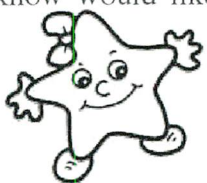
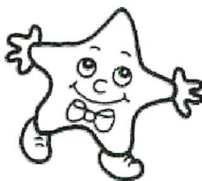
Congratulations to the student members of the American Fork High School Band, Director John Miller, the school administration, and the parent support group on their excitingly successful trip to the President's inaugural festivities in Washington, D. C. Thanks for representing all of Utah so well.

A sincere thanks is extended to all the generous donors who made this trip possible. Without their help, the students would not have had this once-in-a-lifetime experience.

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program; the Lagoon partnership; rebates on Get Away Today vacation packages, the Entertainment, Inc. partnership (Gold C, Happenings, and Sally Foster products); individual donations; grants from foundations and businesses; and funds raised by the Alpine Foundation Board of Directors. As you can see, it takes a major effort and the support of many other to help our students who need STARS.

The Foundation Board is still raising funds for this very excellent program. If you or someone you know would like to help young children with their reading skills, please contact us at 756-8425 or 756-8403. It will make you feel good when you can help a child. ❧



Gym Shoes Program Gets a Good Workout

For several years Alpine Foundation has provided gym shoes and socks to needy secondary students. An administrator, counselor, or P.E. teacher notifies Alpine Foundation of a student's need--and the correct shoe size--and Foundation Director Kay W. Laursen purchases the items and delivers them to the school. The Foundation never knows the recipient's name or other personal information, and the educator gives the shoes to the student privately. The Foundation has received anonymous touching letters of thanks from students who can now feel a part of their P.E. class.



This school year has shown much activity in the Gym Shoes program; many students have been in need. A local sporting goods store partners with Alpine Foundation in this project and sells the shoes at a discount. Also, many junior high and high school teachers contribute to the Foundation Gym Shoes fund through Payroll Deduction.

Thanks to district employees who support the Gym Shoes Program! No student should "sit out" of P.E. because of lack of suitable shoes. ❧



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Superintendent and Executive Secretary of the Alpine Foundation.

The Alpine District administration has given the funds to the Alpine Foundation to help support the 275 children in the STARS Summer Reading Program. This donation will fund approximately 23 of the students. It costs \$300 per child to provide the STARS experience.

This year Wells Fargo gave \$170,000 to Utah's schools. Bank-wide, they donated \$2.5 million. The organization did "step up" to help education.

We congratulate and thank all those with Wells Fargo Bank offices in our area. We thank Wells Fargo for their interest in our students and our schools. ❧

*A gift to education reflects a commitment to life.
The lasting impact of knowledge is evident
in the improvement of one's self and community.
Each gift returns tenfold in the gratitude
of life reborn through learning.*
Dr. William Sederburg

LOOKING FOR MATCHES

This is the time of the school year when Alpine's students are being notified about receiving a scholarship. The schools and the Foundation are still looking for private individuals or businesses who are interested and willing to help provide a match for these grants-in-aid.



The Alpine Foundation Board of Directors gives nine \$500 scholarships per year to graduating students, one from each of the high schools in the district. The scholarship counselor helps in making the selection of the recipient students. They seek to find graduates who may not otherwise get a grant-in-aid.

The Foundation works with the schools in an attempt to find willing donors who will contribute \$500 to match the initial amount, thus making the scholarship worth \$1,000. Such a donation provides even greater assistance to recipients in paying for tuition and books for their freshman year.

Those who may wish to help with this scholarship program should call the Alpine Foundation office, 756-8425 or 756-8403. They could also contact the counselor in charge of this program at one of the high schools.

Help get students started in their post-high school education! ❧





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A Painless Way to Make a Charitable Donation: "Income Tax Checkoff"

The State of Utah has provided a painless way for taxpayers to make a tax-deductible contribution to the public schools. On the second page, line 23d of the Utah Income Tax form, there is a place to note the Alpine District code, 01, and to indicate the amount of the donation. The funds contributed are sent to Alpine Foundation by the state treasurer.



For those taxpayers who are receiving a return on their taxes paid, their donation is subtracted from the amount they would receive. For those who owe additional state income tax, the contribution adds to the amount they must pay.

The funds from those who choose to donate through the "Income Tax Check-off" method are used by the Alpine Foundation to help reading-needy children in the STARS Summer Reading Program. Those contributing are helping to make a real difference in the lives of the first- and second-graders who participate in this program.

If you have someone else prepare your tax returns, please inform them that you wish to make a donation to Alpine District Foundation. Have your tax preparer write in code **01** and indicate the amount of your donation. Your gift is tax deductible on your following year's return. You are encouraged to try this painless way to donate to help needy students.

The Little Yellow School Bus

From Logan to Washington County, and from Vernal to Kane County, the little yellow school bus is beginning to show up on more and more automobile license plates. This is an indication that the people who support our public schools are demonstrating that commitment by purchasing these specialized plates, an "outward expression of their inner commitment to public education." Besides the fact that the little yellow school bus makes a very fun logo on the license plates, the purchasers know they are making a contribution to enhance the educational program for the students of their local school district.



Starting at the end of last January, the specialized license plate project is sponsored by the Utah Association of Public School Foundations in partnership with Wells Fargo Bank. Each local school district has been invited to participate.

The Board of Directors of the Alpine School District Foundation encourages all of the district staff to go to the Division of Motor Vehicles and order the plates. The initial cost is \$35, \$25 of which is a donation to the Alpine Foundation for the STARS Summer Reading Program. If you are buying a new or used car from a dealership, request that they order the specialized plates for you. Please help students by adding the "Little Yellow School Bus" to your license plates. ☺



**Your
Program,
a
Winner!**

Each year your Payroll Deduction Program reaches new levels for participants and donations. Those staff members involved are catching the vision of what the program can do for the students, the schools, and themselves. What a great way to make a difference in the lives of others. What a satisfying way to be generous and help others. What an excellent way to control your charitable donations.

This year, so far, there has been an 8% increase in the number of the Alpine District staff participating in the Payroll Deduction Program. At the same time, the amount donated has increased by 14%. The growth continues to be amazing, and it sends a message about the fine people who work in Alpine District. It speaks of their dedication, their generosity, and their concern for others.

It is not too late for you to join the Payroll Deduction Program this year. An enrollment form can be obtained at your school/unit or from the Alpine Foundation office. Join now, and you may help your school to qualify for a cash award from the Foundation.

A tax-deductible receipt for your donations will be sent to you in January, thanks to the Accounting and Data Processing departments in the District Office.

Thanks for helping to make the Payroll Deduction Program a "winner." It is the best of those in any other public school district in Utah. Congratulations!



Be sure to say "Thanks!"

Almost every day, Janna Rogers, the Alpine Foundation Secretary/Treasurer, processes cash donations to specific classrooms and schools in Alpine District. Generous individuals are interested and willing to "give a little extra" to enhance the educational program for the students served here. To keep the contributions coming, there are things that need to be done.



The most important step in the donation process is to say "Thanks" to the gift giver. Those who receive the contributions should find several ways to acknowledge the generosity of the donor. Cards, letters, and other appropriate tributes are a must. School newsletters and plaques on "walls

of honor" are beneficial to both the receiver and the benefactor.

Another necessity in the gift-giving process is to return the tax-deductible receipt. The Alpine Foundation prepares these.



It is always best to have a letter of appreciation attached to this receipt. Also, the receipt should be returned to the donor as soon as possible.



Those receiving cash or in-kind gifts for their classroom or for their school should make every attempt to let the charitable donors know their contributions have made

a difference. Help the donors feel good about where they have chosen to give their resources. Wouldn't a note from a classroom with all the students' names on it warm the heart of the giver? Wouldn't a football with all the names of the players stimulate warm feelings about a donation?

Let people know they can donate to support our schools, classrooms, and programs--and then be sure to say "Thanks!"



In-kind Donations Contributed Through the Foundation

In-kind donations can be of benefit to our students, schools, and the donor. Recently Alpine Foundation received three pallets of notebooks and packaged paper from Target Stores. An allotment was sent through the Alpine District warehouse to each of our 64 schools. Target's contribution was divided among the three school districts in Utah County. A tax-deductible receipt and a letter of thanks was returned to the store from the Alpine Foundation. The paper and notebooks were to be used to benefit students.

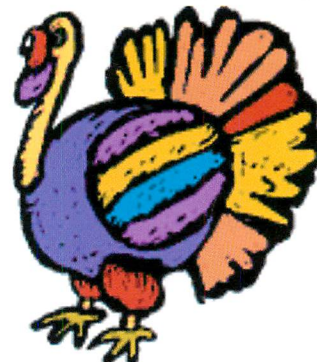
For anyone who wants to donate in-kind items to a school, a classroom, or to Alpine District, the Foundation will process the donation and prepare a tax-deductible receipt. Items coming into our schools or the Foundation become the property of Alpine School District. The principal of each school should be aware and approve of any in-kind materials which are to be given for classroom or school use.


The Alpine Foundation should be notified of in-kind donations given to the classrooms or the schools. Given the name and address of the donor and a description of what was donated, the Foundation secretary will prepare an in-kind receipt from the contributor. A letter of appreciation should be enclosed with the receipt by the staff member receiving the donation.

In-kind donations can enrich the educational program for our students!

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# Happy Thanksgiving!





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## 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition

*The Dream Becomes  
Reality*

**The Vision to the Present**

**"Flagship"  
Programs**

*Bring me men to match my mountains.  
Bring me men to match my plains.  
Men with empires in their purpose,  
And new eras in their brains.*

Samuel Walter Foss's poem may remind a person about the original founders of the Alpine School District Foundation. They were people with a vision and new horizons in their minds. They must have discussed the potential service the organization could provide to the students, staff, schools, and Alpine District. One must wonder if the Foundation's growth and service to date has matched their dream.

Organized in 1984, the Alpine Foundation is celebrating 20 years of service to those in Alpine School District. Since its inception, the organization has processed literally millions of dollars in cash and in-kind donations for the schools and specific programs. The mission of the organization is to join in partnership with all segments of the community to enhance the educational program for the students. Those associated with the Foundation have always tried to remain true to this goal. Last year alone (fiscal year 2003 - 2004), \$710,339 in cash and approximately \$111,000 in in-kind donations were processed for our classroom, schools, Foundation, and Alpine District.

The dream of the original founders is being realized! ☺

Since 1984, the Alpine Foundation has grown consistently in its service to students, staff, school, and Alpine District. Part-time executive directors provided leadership until 1996, when a full-time person was hired to "take the organization to a new level." This change, brought about by the foresight and vision of Alpine District leadership, with the support of the Board of Education, positively altered the atmosphere and potential for Alpine Foundation growth. There is a saying that "whatever you concentrate your efforts on can be changed for the better."



In recent years, the Foundation has grown dramatically. Growth in this arena means the ability of the organization to serve students, staff, schools, and the Alpine District. This ability has expanded and continues to expand.

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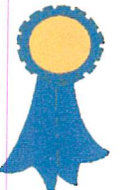
As a result of the support of the Alpine District staff, the desire on the part of the Foundation Board of Directors to have an excellent payroll deduction program has become a reality. More and more of our associates have caught the vision of what this program can do for their students and themselves. Among the public school districts in Utah, Alpine's program has become the most successful.

The Foundation Board members are happily emotional about another "flagship" initiative, the STARS Summer Reading Program. They raised \$77,000 last year to provide 276 first- and second-graders an additional 20 days of the very finest intensive instruction in reading. The students made excellent progress. STARS has changed the lives of approximately 1,066 children in the past five years.

Honoring excellence in education is one of the objectives of the Alpine Foundation. Through the *Accent on Excellence Awards*, 84 of Alpine's finest educators have been honored and recognized. Twenty-five business sponsors join in this initiative, and their support makes this program possible.

The Foundation's Scholarship and

See "Flagship" on next page.



# Keepers of the Vision

The members of the Board of Directors keep the vision and mission of the Alpine Foundation alive and healthy. They direct the activities, raise the funds, and provide the leadership for the committees. Most of them are private citizens who volunteer their time and resources to accomplish the worthy goals of the Foundation. Alpine District is deeply appreciative of their service. Thanks to these great volunteers for their dedication to the students and staff of Alpine District. Their work and ideas keep the vision in focus.

The following make up the present Board of Directors:

Melanie Bastian, President  
*Chair, Scholarship Committee*

Keven Stratton, Vice President, Cascade Golf Center  
*Chair, Public Relations Committee*

Gary Seastrand, Executive Secretary  
*Assistant Superintendent, K-12*

John Aldrich, First Colony Mortgage  
*Co-chair, Fund-raising Committee*

Mark Bateman, BJO Capital Management  
*Fund-raising Committee*

Tina Braithwaite, Teacher, Freedom Elementary  
*Teacher Representative*

Colleen Bennett, Classified Association Representative  
*Awards and Recognition Committee*

Shelly Butterfield, Foundation Board Member  
*Awards and Recognition Committee*

Amy Cutler, Foundation Board Member  
*Co-chair, Fund-raising Committee*

Guy Fugal, Niels Fugal Sons Company  
*School Board Representative*

Kurtis Gilbert, Businessman  
*Fund-raising Committee*

Ferrell Hill, Foundation Board Member  
*Chair, Annual Giving Committee*

Karlyn Norton, Director of Human Resources, Xactware  
*Chair, Awards and Recognition Committee*

Marilyn Kofford, Seagull Book  
*Awards & Recognition Committee*

Janna Rogers, Secretary/Treasurer

Kay W. Laursen, Executive Director



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More tax-deductible donations are being processed, and more programs for the students and staff are being developed and funded.

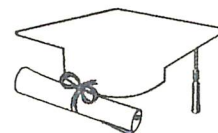
Quality secretarial and financial help and excellent and dedicated members of the Board of Directors have helped to move the Foundation to new levels of service and success. The staff support for the organization has been gratifying. The Foundation cannot grow without the positive support of teachers, principals, and district leadership. Of course, our donors provide the fuel to make the engine run.

The Vision continues . . .



"Flagship" continued from first page

Shoes for Needy Students programs bring a tear to one's eye. The Foundation provides \$500 to match a like amount from other donors for the support of one graduating student at each of Alpine's nine high schools.



Foundation Board members also enjoy providing gym shoes for needy students in secondary schools. They feel special rewards from these and other "flagship" programs.



## Future Goals

The members of the Alpine Foundation Board of Directors would like to see the organization grow to the point where it can be of even greater service to the students, teachers, and schools. While continuing with the present programs, they would also like to build the endowments. When interest rates become more favorable, the interest from investments could help fund such programs as the STARS Summer Reading Program.

Our district staff remains as one of the major factors in the success of the Alpine Foundation. Many potential donors haven't heard of the organization. Each staff member can let parents and private individuals know that they can donate to help enhance the educational program for those we serve. Most generous people do not contribute to worthy causes unless they are asked. All of us can help if we will "open our mouths" at the proper time. So many would be willing to help if they were only aware of the opportunity. Our great staff can make this happen for our students. Be ready with a donation form in hand!





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**"For the Kids"**

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## ***Accent on Excellence*** **Awards Presented**

On Thursday evening, May 6, 2004, Alpine Foundation, Alpine School District, and participating business sponsors paid tribute to twelve outstanding educators and employees. The recipients of the prestigious *Accent on Excellence* Awards were nominated by their peers, made application, and survived the selection process. Ten teachers, one Classified Association representative, and one administrator were honored. Congratulations were extended to the following:

**Brian Carter**  
(Classified Employee)  
Highland Elementary

**Kathy Porter**  
(Administrator)  
Westmore Elementary

**Linda Chadburn**  
*Lindon Elementary*

**Nallene Read**  
*Highland Elementary*

**Janice Comer-Miller**  
*American Fork High*

**R. Alma Sillito**  
*Oak Canyon Jr. High*

**Jill Hanson**  
*Westfield Elementary*

**Maxine Steele**  
*Forbes Elementary*

**Marla Hendrickson**  
*Foothill Elementary*

**Lori Taylor**  
*Sego Lily Elementary*

**Danielle Kennington**  
*Legacy Elementary*

**Charlotte Touati**  
*Orem High*

On behalf of the business sponsors, Kent Norton (KSL-TV Weatherman) and Karlyn Norton (Chair of the Alpine Foundation Awards and Recognition Committee) presented each recipient a \$500 check, a throw, a piece of jewelry, a book, a video, a statuette, a certificate of recognition, and a dinner certificate. Previously, each award winner received tickets to a Utah Jazz game. The representative of the sponsors also presented a \$500 check to the school where the honoree works.

Please join with the Alpine Foundation and Alpine District in paying tribute to the 2004 *Accent on Excellence* Award recipients. They are representative of the fine quality staff in the district.



## 20th Anniversary of Pulling for Kids



### The Alpine School District Foundation

is celebrating 20 years of service to students, patrons, staff, and the schools of Alpine School District. Organized in 1984 by educators with vision and new horizons in their minds, the Foundation has raised and processed literally millions of dollars in cash and in-kind items for our schools and programs. The mission is to enhance the educational program for those we serve. Many individuals, private businesses, and other foundations have joined in partnership with us to accomplish this worthy mission. Our dedicated staff, along with exceptional administrative and school board support, have made Alpine Foundation a success story.

From humble beginnings, the Foundation has grown in its ability to be of greater service each year. Presently the organization projects include the STARS Summer Reading Program, the *Accent on Excellence Awards*, the "You Make a Difference" Awards, the Payroll Deduction Program, scholarships for nine graduating students, and gym shoes for needy secondary students.

Our generous donors also receive many benefits. One hundred percent of their tax-deductible donations goes for the purpose designated. They can donate directly to a classroom or to a specific program. All contributors can feel good about making a difference in the lives of students.

Thanks to all who have made the Alpine Foundation successful in its first twenty years.

## Excellent Matches

The Alpine Foundation Board of Directors has made a commitment to fund nine \$500 scholarships, one for each high school in Alpine District. It is hoped that between school and Foundation contacts that additional donors can be found who will match the \$500. Last year our partners in this excellent program were private individuals, high school faculties, and local businesses.

The counselors involved with scholarships at each high school identify a graduating student who would not otherwise receive a scholarship. If a match can be found, the selected students receive \$1,000 to help with tuition and books. This helps them get off to a good start in the post-high school experience.

Some of our school faculties are participating in the Payroll Deduction Program and dedicating all or part of their contributions to the scholarship program. This is an excellent way to show additional support for one of their own. Working together, it is not difficult to raise the additional \$500.

If you know of an individual or business who may wish to become a partner in matching the Foundation scholarship, please call Kay or Janna, 756-8403 or 756-8425. Thanks for your support of this fine program.



## **Payroll Deduction Program is a Winner!**

Alpine Foundation's Board of Directors extends its congratulations and sincere thanks to all the members of the Alpine District staff who participate in the Payroll Deduction Program. This year, 1,675 of our staff are going the extra mile for students by making a tax deductible, charitable donation through this program, and that number is growing each year as others catch the vision.

Those participating in this program designate their contributions to their classroom, their school, or a specific program. Some contributors select to support a scholarship for a graduating senior, while others want to help the children who need the training provided by the STARS Summer Reading Program. There are so many worthy causes where the participants can help those served by Alpine District.

Not only do the students benefit from these cash donations, but also donors benefit by declaring their payroll deduction donations on their taxes. It's a win-win system for all involved!

Alpine Foundation's Payroll Deduction Program is a champion among the other public school districts. Thanks for making it a winner for helping students.

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## Making a Difference for Children *Two new fund-raising campaigns*

### Income tax check-off benefits children and taxpayers.

Did you know that you can make a tax-deductible donation to the Alpine School District Foundation when you are preparing your Utah Income Tax form? It is an easy and painless way to give additional support for educational programs for the children of our district.

On line 23d of the TC40 form, simply write in Alpine's code, 01, and then indicate the amount of your donation (see second page). This tax-deductible donation will reduce the refund by the amount of the donation. For those required to pay additional tax, the donation will add to the amount returned to the Utah Tax Commission. If you have someone else prepare your tax return, direct them to make the notation of the donation for you.

Once per year, the Utah State Treasurer sends all the Income Tax Checkoff contributions to the Alpine District. Alpine Foundation presently uses the donations to help fund the STARS Summer Reading Program.

We encourage you to

*Make your mark.*

*Select Code 01.*

*Make a difference!*

*(See example, reverse side.)*



### In-kind Donations: Always a surprise!

The office staff at Alpine Foundation enjoys receiving in-kind donations for the schools. Although many donations go directly to the schools, the Foundation secretary prepares a receipt for the donor, upon notification by the principal.

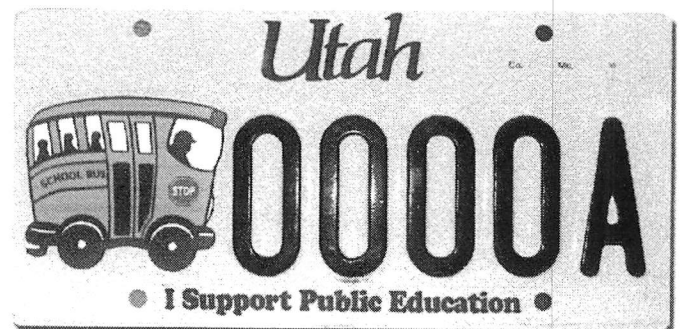
See "In-kind Donations" on next page.

### New license plates promote public education.

In an effort to enhance the educational program for students by raising funds, Alpine Foundation is joining the Utah Association of Public School Foundations in sponsoring a state-wide specialized license plate project. The plates should be available through the Division of Motor Vehicles about the second week of January, 2004.

As supporters and friends of Alpine's schools purchase these plates, a large percentage of the \$25 yearly fee will be returned to the Alpine Foundation. Those who support public education will enjoy these special plates.

We encourage you to join with us in supporting this fund-raising campaign. The funds will be used to support the STARS Summer Reading Program for our "reading-needy" children exiting the first grade and literacy projects. Our combined efforts will produce results which will greatly benefit those we serve. For additional information, call Kay Laursen (756-8425) or Janna Rogers (756-8403).



*New license plate style, in color, will be available soon.*

# Donations Can Help Others and Assuage Grief

Can any good thing come from a tragic death? Many people in Alpine District communities find that contributing to a worthy cause in the name of a loved one can help to ease the pain of their loss. Before her death, Carol Giles established a scholarship fund at Pleasant Grove High School, which she contributed to regularly and awarded to a worthy graduating senior. Carol's family now keeps the fund growing and follows the tradition Carol set.

In the spring of 2003, Marc McKenney, a coach at Timpanogos High, passed away unexpectedly. His family established a scholarship in his name and requested that friends and loved ones contribute to it instead of buying flowers. Timpanogos High faculty members continue to help the account grow through payroll deduction donations, and the money will be awarded as a scholarship.

A Lehi Elementary teacher, Deborah Frantz, died from complications of a long-term illness, and her family set up a teacher award fund to annually honor an excellent teacher and the memory of Mrs. Frantz.

At Lehi High School, a student enjoyed her pre-school training and planned to be a pre-school teacher. Unfortunately, she was killed in a traffic accident before realizing her dream. Her sister organized the Teaa Wilcox Memorial Fund to benefit the pre-school program.

More recently, the untimely deaths of two American Fork High band students have stirred strong feelings within the community. Upon the request of donors, Alpine Foundation established accounts in the names of these students. Both the Pierce & Draper Band Scholarship Fund and the Pierce & Draper Memorial Fund have received many donations from concerned friends and local businesses. Some of the contributions have been anonymous.

What better way to remember a special teacher or student than to help others in their name?

Sample page of tax form. Note line 23d where you enter code 01.

## Utah Association of Public School Foundations Utah Income Tax Checkoff Campaign Information

Below is a sample of the "Contributions" section from page 2 of the 2002 TC-40 Utah Income Tax form.\* Donations can be made to your local school district on line 23d. The line should be the same on the 2003 form.

|                                                                       |  |                      |    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|--|----------------------|----|
| 23. Contributions (page 13 - 14)                                      |  | • 23a                | 00 |
| 23a. Homeless trust fund                                              |  | • 23b                | 00 |
| 23b. Kurt Oczarski children's organ transplant fund                   |  | • 23c                | 00 |
| 23c. Utah nongame wildlife fund                                       |  | • 23d                | 00 |
| 23d. Nonprofit school district foundation                             |  | School district code | 01 |
| Total contributions (add lines 23a through 23d)                       |  | 23                   | 00 |
| 24. AMENDED RETURNS ONLY - previous refunds (page 14)                 |  | • 24                 | 00 |
| 25. Tax from recapture of credits (page 14)                           |  | • 25                 | 00 |
| 26. Utah use tax (page 14)                                            |  | • 26                 | 00 |
| 27. Total tax, use tax and additions to tax (add lines 22 through 26) |  | • 27                 | 00 |

The information and chart below are from page 4 of the instructions (2002)\* for completing the TC-40 Utah Income Tax form. It describes the school district non-profit organizations, the use of the contributions, and indicates the code for each school district. It will help to publicize your code.

**23d. Nonprofit School District Foundation**  
Contribute \$1 or more. Contributions provide funds to school district foundations, which are private, nonprofit entities established to promote: (1) partnership activities between schools and communities; (2) charitable giving activities that can be dedicated to specific educational programs; and (3) opportunities for scientific, educational, literary, and improvement objectives. Indicate to which school district you would like your contribution applied by entering the corresponding code in the box provided. If you contribute, you must specify one of the following school district codes.

| Code         | Code       | Code                                 | Code          |
|--------------|------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| 01 Alpine    | 11 Grand   | 21 Nebo                              | 31 Sevier     |
| 02 Beaver    | 12 Granite | 22 N. Sangre                         | 32 S. Sanpete |
| 03 Box Elder | 13 Iron    | 23 N. Summit                         | 33 S. Summit  |
| 04 Cache     | 14 Jordan  | 24 Ogden                             | 34 Tintic     |
| 05 Carbon    | 15 Juab    | 25 Park City                         | 35 Tooele     |
| 06 Daguerre  | 16 Kane    | 26 Puma                              | 36 Uintah     |
| 07 Davis     | 17 Logan   | 27 Provo                             | 37 Wasatch    |
| 08 Duchesne  | 18 Millard | 28 Rich                              | 38 Washington |
| 09 Emery     | 19 Morgan  | 29 Salt Lake                         | 39 Wayne      |
| 10 Garfield  | 20 Murray  | 30 San Juan                          | 40 Weber      |
|              |            | 41 Utah Assistive Technology Chapter |               |
|              |            | 42 Davis County Applied Technology   |               |

\* The 2003 Utah Income Tax forms were not available at the time of this mailing.

## In-kind Donations, cont.

Some items received recently include a half-size violin, karaoke tapes, used computers, children's books, vinyl lettering, lumber, tackle boxes, tote bags, and office equipment. In one case, a parent purchasing school supplies decided to buy extras. She asked her LDS ward families to also buy extra crayons, pencils, scissors, glue, paper, and other supplies. The group brought many bags of new school items to the Foundation, and these were divided and given to schools in the area where the donors live.

If donors have an item they think the schools can use, they may call the school or the Alpine Foundation. Principals and teachers are grateful for anything that will enhance learning experiences in the classroom.

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~ **Foundation Forum Editorial** ~

**Reaching for the STARS!**

by Kay W. Laursen

The quality of the people in a society can be measured by what they do to care for the poor and needy, and the youth among them. Educational efforts must fill the children with hope for the future. Each student must be nurtured to the full measure of his or her potential. The achievement of the basic skills is essential in overcoming disadvantages in feelings of self-worth, a challenging home environment, or physical challenges. Doors of opportunity should be opened at every turn. Unusual efforts are required from special people. The spirit of this lofty goal is much like the elderly lady who writes a \$5 check for a reading donation and a note in a shaky and scrawled script, and says, "I can't do much, but I would like to do something." Each person in a quality society can do something! Janna Rogers said, "Where there are good people, there is always hope."

**New Foundation Board Members  
Contribute Expertise**



**John Aldrich**

John M. Aldrich, CEO of First Colony Mortgage Corporation, is an active member of the mortgage banking community. He served as president of the Utah County Mortgage Bankers Association and as an officer of the state organization. He is past president of the Provo-Orem Chamber of Commerce and America's Freedom Festival in Provo. He currently serves on the Orem City CEDO Board.

John is an enthusiastic supporter of schools that his children attend and has infused his entire staff with excitement. Service projects and time spent with students are part of the office routine.

John and his wife, Rosemary, live in Orem and are the parents of six children.



**Laurel Shelley**

Laurel Shelley grew up in American Fork, where she participated in sports and the high school bands. At BYU her studies focused on English and Latin, and she traveled with the International Folk Ensemble. For 17 years she has taught English and Latin at American Fork High. She serves as course designer/teacher for BYU Independent Study Latin courses, and in her spare time she plays racquetball and volleyball. Laurel also enjoys writing poetry, reading, and traveling. We welcome Laurel to the Alpine Foundation!

*STARS<sup>4</sup>: A Golden Opportunity, cont.*

package, provides this opportunity for approximately 200 children. They receive twenty days of intensive instruction in Balanced Literacy and, for the most reading-needy, Reading Recovery training. Taught by some of Alpine's finest teachers, this experience has



"changed the academic lives of children."

The Alpine Foundation Board of Directors is busy raising the funds necessary to support the STARS<sup>4</sup> program.

The goal for this year is \$66,000. This includes a new second-grade pilot program that the members are very excited about. The Directors voted to extend STARS to include an experience for some second-graders who are still struggling with this most important skill. A \$6,000 grant has been secured to fund this pilot project.



It costs \$300 per student for the STARS training. Anyone who wishes to help the Foundation reach its goal can send a tax-deductible donation (by check) to the office at 575 North 100 East, American Fork, UT 84003. Help provide this golden opportunity for struggling children!

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*Far better it is to dare mighty things,
to win glorious triumphs,
even though checkered by failure...
than to rank with those poor spirits
who neither enjoy much
nor suffer much,
because they live in a gray twilight
that knows not victory nor defeat.*

Theodore Roosevelt

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Excellence is Honored

On Thursday, May 1, 2003, the Alpine School District, Alpine Foundation, and 22 business sponsors paid tribute to some heroes and role models in our honored profession. At a culminating awards celebration at the Alpine Country Club, twelve of Alpine's quality staff received \$500 each, an embroidered throw, a necklace or wristwatch, a book, video, dinner certificates, an original statuette (by Joseph Germaine), and a certificate of recognition. Previous to the awards banquet they each received a pair of Utah Jazz tickets. In honor of each recipient, a \$500 check was presented to the principal of their school.

This was the sixth annual *Accent on Excellence* Awards ceremony. Ten of those honored were nominated by their school staff. One recipient represented the Alpine Administrators Association, and one was selected by the Alpine Classified Association. They are representative of the quality staff in Alpine District.

We extend our congratulations to the following 2003 *Accent on Excellence* Award recipients:

Sharron Allsop-Day
American Fork High

Vicki A. Meyring
Sego Lily Elementary

Rhonda C. Bromley
Lone Peak High

Sterling D. Mortensen
Forbes Elementary

Marilyn B. Davis
Lindon Elementary

Ginger Pierce
Highland Elementary

Terry D. Hill
(Administrator)
Mountain Ridge Jr. High

Tanya Toles
District Office

W. Darren Hodges
Oak Canyon Junior High

Elaine Tucker
Lehi High

Alan Lynn Meek
Lehi Junior High

Cheryl Zacharias
(Classified)
Orem Elementary



Outstanding Service Recognized

Two of Alpine's finest custodians were recognized on May 13, 2003. These Outstanding Custodial Awards were sponsored by BFI, R. B. Davis and Company, Alpine School District, and the Alpine Foundation. This year's recipients are:

Kerry Griguhn

District Office, ATEC, and Warehouse

Chester A. Sulz

Foothill Elementary

The following tributes were made possible through the generosity of the sponsors: a \$250 check, travel bags, and certificates.

We extend our appreciation to Terry Jones of BFI, Robin Davis and Ramon Herrera of R. B. Davis and Company, and Frank Pulley of Alpine District, for their help and interest in these awards. They understand the true dedication it takes to maintain a quality environment where the education of children can take place.

Congratulations to Kerry and Chester. Thanks to them for making our educational workplaces clean and inviting. ✨



Learning at different rates, yes indeed! Despite everything that the first-grade teachers can do during the regular school year, a few of their young students still need some additional instruction in order to read at the same level as the average of their classmates. The STARS Summer Reading Program, an innovative and well-conceived curriculum

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Changing of the Guard: New Foundation President



Mike Vanchiere

In September, Mike Vanchiere became the President of the Alpine School District Foundation. He replaces Karlyn Norton, who served for three years in that position. He will act in the office for a two-year term.

Mike is the Vice President and branch manager of Deseret Certified Development Company. For 13 years he has helped budding businesses secure loans. He office is consistently involved in over \$50 million annually.

Mike brings excellent leadership experience to the position, having been president of the Orem Kiwanis Club, a member of the Board of Directors of the Provo/Orem Chamber of Commerce, and Commissioner for the Housing Authority of Utah County.

Mike's leadership style is punctuated with quality goal-setting abilities, excellent organizational skills, a penchant for follow-up, and a fun sense of humor. He analyzes situations quickly,

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Karlyn Norton

Thanks, Karlyn!

Karlyn Norton has given three years of dedicated and stalwart service as President of the Alpine Foundation. Her extended term is now over, and she has been replaced by Mike Vanchiere. The organization is fortunate to have her remain as a member of the Board of Directors. She still serves as Chair of the Awards and Recognition Committee.

Karlyn has a great love for the Alpine Foundation. Her quality service and vision had a major impact on its dynamic growth and its capacity to provide benefits to the students and schools of Alpine District. The *Accent on Excellence* Awards Program, honoring outstanding educators, became one of the “flagship” projects of the Foundation, due to her efforts.

Karlyn is the Human Resources Manager at Xactware in Orem. She is dedicated to her family, church, and many community projects.

Thanks, Karlyn, for your many hours of service to the Alpine Foundation and to the students, staff, and the schools of Alpine District.

LET IT BE KNOWN!

Evidence that more and more of our administrators and staff are letting it be known that people can give extra help through donations to school programs can be seen in the many checks that arrive at the Foundation office. Almost every day, Janna Rogers, Treasurer, processes patron or business checks that are designated for specific schools and school projects. What an excellent way to enhance the school budget and the educational program for the students!

Fund-raisers have found that people will donate to good causes if they are asked. Potential contributors especially have soft spots in their hearts for children. They definitely recognize the importance of a quality educational program, one enriched with the necessary supplies and equipment.

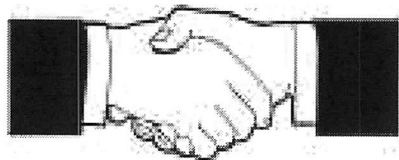
Information about opportunities to contribute to special school projects can be made known through meetings with parents, back-to-school programs, the PTA, newsletters, and committees. When the interested donor acts by writing a check, the Foundation and school will team together to process the contribution. The Alpine Foundation will provide the tax-deductible receipt, and those at the school will write the letter of thanks to the donor.

Let it be known that people can make cash and in-kind donations to the schools. Potential donors surround every school through its staff, parents, and those who live within its boundaries.



Congratulations, Valley View!

The students and staff of Valley View Elementary were the recent beneficiaries of a significant donation. The leaders of the PTA recently accomplished the worthy goal of finding a partner for each classroom.



They found families, individuals, and businesses who were interested in enriching the educational program for the children. Those desirous of forming the partnerships selected the classroom they wished to sponsor, and then they made cash contributions which the teacher can use to enhance the activities for the students.

The noble desire to further improve the opportunities for the children at Valley View has resulted in a productive partnership for each classroom. The PTA representatives were very pleased with the response to their requests. They feel that from these small beginnings much stronger relationships can grow and even greater support will develop in the classrooms in future years. All those involved will benefit from this endeavor.

Congratulations, Valley View, on your new and exciting partnership program! This is an excellent and productive model for other schools to follow.



*If you are planning for a year,
sow rice.*

*If you are planning for a decade,
plant trees.*

*If you are planning for a lifetime,
educate people.*

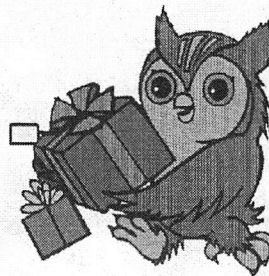
Chinese Proverb

Catching the Vision

There are not many charities to which a person can make a tax-deductible donation and then control how the funds are spent. More and more each year, the members of the staff of Alpine School District are catching the vision of this opportunity. Many are increasing their monthly contribution through the Payroll Deduction Program to take advantage of this benefit.

Evidence of the staff recognizing the extended opportunities of donating to the Alpine Foundation through Payroll Deduction is readily apparent. Last year there was an increase of 8% in the number of participants, and the growth in total cash contributions was a healthy 32%.

Staff members tell us that they enjoy the advantages of buying supplies from their donated funds instead of out of their own pocket,



with fewer tax advantages. They are attracted to the opportunity of having their contributed funds accumulate, to have the account transferred to another school if their assignment changes, and they feel

good about "going the extra mile" for their students and their school. They also enjoy the freedom to designate their monthly donations to a school project, their classroom, or to a Foundation program. For example, high school staff members can pool their

support for scholarships; junior high educators can help a needy student who needs gym shoes.

The Alpine Foundation was established to be of service and to provide additional opportunities for patrons, businesses, and staff members to further enhance the educational program for students.

Catch the vision!

Foundation Scholarships

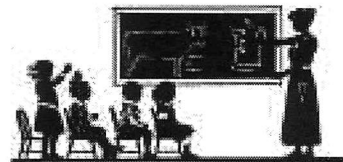
Last year the Alpine Foundation expanded its program goals. The Board of Directors voted to support one \$500 scholarship in each Alpine District high school. It was hoped that between the school and the Foundation, a business or private donor could be found who would match the scholarship. This was successful in all nine schools, and the selected students each received \$1,000 that could be used for either tuition or books.

The Board of Directors is very excited to provide some educational support to nine students who may not otherwise receive a grant-in-aid. A Scholarship, Partnership, and Grants Committee was formed to oversee this endeavor. Melanie Bastian was chosen to act as Chair. This is truly an exciting way for the Alpine Foundation to enrich the educational program for a few students.

VANCHIERE con't. from first page and he can usually suggest methods to reach conclusions and to achieve goals. His talents will help the Alpine Foundation be of great service to all those associated with Alpine School District.

Mike and his wonderful wife, Rhonda, have been married for 26 years, and they have six children.

Best wishes as President, Mike!



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Prestigious Awards Given

On May 2, at a celebration banquet held at the Alpine Country Club, twelve outstanding educators and employees of Alpine School District were honored by the Alpine Foundation and 24 business sponsors. Under the able direction of Karlyn Norton, President of the Alpine Foundation, and Master of Ceremonies Steven C. Baugh, the recipients received tributes from students or associates and their business sponsors.

Each honoree received a \$500 check, an original statuette, a pearl necklace or a wristwatch, a book, Jazz tickets, dinner certificates, and a blanket. Each recipient's school also received \$500 in their honor.

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Outstanding Custodians Recognized

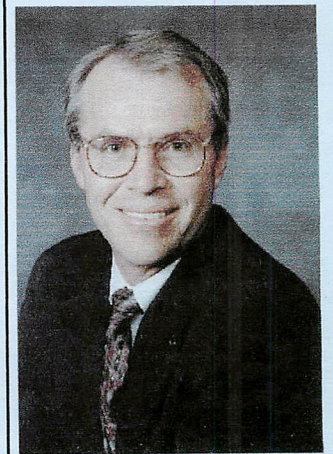
On Tuesday, May 14, 2002, Kim Jorgensen and Bob Nilsson were presented with Outstanding Custodial Awards. These honors were made possible by Robin Davis of the R. B. Davis Professional Building Maintenance Company and Terry Jones of BFI. The custodians each received a check for \$250. Mr. Davis also presented each of them with a stainless steel belt buckle. On hand to congratulate them were Eaglecrest Principal John Bushman and Barratt Principal Ken Higgins; Frank Pulley, head of Maintenance in Alpine School District; Gary Seastrand, Assistant Superintendent; and Kay W. Laursen, Director of the Alpine Foundation.



Kim Jorgensen is head custodian at Eaglecrest Elementary. His colleagues at the school say that Kim takes

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Kevin Simister Joins Alpine Foundation Board of Directors



Kevin Simister
CPA-EMT

Kevin Simister is a senior partner of Hawkins Cloward & Simister, LC, in Orem. He graduated *magna cum laude* from Brigham Young University. Besides having served in many professional and community service organizations, he has

published his own writings on accounting issues. Kevin is also an Emergency Medical Technician, serving as a Captain with the Pleasant Grove Emergency Medical Services. One of his prized possessions is Utah license plate "CPA-EMT." He is married to Marilyn Cook of Idaho Falls, Idaho. They have six children and live in Lindon, Utah.

We welcome Kevin Simister to the Alpine Foundation Board of Directors and look forward to his service.

STARS Funding: Concern for a Child

For the third year, Alpine Foundation Board of Directors is having a fund-raising campaign to support the STARS Summer Reading Program. Two hundred children who are exiting the first grade with reading skills below the average of their classmates will be invited to participate in an additional twenty days of intensive, and where appropriate, one-on-one instruction. The carefully-selected teachers and the children will put their full concentration on Balanced Literacy activities and, for the most needy children, Reading Recovery training.

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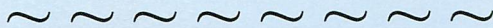
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his responsibilities very seriously. The school is clean and well-kept, and Kim is always pleasant and friendly. After suffering from some health problems several years ago, Kim reported to work one day very ill, but he insisted on completing his day's work before the staff forced him to go to the hospital for treatment.

Bob Nilsson is head custodian at Barratt Elementary. He takes great pride in his work and always has a positive attitude. According to the Barratt staff, "Bob can do and fix anything." He's the real Mr. Clean, and the children love to help him. His great sense of humor gets them through the worst of days.



Congratulations to Kim Jorgensen and Bob Nilsson!



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The 2000-2001

Accent on Excellence Award recipients:

Leslie S. Bishop ~ Cedar Valley Elementary
Jessica Bowen ~ Foothill Elementary
Glen Clark ~ American Fork High
Pamela B. Engles ~ Forbes Elementary
Sherrie A. Holbrook ~ Segoe Lily Elementary
Shauna L. Kay ~ Lone Peak High
Cheryl P. Lewis ~ Orem High
Rachel McFarland ~ American Fork High
Karen Mellor ~ Cedar Ridge Elementary
Janette Strong ~ Bonneville Elementary
Carol Thornton ~ Lindon Elementary
Evan S. Whitaker ~ Pleasant Grove Jr. High

On behalf of the Alpine Foundation and the business sponsors, we congratulate these outstanding educators and thank them for their service to the students, patrons, schools, and Alpine School District.

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New Foundation Program! Scholarships and Partnerships

The Board of Directors of the Alpine Foundation was excited to announce that they are making available nine scholarships to our graduating seniors, one for each of the high schools in Alpine District. This includes Summit and Alpine Life and Learning. A Scholarship and Partnership Committee, with Melanie Bastian as Chair, was formed to oversee the selection, distribution, and enhancement process. The counselor at each high school involved with scholarships will help to select a student who would not otherwise receive aid with tuition and books.

The Foundation will give \$500 for each scholarship and then help the schools find business partners or private individuals to provide a matching amount, thereby raising the award to \$1,000. At this writing, six schools have found generous donors who are willing to match the Foundation's contribution. Also, four schools have already selected the students who will receive the scholarships.

This is a very worthy program. The members of the Board of Directors are very pleased to be able to help enhance the educational opportunity of some of the graduating seniors, and at the same time, develop some new business/education partnerships. Any business person or private individual who is interested in providing matching funds for these scholarships may call the Alpine Foundation office, 756-8425.



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This program has changed the academic lives of many children. Their reading skills improve, and their feelings of self-worth are enhanced.

Alpine Foundation Board members are attempting to raise \$60,000 to fund STARS. Ten elementary school sites will host twenty students each. A Balanced Literacy teacher and a Reading Recovery specialist are assigned to each site. It costs \$300 to host and sponsor one reading-needy child.

If you would like to contribute to this wonderful reading project, send your donation to the Alpine Foundation. It will make you feel good to help a young student. Invite others to join you. All donations are tax deductible.



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Consider Exempt Trusts for Tax, Donation Advantages

Two ways you can donate and help enhance the educational program for children and have a tax deduction are by direct contribution and deferred gifts. Both bring rewards to the donor in many ways.

Direct contributions of cash to the Alpine Foundation, a school, specific programs, or to an individual classroom will result in a dollar-per-dollar tax write-off. These contributions enrich the designated school programs immediately.

They bring great satisfaction to the donor, and they are a blessing to the educational system. Other gifts can have long-range influence on the schools and provide major tax benefits to the contributor.

Deferred gifts through Exempt Trusts can eliminate the taxes on

property and estates and will truly benefit the donor. If you own property which has appreciated in value, don't sell it without considering an exempt trust. Trusts and wills are excellent long-range planning tools.

We encourage you to donate to help children with their education. If you would like more information about how direct contributions or an Exempt Trust can be of advantage to you as you make chari-

table gifts, please call the Alpine Foundation office at 756-8425.

Free basic legal work on a tax-exempt trust will be provided if there is a major donation to the Alpine Foundation. Thanks for your sincere interest in the education of the students in Alpine District.

Your Exempt Trust can provide you with the following benefits:

- 🍏 Avoidance of capital gains taxes
- 🍏 Income for the rest of your life
- 🍏 A charitable income tax deduction over several years
- 🍏 Estate tax savings
- 🍏 The satisfaction of helping others

Barnes & Noble Supports Reading Program

Where better to raise funds for reading than in a local bookstore? Barnes & Noble contributed to the STARS Summer Reading Program by purchases made in their Orem store on a special Saturday in October.

Barnes & Noble prepared "book fair" flyers that the Foundation distributed to every staff member of Alpine School District. When a customer presented the flyer at the time of purchase, a certain percentage of the purchase total was given to the Alpine Foundation. Foundation Director Kay W. Laursen, Secretary Janna Rogers, and Treasurer Debbie Hale handed out flyers in the store and explained the STARS Program to customers. Not only did Alpine School District staff patronize Barnes & Noble that day, but also shoppers from areas such as Delta and Price graciously used the Foundation flyer in their purchases.

The staff at Barnes & Noble did everything possible to make the "book fair" a success. A special thanks to Beckee Silva and all the other employees at Barnes & Noble.

The fund-raiser was a profitable one for the Foundation, reports Dr. Laursen, and he hopes that Barnes & Noble will ask the Foundation to do it again this year.

Alpine Foundation Names New VP

Assuming the post of Foundation Vice President is Mike Vanchiere, a local businessman who has been a member of the Alpine Foundation Board for a year. Mike serves as chairman of the Employee Giving Committee, where his enthusiasm and dynamic personality help to boost both the donation amounts and the number of participants.

Mike replaces Steven Skabelund, who has given dedicated and faithful service for over two years. The Board of Directors extends its thanks for Steven's excellent service.

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The Foundation Accepts a Variety of Donations

Alpine School District Foundation frequently receives donations of items other than cash. Most recently, businesses and individuals have approached the Foundation with gifts ranging from artwork to seashells. A local flooring merchant offered the district hundreds of sample carpet squares. These were divided among the high schools and used in their interior design classes. A printing firm wanted to get rid of hundreds of pounds of different sizes and kinds of paper, and art teachers were eager to get it for their classes. Another company was acquiring a new computer system, so it donated valuable networking equipment to the district. The hubs, switches, cables, and other components were delivered to the Technology Department for placement in the schools. One of Alpine's high schools was grateful for the equipment, and some of it was set up as a sub-system for special needs students.



Musical instruments are always in demand on the secondary level. Individuals who have outgrown the need for an old but very usable French horn, a flute or some such instrument may simply want it to be played, and they will give it to a school through the Alpine Foundation.



A music business cleaning out long-standing inventory cleared a lot of space by presenting merchandise to the students via the Foundation. Donated foam blocks have been sent to art classes, and toys were given to the

district pre-schools. Alpine Foundation has also accepted cars and other vehicles, which were taken to high school automotive classes for the students to practice on.



The most unusual donation in recent memory was a large collection of seashells from around the world. The donor offered shells of every size and shape imaginable he had gathered over years of travel; they were divided and given to secondary school science teachers who expressed an interest in them.



Patrons are encouraged to contribute usable items in good condition to the schools. They must check with a teacher, the principal, or the Foundation Director before taking any donations into a school, but almost anything is acceptable if the teacher intends to use it in the curriculum. Teachers have expressed their appreciation for the kindness and generosity of thoughtful patrons.

Especially welcome at the Foundation are donations of stock and real estate, which are converted to cash and used in schools as the donor requests.

The beauty of donating to the schools through the Alpine Foundation is that the Foundation issues a receipt which is honored by the IRS. The donor can then take advantage of the tax benefits available.



Most important, the donor gets a good feeling for helping enrich the educational process for the students in our community.

VANCHIERE cont. from first page

Mike Vanchiere comes to the Foundation with vast experience in business and community service. He is Vice President and Branch Manager for Deseret Certified Development Company, and he has been the president of the Kiwanis Club. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Provo/Orem Chamber of Commerce, and he is a Commissioner for the Housing Authority of Utah County. Mike has judged many Utah scholarship pageants, and he lectures and teaches business workshops. Mike has a vested interest in our community and our schools: he and his wife, Rhonda, have six children and three grandchildren.

Mike will act as Foundation Vice President for a year and will then succeed Karlyn Norton, current Foundation President.

We welcome Mike Vanchiere to the leadership of the Alpine School District Foundation and look forward to his exemplary service.

ASDF Billboards Brighten I-15

Have you seen them? Two billboards featuring the STARS Summer Reading Program have been posted along the freeway. The yellow background with black lettering shows the Foundation's telephone number and asks the reader to "Give a child a gift for life." A grinning young student with a book and the familiar angular red apple also catch the traveler's eye.

One billboard faces southbound traffic near Lehi. It sits directly across the freeway from the Thanksgiving Point water tower. The other faces northbound traffic near Lindon, on the north side of Geneva.

Watch for occasional changes in the billboards. The Alpine Foundation Board of Directors hopes the billboards will inspire many phone calls and donations, plus an increased awareness of the Foundation and its many programs.

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New Board Members Give Foundation a Boost



Keven Stratton

Keven Stratton is the proprietor of Cascade Golf Club in Orem. He co-founded and is a partner at Smith and Stratton Law Firm, specializing in business law, real estate, and estate planning. Keven is a managing member of several Utah Valley-based real estate development companies and manages a farm that is a major supplier of Stratton's Country Store in Orem.

Keven was student body president at Orem High School and served an LDS mission in England. He earned his BS degree from BYU and a J.D. degree from BYU's J. Reuben Clark Law School.

Active in his community, Keven has served on the board of the Provo/Orem Chamber of Commerce and was elected chairman of that body in 1997. He is the present chair-elect for Healthy Utah Valley and has served on the board of Orem's Kiwanis Club. He is also a board member of Kids on the Move. In 1995, he was appointed by Governor Mike Leavitt to serve on the Consumer Protection Advisory Board of Utah. He has received the Second Miler Award from the Boy Scouts of America.

Keven and his wife, Laurie, have five daughters and three sons.



Mike Vanchiere

Mike has worked with Deseret Certified Development Company for 12 years. He serves as Vice President and Branch Manager for the central Utah office, which is consistently involved in over \$50 million in loan volume annually.

Mike has been president of the Kiwanis Club of Orem and continues to serve on the Board of Directors. He is also on the Board of Directors of the Provo/Orem Chamber of Commerce, as chairman of the Business Development Council. He is a Commissioner for the Housing Authority of Utah County. Active in his church and community, Mike has judged numerous scholarship pageants throughout Utah. He lectures and teaches workshops on small business lending at the local, state, and national level. Often Mike consults with the private and public sector. He holds a BA degree in Political Science from Louisiana State University and an MPA from BYU.

He and his wonderful wife, Rhonda, have been married for 25 years, and they have six children, plus one grandson with two more on the way.

Mike loves anything to do with the Civil War and is an avid reader.

Alpine District has a “Star” Program

Helping a young child learn to read: what a noble cause! What better way to enhance a student's educational adventure, to help develop a positive self-esteem, to increase the probability of one becoming a productive citizen, and to enrich the quality of life in a community.

The curriculum staff and the administration have developed an innovative program to help children exiting the first grade who are struggling with their reading skills. The STARS Summer Reading Program helped almost 200 students at ten school sites during the month of June. With some of Alpine's finest teachers who are trained in Balanced Literacy and Reading Recovery, the intensive, twenty-day instructional initiative with the children was a tremendous success. Most of the students made gains of several reading levels. Teachers, parents, and administrators have described STARS as “exciting,” “wonderful,” “a rare opportunity,” “necessary,” and “innovative.” Many of the children enjoyed the program so much that they didn't want to go home after the three hours of instruction.

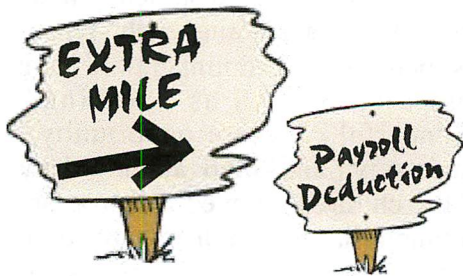
The Alpine Foundation Board of Directors was happy to be asked once again to provide the funding for the second STARS program. A special thanks is extended to all those who made donations to support this “STAR” instructional venture to help children.


Educators Going the Extra Mile

Once again, generous educators in Alpine District are showing that they are willing to “go the extra mile” for their students by enrolling in the Payroll Deduction Program. They are making charitable donations to enhance the educational experience for those they serve.

Each school faculty is being visited by a member of the Foundation Board of Directors. They discuss the very positive aspects of this excellent program. It is truly a win-win for all involved. The educators can feel good about supporting a charitable cause; their donation is tax deductible; and they can direct how the contribution is spent. Also, 100% of the donated funds goes to the purpose designated.

More and more of our staff are discovering the advantages of letting their donations accumulate, and then buying classroom supplies from the fund rather than spending money from their pockets. The accumulated dollars can be spent using purchase orders and school purchase cards. Then students benefit, teachers benefit, schools benefit, and Alpine District benefits.



Payroll Deduction is a fine way to “go the extra mile” for students. You are encouraged to participate in this exciting and fast-growing program. Send your enrollment form to the Alpine Foundation office and help your school qualify for a special cash award. 

Encouraging Donations


Each employee of Alpine District can encourage cash or in-kind donations for our schools, special programs, the district, or for the Alpine Foundation. Many potential donors are looking for and are willing to give to quality charitable causes.

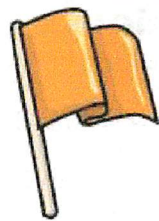
When it comes to helping a young student, people are interested in helping to support because they have a “soft spot” in their hearts for children. They need only to be asked and to be made aware of the opportunity to help. They realize that taxes don’t cover the needs of the schools.

Cash and in-kind donations (cars, computers, art, paper, etc.) should be processed through the

Alpine Foundation. This is the best way to “care for” those willing to contribute. Tax deductible receipts are provided by the Foundation for all donations. The organization was put in place by

Alpine District to be of service to the schools in this manner. The Foundation maintains a budget for each school, each classroom, and for other special programs. Individual schools can request the funds in their accounts at any time.

In a kind and gentle way, let the patrons and other associates know that they can support our schools, district, and foundation programs. It will be surprising, the number who will contribute to support students when they are encouraged to do so. 




A Banner Year!

Thanks to our donors who are interested in our students and our schools, the Alpine Foundation had another banner year. Over \$1,000,000 in cash donations was processed and receipted. The large majority of the contributions were designated and earmarked for our 57 schools. The Foundation Board of Directors congratulates the staff on the success of their fund-raising efforts. Patrons enjoy giving to worthy causes that have an impact on the quality of the education of a child.

Programs sponsored by the Alpine Foundation were also very successful last school year. Major growth occurred in the Payroll Deduction Program; about 25 businesses supported the *Accent on Excellence*

Awards; the competitive Incentives for Excellence grant program continued to provide for innovative curriculum programs in the schools; donors made possible the STARS Summer Reading Program for about 200 “reading needy” children, and they also helped build the STARS Endowment. Also, the Foundation and Friends of Alpine District were able to provide support by funding the expenses of the bond issue.

These, along with many other projects, such as in-kind donations, made for another banner year for your Alpine Foundation. The Foundation Board of Directors extends its thanks for the support of the district staff. 

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Prestigious Awards Given

On May 3, at a celebration banquet held at the Alpine Country Club, twelve outstanding educators and employees of Alpine School District were honored by the Alpine Foundation and 24 business sponsors. Under the able direction of Karlyn Norton, President of Alpine Foundation, and Master of Ceremonies Karen Ashton, the recipients received tributes from students or associates and their business sponsors.

Each honoree received a \$500 check, an original statuette, a pearl necklace or a wristwatch, a book, Jazz tickets, dinner certificates, and a blanket. Each recipient's school was also given a check for \$500 in their honor.

The 2000-2001 *Accent on Excellence* Award recipients are as follows:

Dan Adams, Central Elementary
Tina Braithwaite, Highland Elementary
Mike Cottam, District Office
Jean Nelson, Orchard Elementary
Michelle Oxborrow, Manila Elementary
Lesa Peet, Mountain Ridge Junior High
Leilani Sheen, American Fork High
Jan Shelton, Lehi High
Diane Soelberg, Timpanogos High
Carol Somerville, Sego Lily Elementary
Karma Swain, Forbes Elementary
H. Jack Wilkinson, Transportation Department

On behalf of the Alpine Foundation and the business sponsors, we congratulate these outstanding educators and thank them for their service to the students, patrons, schools, and Alpine School District.

Our sincere appreciation is extended to the following sponsors of the *Accent on Excellence* Awards:

Alpine Credit Union
American Fork Hospital/IHC
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The Secret is to Ask!

People enjoy giving of their means to charitable organizations each year. They wish to do something to help others and to enhance the quality of life in their community. However, many do not give to a specific cause unless they are asked.

Projects which help the youth seem to touch the hearts of potential donors. Initiatives which help children to read, to learn, and to experience, create extra interest and support. Individuals and businesses may add to the needed resources to start and to complete a project if their interest is piqued.

At the appropriate time and place, teachers and administrators can let patrons know that they can donate to an excellent cause. Business leaders can be invited to form a partnership with a school or classroom. This relationship can be nurtured to a point where their support and donations can enhance the educational opportunity for students.

Through the Alpine Foundation, donors can contribute funding directly to the school, school project, or a teacher's classroom. Tax-deductible receipts are provided by the Foundation for those who wish to help. Others won't know what you are doing for students unless they are told, and they won't donate to a cause unless they are asked.

Outstanding Custodians Recognized

On Tuesday, May 15, 2001, Ramon Porter and Al Collins were presented with Outstanding Custodial Awards. These honors were made possible by Robin Davis of the R. B. Davis Professional Building Maintenance Company; Gordon Raymond and Brad Mertz of Browning Ferris Industries; Frank Pulley, Alpine District Maintenance Coordinator; and the Alpine Foundation. The custodians each received a check for \$250 and Gold C and Happenings coupon books. Also, Mr. Davis presented each of them with a stainless steel belt buckle.



Ramon Porter and Al Collins, making a clean sweep.

Al Collins is a custodian at Orem High School. He has been with Alpine District for 28 years. He worked previously at Windsor, Scera Park, Orem Junior High, and Westmore. His peers said of him, "Al is pleasant to be around, and he is dependable and always willing to help any way he can."

Ramon Porter is the head custodian at Hillcrest. He has worked for Alpine District for 21 years. He worked at Orem Junior High for one year prior to his assignment at Hillcrest. His associates indicate that "Ramon is dedicated to Hillcrest Elementary and does a great job. He is always willing to go the extra mile in everything that he is asked to do."

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Making STARS Shine



In light of last year's phenomenal success with the STARS Summer Reading Program, Alpine School District will repeat and expand the program during June of this year. At ten school sites, 200 children who struggle with reading skills and are exiting the first grade will receive intensive instruction in Balanced Literacy and one-on-one Reading Recovery help. The STARS² Program will cost \$60,000 to implement, and the Alpine Foundation has been actively soliciting support from businesses, interested individuals, and District employees.

One of the most exciting fund-raising projects to finance STARS is the annual bake sale at the American Fork Wal-Mart. On Saturday, May 12, members of the Foundation Board of Directors took in over \$500 from the sale of baked goods and other merchandise donated by Kneaders, Lehi Bakery, Great Harvest, Bryson Bakery, Covenant Communications, Daylight Donuts, and the Foundation Board. Wal-Mart encourages fund-raisers in their parking lot and offers a grant if the fund-raiser qualifies in sales.

Not only does the bake sale raise money for a worthwhile purpose, but it also gives both the STARS program and the Foundation more positive exposure to the public. The Board members who worked the sale reported having fun doing it and are eager to repeat the sale next year.

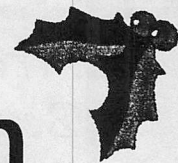
Kay W. Laursen, Foundation Director, notes that any surplus money raised will be placed in the STARS Endowment fund to help support the program in the future. Until STARS can operate independent of solicitations, however, we can gladly look forward to many more annual Foundation bake sales at Wal-Mart.



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Foundation Board Votes to Fund STARS²

The Alpine Foundation Board of Directors, in their November retreat, voted unanimously to raise \$60,000 to fund the STARS² Summer Reading Program. This excellent initiative was proposed for a second year by Alpine District administrative representatives and reading specialists. If approved by the Board of Education, approximately 200 children exiting the first grade will be invited to participate in twenty additional days of intensive reading instruction. For three hours each day, they will receive training in Balanced Literacy. During each session, a Reading Recovery teacher will work one-on-one with four children. Ten school sites will be selected, depending on student testing data.

If the STARS² program is approved for the second year, approximately \$6,000 will be raised for each school site. This translates to a cost of about \$300 per student. Fund-raising efforts to support this excellent opportunity for needy children will begin sometime after the new year begins. If you or someone you know may be interested in sponsoring and funding one or more students in the STARS² Summer Reading Program, the tax-deductible donation can be mailed to the Alpine Foundation. More information will be sent to members

see Fund STARS² on p. 2

Discovering the Advantages of the Payroll Deduction Program

Classroom teachers are discovering the advantages of the Alpine Foundation Payroll Deduction Program. Evidence of this is the increased donations compared to the number of new enrollees. While the enrollment has increased 10.5% for this school year, the donations have jumped by 50%.

Staff members have recognized the value of this charitable donation process, and they have increased their monthly deductions. Amazingly enough, several of our classroom teachers are now donating over \$100 per month. Many more are contributing between \$10 and \$50. These large amounts are understandable when we know of one of Alpine's new kindergarten teachers spending \$1,500 of her own money to prepare her classroom for her students to start the school year.

Some of the advantages of the Payroll Deduction Program are as follows:

- Donated money used to purchase classroom supplies is tax deductible.
- A charitable donation makes one feel they are making a difference. It is about helping others. It is about matters of the heart.

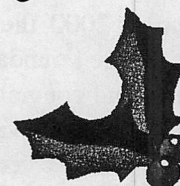
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Wishing You a Most Joyous Holiday Season

Thanks for your support of the Alpine Foundation.



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Extra Yard Awards Benefit Students and Schools

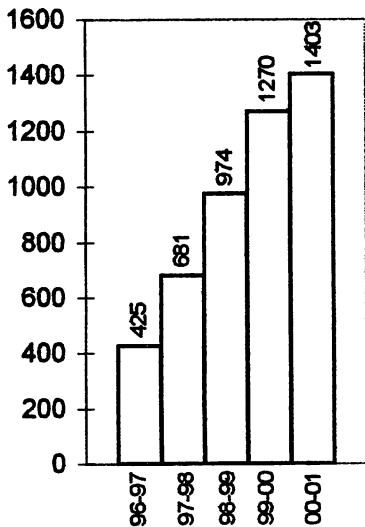
School staffs can qualify for the Alpine Foundation Extra Yard Awards. A check is given to each school which has sufficient participation in the Payroll Deduction Program. The percentage of contracted staff involvement and the amount of the award necessary to qualify are as follows:

- 50 - 74% \$100
- 75 - 89% \$250
- 90 - 100% \$500

As of October 31, 28 of our schools had sufficient enrollees to earn the Extra Yard status. Four of our units have reached the \$500 level. The Foundation Board extends its congratulations to staff members who go the extra mile in supporting students through Payroll Deduction donations.

*We make a living by what we get.
We make a life by what we give.
Winston Churchill*

Staff Participation in Payroll Deduction Shows Exciting Growth



Staff participation in the Alpine Foundation Payroll Deduction Program increased by 10.5% over last year.

This translates to 133 new enrollees who wish to make a charitable donation through the Foundation to benefit students.

Since the start of the 1996-97 school year, 978 additional staff members have chosen to donate through this program. As

of November 2000, there was a total of 1403 participants.

The Alpine Foundation Board of Directors extends their thanks and congratulations to all those who have chosen this excellent way to make a charitable donation.

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of the Alpine District staff at a later date. This intensive training changes the academic lives of children! The Foundation Board of Directors is excited to be involved in helping students who need additional training in the most basic and essential skill of reading.

*The greatest source of happiness
is forgetting yourself and trying
seriously and honestly to be useful
to others.
Millicent Fenwick*

DISCOVERING *continued from first page*

- Students benefit from an enriched classroom environment and an enhanced academic learning experience.
- The pooling of staff donations for charitable purposes, such as scholarships, is possible.
- Schools can qualify for cash awards for a majority of staff participation.
- Donated funds can accumulate for major purchases.
- Donors can control the way the donated funds are used to help students.
- The public recognizes that teachers go above and beyond the call for students.
- A recognition plaque is prepared for each donor.

There should be no pressure on individual staff members to join the payroll deduction program. Giving to charitable organizations is a private and personal matter. The purpose and advantages of the charity should provide the attraction and the stimulation for donors.

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Meet our new Foundation Board members:



Melanie Bastian

Melanie Bastian was born and raised in Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada. She attended Brigham Young University and received a Bachelor's degree in Clothing and Textiles/Fashion Merchandising in 1975. For the past 24 years she has resided in Orem, where she has raised her four sons. She has been involved in PTA, the Scouting program, various church responsibilities, and charity functions. Melanie is currently serving on the BYU President's Leadership Council, the Primary Children's Hospital Foundation Board, the U of U Health Sciences Education Resource Development Council, and now the Alpine School District Foundation Board.



Christi Mills

Christi Mills is the new teacher representative on the Alpine Foundation Board. She was born in California but spent most of her formative years in a suburb of Chicago. She graduated from BYU in 1976 in Early Childhood Education. She is married to Terry Mills, and they live in Pleasant Grove. They have a married son and two daughters. Christi taught school in Provo School District before her marriage and the birth of her son. While at home, she was active in the PTA, served on the Alpine Curriculum Committee under Brian Page and Cristi Denler, then worked for the Utah School for the Deaf as a Parent Advisor. She returned to teaching in 1994 as a Reading Recovery Aide at Lindon Elementary, taught first grade that fall, and has continued as a classroom teacher. Now she is at Rocky Mountain Elementary, teaching second grade core and Reading Recovery.



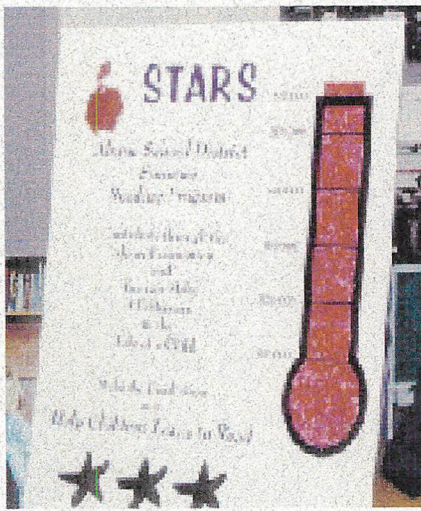
Debbie Hale

We welcome Debbie Hale as the new Foundation Treasurer. She is the daughter of Dean and Della Davis of Pleasant Grove. Debbie enjoyed business classes at Pleasant Grove High, and she later took accounting and business courses at Utah Valley State College. She graduated from UVSC, Phi Theta Kappa. In 1987 she married Tim Hale. They have two sons: Brad, age 8, and John, age 5. She brings to the Foundation extensive experience in office and accounting procedures. Debbie was an office manager for High Country Insurance, and she also worked as a secretary and Human Resources Assistant for Metz Baking Company. Most recently she was a computer lab assistant at Oak Canyon Junior High. In her free time, Debbie enjoys reading, sewing, hiking, cooking, and scuba diving.



Janna Rogers

Janna is delighted to serve as the Secretary for the Alpine Foundation. She grew up in Lehi, and after graduation from Ricks College, she spent a year at the Church College of Hawaii. Janna served an LDS mission in Argentina. Two years ago she completed her degree in English at BYU. She is married to Stephen C. Rogers, the State Irrigation Engineer and "husband extraordinaire." They have 5 children, the oldest of whom is serving an LDS mission in Chile. One son is a student at UVSC. Two more sons and a daughter attend Lehi High and Lehi Junior High. Janna was the teacher's aide in the Sego Lily computer lab for 6 years. She enjoys sewing, reading, playing the piano, and doing writing projects. Janna and Stephen enjoy watching their kids participate on the Lehi football, swimming, and soccer teams.



The STARS barometer (left) shows how expectations were exceeded with the generosity of many kind donors who made a big difference for children. Program results were also better than anticipated.

“Over the Top” for Children Results in Summer Success

Last fall the Alpine School District administration asked the Alpine Foundation to raise \$55,000 to fund a summer reading program. The STARS project (Students and Teachers Achieving Reading Success) was designed to help children leaving the the first grade who were not reading at the average level of their classmates.

The Foundation Board of Directors planned the fund-raising effort in November, 1999, and completed the campaign in April, 2000. Thanks to the generosity of businesses, foundations, Alpine District staff, and patrons, over \$100,000 was raised for the STARS Summer Reading Program and the STARS Endowment Fund.

As a result of the efforts of Lori Miller, Barbara Ure, Pamela McKinney, Gary Seastrand, and the educators selected to teach at the eight identified sites, about 160 children received twenty extra days, three hours per day, of intensive training in balanced literacy. Forty students experienced individualized instruction in the Reading Recovery Program.

Gary Seastrand told the Foundation Board that “... the STARS program really made a difference.” Students in the summer program made tremendous growth in reading and writing. The STARS program presented a marvelous opportunity for students and teachers to increase their skills. The children, their parents, and the teachers were excited about the STARS program. Many letters of appreciation were received from those participating in this first-time event.

The fund-raising and the student gains in reading ability went “over the top.” Congratulations to all involved!


Children are the living messages we send to a time we will not see.

Neil Postman (1831)

Payroll Deduction Program, A Win-win

The Alpine Foundation’s annual Payroll Deduction Program campaign has been in full swing since the first school faculty meetings in August. Only a few schools are left to be visited. The Foundation Board of Directors have enjoyed their visits with school faculties. The response has been excellent, with over 300 new enrollees taking advantage of the features of this donation process.

This charitable contribution opportunity is a win-win program for the donors, students, schools, and the Foundation. The students win with the additional supplies in their classrooms; the schools win with the reduced pressure on the budget and with the chance to get additional cash through qualification for an Extra Yard Award (\$100 - \$500). The Foundation wins when our own employees support the organization, because businesses and private individuals are more likely to support a successful charity; and the donors (our employees) win by gaining a tax deductible donation and the pleasant feeling that comes from supporting a noble cause. It is also beneficial when our parents know that our teachers and staff “go the extra mile” for our students.

If you are not participating in this win-win program, please call the Foundation office (756-8425) for an enrollment form. We would love to have you join and take advantage of the features of this program. 

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Winston Churchill



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Jennifer Batchler
History/Journalism
Teacher
Oak Canyon Jr. High

"Finding creative ways to nurture students while leading them on a journey of exploration and self-discovery."



Tammy Card
Speech/Language Pathologist
Cedar Ridge Elementary

"Sharing and exploring ideas with students and staff while mentoring with sensitivity, warmth, ingenuity, and professionalism."



Norma F. Girard
Paraprofessional Behavior
Disorder Unit
Aspen Elementary

"Building relationships with students and staff, 'Grandma G.' gives hugs and dries tears while setting an example of a true professional."



Blaine W. Greenhalgh
Science Teacher
Alpine Life & Learning Center

"With gentleness, caring, and kindness, 'Mr. Wizard' makes science exciting, friendly, and responsive to his students."



Janna Kunz
Third Grade Teacher
Manila Elementary

"Remarkably empowering and infusing enthusiasm for teaching and learning in others through strength, caring, and wisdom."



Emily C. Lysager
Extended Day Lower Specialist
Forbes Elementary

"With dedication and a willingness to share, the caring for children and staff translates into service beyond the extra mile."

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Terilene M. Maughan
Fourth Grade Teacher
Lindon Elementary

"Mentoring students and staff through curriculum innovations with gentleness, enthusiasm, professionalism and unparalleled classroom management."



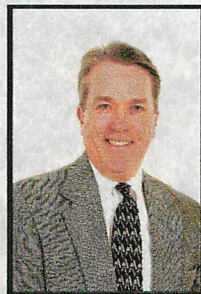
Christi Lynn K. Mills
Second Grade Core Teacher
Rocky Mountain Elementary

"Moving, innovating, and serving others at 'break-neck speed,' no child's need escapes her watchful eye."



Pamela McKinney
Reading Specialist, K-12
Alpine School District Office

"Expending boundless patience, skill, and energy while untiring in her efforts to improve the literacy curriculum for students and staff."



James Ken Pierce
Assistant Principal
American Fork High

"Energetically seeking the very best for students, providing 'gentle giant' leadership, while modeling 'all points of the Scout Law.'"



Suzanne G. Mendenhall
Teacher on Special Assignment
Geneva Elementary

"Going to any measure with boundless energy, a sense of humor, and enthusiasm, to advocate for and to find what is best for a child."



Laurel Shelley
English/Latin Teacher
American Fork High

"Making a major difference in the lives of students through example, nurturing, leadership, and the sharing of extended amounts of time."

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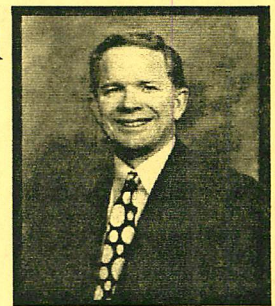
CHANGING OF THE GUARD



Karlyn Norton
President
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Karlyn Norton has assumed the mantle of leadership of the Alpine Foundation. She replaced Ferrell Hill who provided exemplary service as president for the past two years. The Board of Directors unanimously selected Steve Skabelund as the new vice-president, following Karlyn in that position. The directors thank Ferrell for his distinguished service and look forward to continued growth and success under the direction of Norton and Skabelund.

Karlyn has been a member of the Foundation Board of Directors for six years. She also acts as the Chair of the Awards and Recognition Committee. While living in Orem with her husband Ed and their family of seven children, she has taken the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of others through extended community service. She served in the local, regional, and state PTA for 18 years, acting as president in many of those organizations. Karlyn spent many hours working to influence legislation targeted by the PTA. She loves working to enhance the quality of life in our community, and she enjoys serving with people on causes that benefit everyone. She is excited as she watches the growth of the Foundation. Her goal is to spread the good word and increase the awareness of the Foundation in the community. She is looking forward to great things happening with the Alpine Foundation and is honored to be a part of it.



Steven Skabelund
Vice-President
Alpine
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Steven R. Skabelund, J.D., CPA, is the current vice-president of the Alpine Foundation. He also is a local attorney who practices in Orem, Utah. His area of expertise is business and estate planning. Originally from Logan, Utah, Steve graduated from Utah State University with a degree in history and received his law degree from the J. Reuben Clark School of Law, at Brigham Young University. Following graduation, Steve worked in Portland, Oregon, in the tax department of the international accounting firm of Coopers & Lybrand.

Steve is active in business, community, and church affairs, having served as past president of the Orem Rotary Club and is a current member of the USU Foundation. He has been on the Alpine Foundation Board of Directors for three years. Steve is the Chair of the Foundation Fund Raising Committee. He was responsible for writing the planned giving brochure, which encourages donors to remember the children in Alpine District schools in their wills and charitable remainder trusts.

He and his wife, Vanette, have three children, all of whom attended or are attending schools in the Alpine School District. Steve enjoys basketball, racquetball, biking and hang gliding.

**It costs less to educate a child
than to rehabilitate an adult.**
-unknown

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EXTRA YARD AWARDS

Twenty-one schools have qualified and received the Alpine Foundation **Extra Yard Awards** for 1999-2000 school year. Checks and a yardstick, with the school name, were presented to principals in their February meetings.

This special recognition is given to schools whose staff goes the "extra yard" in support of students through the Payroll Deduction Program. The Foundation Board of Directors gave checks of \$100 for 50% to 74% participation and \$250 for 75% and above. The support of this program has almost doubled in the past two years. This school year alone there have been over 300 new enrollees which is a 30% increase from last year. The Foundation Board is proud to report that 100% of the contributions go to the programs for which they are specified. We thank teachers, principals, district office personnel and administrators who are so supportive of our mission.

Congratulations to the Following

Elementary Schools

Alpine	Highland
Cascade	Lehi
Cedar Valley	Meadow
Eaglecrest	Northridge
Forbes	Orchard
Geneva	Rocky Mountain
Greenwood	Sego Lily
Grovecrest	Windsor

Secondary Schools

Am. Fork Junior	Am. Fork High
Lehi Junior	Summit Program
Orem Junior	

**PAYROLL
DEDUCTION
RULES!!**

Call the Foundation Office at 756-8425 to find out how you can benefit from the Payroll Deduction Program. It's puts \$\$\$\$ back into your pockets !! We're here to serve you!

STARS

One of the major goals of the Alpine Foundation is to enhance the educational opportunity of students. ***STARS*** (Students and Teachers Achieving Reading Success) is a summer reading program designed to help 220 first-grade students with their skills in this critical area. The identified children will receive 20, three hour sessions of intensive, sometimes one-on-one, instruction in Balanced Literacy and Reading Recovery. This program, which has the potential to change the lives of the students, is presently being planned by administrators and reading specialists.

The Alpine Foundation Board of Directors has accepted the challenge to raise the approximately \$55,000 required to fund this most worthy project. YOU can help make a difference in the lives of these future **stars** by making a tax deductible donation through the Alpine Foundation to support ***STARS***. Please call 756-8425, or send a check payable to The Alpine Foundation to our office located at 575 North 100 East, American Fork, Utah 84003. Please designate Reading Recovery on the bottom left corner of your check.

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JAY S. ALLEN
Science Teacher

American Fork High

"My students are me! Every lesson, activity, and assignment is given as though I were the student. The students and I are partners in learning."



MARY RUTH GREER
Math/Science Teacher

Mountain View High School

"Every teacher should realize that these kids we teach live outside the classroom, and unless we can communicate interest in that part of their world, we will not have the maximum effect in our specific disciplines."



JENNIE A. BARBER
Principal

Alpine Life and Learning Center

"I believe learning is about changing your heart, enlarging its capacity, strengthening its vitality and resilience for the challenge ahead. I can think of no better use of my time than to march alongside my students in their quest for success."



ROSALIE JACKLIN
Third Grade Teacher
Greenwood Elementary

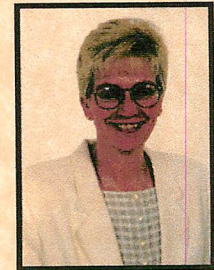
"Every class that I have ever taught, has taught me in return. I feel it my responsibility to become my students' advocate."



LISA G. BRERETON
"The English Lady"

Canyon View Junior High

"With my students, I will invite a spirit of learning to our class which will be physically stimulating, yet orderly; mentally challenging, yet individualized; socially broadening, yet supportive; and spiritually inclusive, yet true."



BARBARA A. LANGFORD
Fifth Grade Teacher
Manila Elementary

"Teaching has made me richer, warmer, kinder, funnier, and happier than I've ever been. Having the opportunity to be with children and adults who are working together to learn and grow is such an 'electric' environment."

1999 *Accent on Excellence* Award Winners



MARY C. LAY
Fourth Grade Teacher
Shelley Elementary

"Everything I look at, I see through the eye of an educator and try to decide how I can share that with my students. Education is not just a profession for me; it is my way of life."



REVA BETH RUSSELL
Science Teacher
Lehi High School

"I have never found that a child is an unmolded lump of clay or a blank slate on which to write. Students are important individuals to be relished, listened to, and watched."



BETTY LOU LEE
Teacher of Art
Lakeridge Junior High

"I have always joked that I love immaturity! I truly feel when we turn our attention to helping another become successful, and lose ourselves in that cause, that is when we become most successful. True joy lies in the accomplishments of others."



VICTOR WILLIAMSON
Sixth Grade Teacher
Central Elementary

"I want students to be excited about learning. When I stand in front of a class, they hear and see my dedication to my subject and to them."



DIANE F. REAVELEY
Resource Teacher
Cedar Ridge Elementary

"I will find ways to help each student win at life. I will find ways to open the world to my students, and I will help them learn how to explore with their minds."



CAROL L. WINTERS
Classified Employee
Accounts Receivable/Trainer
District Office

"Though we are not educators, each one of us has professional skills and talents we use to assist the entire education family. I am proud of the part I play in helping our children learn, even though it is indirect."

The following businesses made specific contributions to support the *Accent on Excellence* Awards:

Alpine Credit Union
Alpine Fireplace Company
American Fork Hospital/IHC
Cory Adams Photography
Covenant Communications
Creating Keepsakes
The Daily Herald
Educators Mutual Insurance Co.
Far West Bank
First American Title Insurance

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A Milestone is Reached !

The mission of the Alpine Foundation is to enhance the resources available to the school district for the education of the children. The organization processes the cash and in-kind donations made to the individual schools, district, and the Foundation. Tax deductible receipts are provided to all donors. The Foundation has been approved by the Internal Revenue Service as a nonprofit charitable 501 (C) (3) organization.

In the month of March, the fund balance of the Foundation exceeded \$1,000,000! This is a "milestone" and a first. This is a tribute to those in Alpine District who, in 1984, had a vision for the potential of a foundation. It is a compliment to the district leadership, the Board of Education, the Foundation Board of Governors and Directors, and the principals and staff of Alpine District.

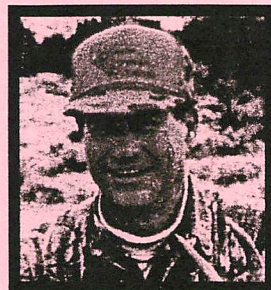
Alpine Foundation processed between \$800,000 and \$900,000 in cash donations in 1997-98. These contributions were mostly "pass-through" gifts to the schools. The greater portion of the \$1,000,000 is earmarked by donors for the individual schools and special programs operated within them. The Alpine Foundation has processed the donations and provided the tax deductible receipts.

CONGRATULATIONS to all who have helped the organization reach this milestone. With your dedicated support, it will continue to grow and to provide the Alpine District with greater service. Donors wish to contribute to successful foundations and charities. Alpine Foundation fits this description.

Outstanding Custodians Honored in Alpine School District



**Danny
Hutchinson**



**Gary
Rackman**

Danny Hutchinson and Gary Rackman were recently named the Outstanding Custodians of the Year by the Alpine School District custodial department. At a special meeting in February, Mr. Robin Davis, R.B. Davis and Company, Kirt Prestwich, and Frank Pulley presented Danny and Gary each with a check for \$100 and a plaque. These special awards were initiated by Mr. Davis, The Alpine Foundation, and the Classified Employees Association. Our thanks to Mr. Davis for making these awards possible.

Danny Hutchinson is the head custodian at Valley View Elementary. He has been with the district for nineteen years, all of them at Valley View. Thanks to Danny's dedication, Valley View looks great despite being thirty years old! The building is always clean and in good repair. He has served on various district committees and is now serving on the custodial new product review committee. Danny has been classified building representative and was president of the Custodian's Association. He and his wife, Charlotte, a resource teacher at Legacy Elementary are the parents of four teenage boys. They reside in American Fork. Congratulations, Danny!

Gary Rackman is head custodian at American Fork High, the school he graduated from in 1959. Previous to working for the district, Gary owned and operated a service station in Orem. He began his career with the district in 1995. He worked at A.F. High and Forbes before being named head custodian at A.F. High. He enjoys his association with the staff and studentbody. He and his wife Sharon are the parents of three children and grandparents to nine. He enjoys hunting, fishing, camping and spending time at his cabin, which provides him with never-ending projects! Great work, Gary!

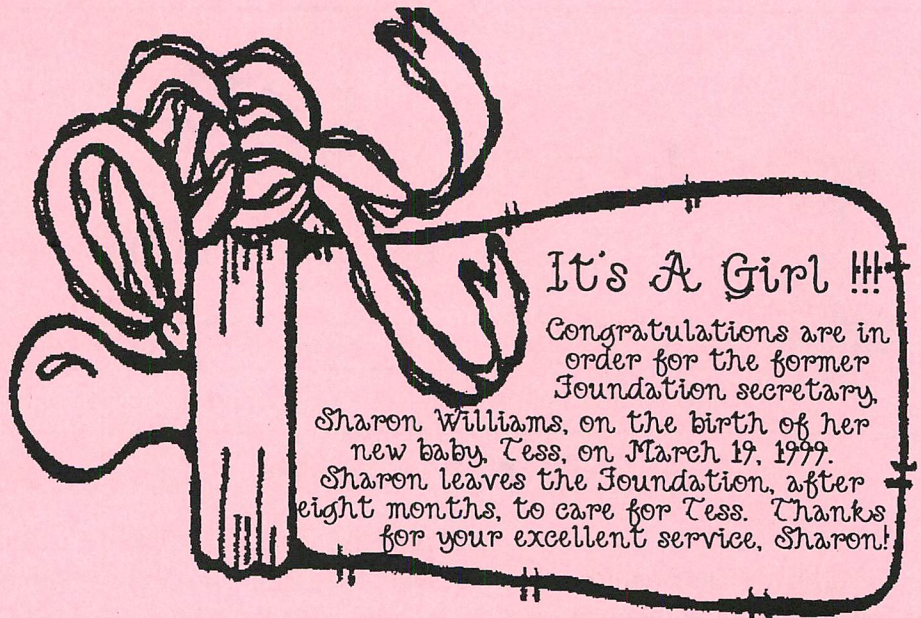
**Allie Cannon
Returns to Foundation Office**

Allie Cannon has returned to serve as the Alpine Foundation Secretary. She returns after working as the lead secretary at Windsor Elementary in Orem. Allie brings to the Foundation desktop publishing experience, artistic talents, extended creative abilities and warm people skills. **WELCOME BACK!!**



Foundation Forum

Kay W. Laursen Editor
Allie Cannon Layout



It's A Girl !!!

Congratulations are in order for the former Foundation secretary, Sharon Williams, on the birth of her new baby, Tess, on March 19, 1999. Sharon leaves the Foundation, after eight months, to care for Tess. Thanks for your excellent service, Sharon!

Checks on Mortarboards?



The Alpine School District Foundation Payroll Deduction Program is the most successful of all districts in the State of Utah. Presently, 1,015 staff members participate, which is almost double the number of 1997-98. Last year, four schools had 50% or more of their staff involved in payroll deduction. For the current school year, fifteen schools now meet this qualification. Six other schools were almost at the 50% level!

To honor schools with half or more of their staff participating, the Foundation Board of Directors voted to give them each a check for \$100. The Board directed that they be presented in a unique way. A graduation cap (mortarboard) was selected, and in cooperation with The Bank of American Fork, the checks were artistically drawn on the mortarboards by secretary, Allie Cannon. The caps were then presented to the principals, cashed by the bank, and the hats were returned to the schools to honor their participation. It is the hope of the board that more schools will be honored next year for meeting or surpassing the 50% level!

Contributing to Noble Causes is a Privilege

John D. Rockefeller was one of the most solicited men in history. Many years ago he said, the "duty of giving is as much his as is the duty of asking yours." Asking someone to join you in supporting a noble cause is not begging. Philanthropists want to know that they are really making a difference in the lives of those in the community. Rockefeller expressed his kind, considerate, and gracious attitude toward solicitors in these words:

*"When a solicitor comes to you and lays on your heart the responsibility that rests so heavily on his; when his earnestness gives convincing evidence of how seriously interested he is; when he makes it clear that he knows you are no less anxious to do your duty in the matter than he is, that you are just as conscientious, that he feels sure all you need is to realize the importance of the enterprise and the urgency of the need in order to lead you to do your full share in meeting it--he has made you his friend and has brought you to think of giving not as a duty but as a privilege."**

As a result of teachers, principals, staff, and Alpine Foundation committee members being willing to ask, many donations are being given for classrooms, school projects, and district programs. Improving the quality of life in the community through education is a worthy and noble cause. It is a true partnership with all concerned.

Editorial by Kay W. Laursen, Foundation Director

*Lansdowne, David; "Fund Raising Realities Every Board Member Must Face," p. 90.



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Unique Donation Helps German Students

The Alpine School District Foundation receives many different types of in-kind donations for enhancing the educational opportunities of the students in Alpine District. Computers, cars, paper, books, and art are among the most commonly donated items, but a recent gift was one of the most unusual.

Mr. and Mrs. Clive Buchanan, Beneficial Success Institute, donated 2,925 German comic books and short stories for students to use while mastering this foreign language. The Buchanans once owned an import company and they stocked books and other

items related to the German culture. Since they were interested in providing materials which would help students learn the German language, they ordered comic books and hard-bound stories. Many teachers purchased

"I got the books to help students 'speak' German."

these for classroom use.

Would reading a comic book help a person learn the German language? Mr. Buchanan said that "learning the written language is

very different from learning the spoken language." He feels that comic books are one of the best tools for helping students acquire the spoken language. He said, "I got the books to help students 'speak' German." Much in favor of students learning this foreign language, Mr. Buchanan said that "since the German language requires precision, it teaches students to be more precise."

This unusual donation was distributed to the German instructors in Alpine District's high schools. Hopefully, the books will enrich and facilitate the students' learning of the language.

Celebration! Phyllis Bestor Joins Alpine Foundation Board

Phyllis Bestor is the mother of four children, the grandmother of 17 children and the mother-in-law for four "children." It is easy then to understand how her life is dedicated to the welfare of children, not to mention her 33 years of teaching English to over 12,000 children, and in many cases, also teaching the children of those she once had in her classes.

"I never realized how focused my life was as a teacher until I retired a year ago. I loved the focus and interaction with these



Phyllis Bestor

vigorous and teachable young minds. I never counted the days until a vacation or the months until I could retire. To the end, it was a pleasure. It isn't often that an adult can say, 'I never did anything in my profession for a selfish reason.' But I believe that we teachers can say that because we never teach for more money, more status, or more recognition. It just doesn't happen, and that is good in many respects. I believe that one should teach for the love of it and for the satisfaction that you are doing something good for the world."

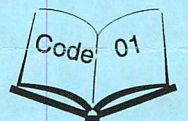
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Mark Code 01; Make Reading Fun

Donate to Alpine School District's Reading Recovery/Reading Enhancement programs as you prepare your 1998 State Tax Form. Your contribution will help provide additional one-on-one instruction and materials to students who are struggling with their reading skills.

You can support these programs

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Happy New Year!

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Phyllis has been awarded numerous "teacher of the year" accolades, both on a district and state level, but you won't find the trophies and plaques displayed very prominently. The recognition for a job well done comes in student comments: "You really made me think"; "You expected a lot from us in your class"; "You made a difference for me when I got to college"; "You allowed us to take responsibility in student council"; "Your probing questions allowed us to think before we acted."

Besides serving on a multitude of committees for the Alpine District, Phyllis wrote a manual used for a number of years: "Person to Person Communication." Even this title suggests the importance that Phyllis felt in her career--that teaching, learning, and caring must be on a person to person level. Now as a member of the Alpine Foundation Board of Directors, Phyllis is pleased to continue educating and involving the whole community in the most worthwhile cause in which one can engage.

*"The secret of life is not what we like, but to like what we do."
-- American Proverb*

Thanks, Bruce!

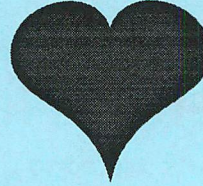
On behalf of the students and staff of the Alpine School District and the Foundation Board of Directors, we express our sincere appreciation to Bruce Dickerson for his excellent service as a member of the Foundation Board. His leadership and quality support of Alpine Foundation programs has been exemplary. We will sincerely miss his association and his stimulating suggestions and ideas. Whatever the quality program that would benefit students and staff, Bruce was willing to help find ways to accomplish the selected goals. He helped to make things happen!

We all join in thanking Bruce for making a difference!

Editorial: Work of Foundation From "The Heart"

By Dr. Kay W. Laursen
Foundation Director

Congratulations to those who have made and continue to make the Alpine Foundation a dream come true. To every staff member, patron, parent, grandparent, and business owner who has contributed to enhance and enrich the educational opportunity for children, you have made a difference!



The work of the Alpine Foundation is "from the heart." It is a success story about people who have a love and concern for children. It is about those who believe that students should learn to read, compute, write, and develop their full potential in an enriched educational atmosphere. It is about an environment of quality experiences, sterling adult role models, positive stimulation, and plentiful rewards.

The "heart of the Foundation" is those people (and businesses) who have found that serving,

caring, contributing, and supporting good causes can become addicting. It is about building nurturing relationships; it is about quality teamwork; and it is about great and noble causes. Those contributing to the Alpine Foundation believe in the "American dream." They dream of life for children in the community as it should be and not necessarily how it is.

The Alpine Foundation is a dynamic, vibrant, and growing organization. Its potential for good is limitless. The leaders (directors and governors) are dreamers and doers. They know that the quality of tomorrow's community is dependent on the strength of the education of each child today.

Plaudits to those who, in 1984, had the dream and vision of what a foundation could do for the students, staff, and Alpine District. They carefully laid the groundwork for a potentially great fund raising organization. Their dream is being fulfilled. Many continue to add impetus to this movement for good. It is about "matters of the heart."

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25. Enter amount from line 24 (Subtotal - Utah income tax and use tax)			
CONTRIBUTIONS	26. Contributions (page 9)		
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	26b. Kurt-Oscarson Children's organ transplant fund	● 26b	00
	26c. Utah nongame wildlife fund	● 26c	00
	26d. State colleges and universities	● 26d	00
	26e. Nonprofit school-district foundation	● 26e	00
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by entering code 01 on line 26e (page 2) of your state tax form, and indicating the amount you would like to contribute. Your donation is tax deductible in 1999.

If you have a company or a private accountant prepare your tax report, ask them to write in

the amount of your donation for you. Remind them to designate Alpine District by using CODE 01.

This is a nice way to start the new year, by helping a child find the fun and joy in being able to read. Your support of this worthy cause is truly appreciated.



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A "Perfect" Partnership

The staff at Cascade Elementary has formed and nurtured a partnership with the employees of Eagle Hardware. This relationship was started three years ago and it is now described by the school staff as "the perfect partnership."



Matt Simonich,
Manager, Eagle
Hardware

Matt Simonich, the Alpine School District Business Coordinator of the Year, is the manager at Eagle Hardware. Principal Nancy Brooks, administrative assistant Georgia Davis, and Phil Marrott, Outstanding Teacher Working with Partnerships 1997-98, are full of praise for the efforts made by Mr. Simonich and the business staff. Whenever the school has a need, Matt has been "eager and ready to assist..."

Eagle has helped with "material goods, volunteer time, and philosophical support." Whether it has been boxes for student projects, pipe for rocket launchers, or umbrellas for decoration, the staff at the store has helped the students and teachers with their projects. The school has also been helped with evaporative coolers, packets of bird feed, incentives for faculty meetings, and Christmas-related items.

Cascade students and staff have tried to give something back to the Eagle employees. For example, when a young son of an employee was shot with a firearm, the students "created poignant 'get well' cards for him." When one of Eagle's young employees was injured in an auto accident, the students made sympathy cards for the individual and the family. The school staff has made sure that "every Cascade Elementary student knows that Eagle has been involved as a partner. We encourage the patron families to shop at Eagle."

Alpine Foundation congratulates Matt Simonich, the Eagle Hardware employees, and staff at Cascade for developing a "perfect partnership."

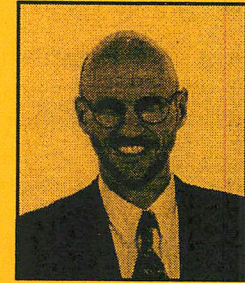
Luncheon Celebrates Partnerships

The annual Partner Appreciation Luncheon was held at the McKay Special Events Center, Utah Valley State College, September 24, 1998. School principals and partnership coordinators were able to honor and thank their current business partners and encourage new relationships with their schools.

John Bennion, clinical professor of Urban Education at the University

of Utah, was the keynote speaker at the luncheon. He indicated that schools must respond to the needs of the growing economy. The gap between the earning power of school dropouts, and that of high school and college graduates, was highlighted. Mr. Bennion also indicated that school partnerships could be an instrument in helping to create effective schools.

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Donell Willey

Meet Our New Teacher Representative

Donell Willey has been selected as the teacher representative to the Alpine Foundation. He will serve on the Board of Directors for a two-year term. Donell replaces Ronald Brailsford, the Orem High School drafting instructor who has served with distinction since 1996-97.

Donell is a social science/debate teacher at Lakeridge Junior High. He came highly recommended by the teachers association. Donell was a recipient of an Accent on Excellence Outstanding Teacher Award last year. He has "jumped in with both feet," helping push the work of the Alpine Foundation forward.

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Alpine School District honored three individuals who have helped make partnerships successful in our schools.



Terri Lindorf was selected as the Outstanding Volunteer.

She was nominated by Orem Junior High. They said, "Terri has the 'knack' of finding ways to help students and staff."

Matt Simonich, manager of Eagle Hardware, was selected as the Outstanding Coordinator of a business partnership. Cascade Elementary indicated that Matt has helped create "the perfect partnership..."

Roy Tenney was honored as the Outstanding Educator working with a school partnership. His Scera Park classroom is a "beehive" of activity. He attempts to match adult volunteers to the personal needs of each student.

Alpine, Nebo, and Provo Districts gave a county award to the staff of the Utah Valley State College. The service the college provides to the districts in the valley is exemplary. They have helped with high school graduations, sporting events, honors programs, scholarships, and the Partner Luncheon.

Alpine School District and the Foundation Board of Directors extend a hearty congratulations to the award winners.



"Keep in mind that the true measure of an individual is how he treats a person who can do him absolutely no good."

-- Ann Landers

Payroll Deduction Plan "On Fire"

An administrator was heard to say, "The Payroll Deduction Program is on fire." This year alone, to date, there have been over 300 new enrollees. Teams of Alpine Foundation board members have been making presentations to school faculties, and the positive response has been tremendous.

This "can't lose" program gives staff members an opportunity to contribute a few dollars per month to a charity (Alpine Foundation), specify where it is to be spent, and to qualify for a tax deduction. Teachers who normally spend some of their own money on supplies for their classrooms can use this program by saving in advance. A budget is kept for each school and each teacher where the donations can be tracked and used.

The accounting department in the district is investigating some avenues which have the potential of making the expenditure of payroll deduction funds more convenient and manageable. Presently, regular and open purchase orders, and reimbursements up to \$10 on receipts, are the approved methods.

The Foundation Board of Directors extends its thanks for the support of the Payroll Deduction Program.

Foundation Welcomes Secretary

Sharon Williams has been selected as the secretary for the Alpine Foundation. She replaces Allie Cannon, who now is a full-time secretary at Windsor Elementary.

Sharon moved with her family from Idaho Falls, Idaho, to American Fork two years ago. Her two children, Alex, 10, and Courtney, 7, attend Shelley Elementary. Her husband, Shane, is a project management analyst at the Tooele Chemical Weapons Destruction Facility, located about 45 minutes west of American Fork.

A graduate of Brigham Young University in Communications, Sharon has worked as a writer and editor. Her skills will enhance the work of the Alpine Foundation. Welcome aboard, Sharon!



Sharon Williams

Book Donations "Break Bank"

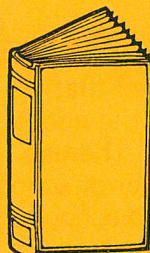
The University Mall organized and sponsored a "Break the Book Bank" activity as part of their back-to-school promotion in early August 1998.

Under the direction of Marisa Smith, Marketing Director, and her staff, patrons were asked to donate a book or video to the Alpine District schools in exchange for a coupon or ticket of value.

The goal of the book drive was to fill a small structure full of books. Customers at the mall could view the progress of filling the "bank" through windows.

Thanks to the generous patrons and the mall staff, 573 books and videotapes were donated to the schools. Under the direction of Gloria Stratton, Director of Instructional Media, the materials were screened and made available to school media specialists.

Our sincere appreciation is expressed to Marisa Smith, the University Mall staff, Gloria Stratton, and the patrons who contributed to Alpine's schools.





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GREAT NEWS !

As a result of intensive planning by the Foundation Board of Directors, an Advisory Board of Governors has been organized. Those individuals who have agreed to be part of this group are as follows:

- Kurt Bestor
Musician
- LaVell Edwards
Football Coach
- Christine Fox-Finlinson
State Representative
- Dale O. Gunther
President, Bank of American Fork
- Dale Murphy
Former Professional Baseball Player
- Marie Osmond
Entertainer
- Alvin Schow
Retired Banker

These excellent and successful citizens have agreed to let the Foundation use their names to increase the influence of the organization. This should make Alpine Foundation even more successful in finding resources to enrich childrens' education. On behalf of the children, staff, and Board of Directors, we express our sincere appreciation to each member of the Advisory Board of Governors. We are happy to have them join us in our efforts to serve the children in Alpine District.

There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle, or the mirror that reflects it.

- Edith Wharton



Bruce Dickerson

NEWEST BOARD MEMBER

Bruce is a graduate of Utah State University. His degree is in Marketing and Economics. The year he graduated, he moved to Orem and went into the real estate business. He currently is the owner of Skyline Development. Skyline has developed projects mostly in Utah County, and Washington County as well. Bruce is married to Marci Watts, also from Logan, and they have 4 children ages 14 to 21. His other passion, besides his family, is golf and anything to do with water.

Bruce is a tremendous addition to the Foundation Board. He is full of excellent ideas, and he has a strong desire to help improve the educational opportunity for the students of Alpine District. Taking advantage of his quality leadership skills, the Foundation can take a giant step forward.

Welcome aboard Bruce!

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Accent on Excellence

The *Accent on Excellence* Awards Selection Committee, the Classified Association, and the Administrators Association, have completed the very difficult task of determining those who will be honored with this prestigious award. The recipients will be named and recognized at the awards banquet, May 7, 1998.

The quality of the candidates was exceptional. All the applicants are a tribute to Alpine School District. The Foundation Board of Directors, the business sponsors, Alpine District administrators, and association leaders, look forward to May when those selected can be honored.

Each *Accent on Excellence* Award recipient will receive a check for \$500, and a like amount will go to the school in honor of the finalist. They will also be given an original statuette, sculpted by local artist Joseph Germaine (Shelley Elementary), a Franklin Planner, and dinner certificates from local restaurants.

WANTED

Needs - What Schools Could Use

School principals have expressed a need for various and sundry items. A partial list is as follows:

ATEC:

- Washer and dryer, coin operated
- Furniture (sofa, chair, table, lamp)
- Wheelchair
- Microwave and stand
- Small kitchen appliances (mixer, toaster,
- Pillows and blankets
- Bed - small, with wheels for a sick room

Others:

- Music, rhythm instruments, CD's, tapes books on composers.
- Science materials - vacuum pump, Van de Graf Generator, Plasma ball
- IBM printers
- Tape recorders
- Playground Equipment

"Bring ideas in and entertain them royally, for one of them may be the king.
- Mark Van Doren

Successful Fund Raisers and Significant In-Kind Donations

The Foundation Board of Directors would like to thank the staff and administration at each school for helping distribute flyers and materials related to business and education partnership fund-raisers. The following have been successful as a result of this support:

- Seven Peaks Water Park
- Gold "C" and Sally Foster
- Lagoon
- "Get-Away Today"

In-Kind donations can enrich the learning experience for our students. The following significant donations have been received:

- 15,000 Computer Diskettes
- 10,000 Franklin Binders
- 4,000 Franklin Planners
- 400 copies of Holiday Clip Art software

On behalf of the children and the Foundation Board, we extend our sincere appreciation to all the companies and individuals who make in-kind donations to support the education of Alpine's students.

The soul is healed by being with children.
- Fyodor Dostoevsky

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1998 Accent on Excellence Award Winners

The Accent on Excellence Awards honor and pay tribute to some of the outstanding educators and employees of Alpine School District who are exemplary role models and heroes for the students. The Alpine Foundation Board of Directors and business sponsors congratulate the recipients for 1998!



STEPHANIE ANDERSON
Second Grade Teacher
Grovecrest Elementary

"Through my example and influence as an educator, it is my mission to nourish, strengthen, and enhance the character development of my students."



MERRILEE BARRATT
Music Specialist
Forbes Elementary

"The strongest feeling I have for my students is also the guiding principle for everything I do with them. Love is what they need and what I feel."



KAREN BODILY
Fifth Grade Teacher
Lindon Elementary

"I love my students, and I make a point each day of letting them know specific things that they do well or are striving to work towards."



STEPHEN CHERRINGTON
Principal
Cedar Ridge Elementary

"Children uplift my spirits, and my profession brings meaning and happiness to my life."



WILLIAM "Bus" GILLESPIE
Social Studies Teacher
Orem High School

"My students are good kids trying to find their way in a difficult world. I strive to make my lessons about history relevant to their lives today."



CAROLYN W. JOHNSON
Fifth Grade Teacher
Legacy Elementary School

"I truly love my students-each one as an individual, with his unique set of foibles, idiosyncrasies, talents and charms."

1998 Accent on Excellence Award Winners



ROSE MARY LINDBERG
Family and Consumer Science
Timpanogos High School

"I feel endeared to my students. I recognize their ability to teach and influence my life as I work to 'teach' them."



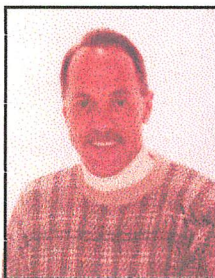
JANET SCHILLER
Librarian
Central Elementary

"I become a more interesting and exciting person when I have a hero or heroine to model, and I bear the responsibility to relate that animation to children."



JOHN MILLER
Director of Bands
American Fork High

"Next to my own family, my students are the most important associations in my life. I view the band as my large extended family, and treasure my involvement with them."



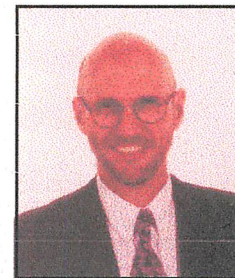
ALAN TILLEY
Transition Coordinator
ATEC

"I personally believe that all students with disabilities are capable of becoming productive citizens, and if given the proper support, training, and adaptations, every student can contribute to their community through meaningful work and participation."



JANE SANDERS
Second Grade
Geneva Elementary

"I find teaching to be a most joyous and rewarding adventure. The first day of school is like Christmas, and every student is a gift to be opened."



DONELL WILLEY
Social Studies
Lakeridge Jr. High

"I know that my example is much more important than my words, and I realize many junior high kids are at the 'cross roads,' making decisions that will affect the balance of their lives."

The following businesses made specific contributions to support the Accent on Excellence Awards:

Alpine Credit Union
Alpine Fireplace Company
Champions Athletic Academy
Cory Adams Photography
Covenant Communications
Creating Keepsakes
The Daily Herald
Educators Insurance
Franklin Covey

Frontier Pies
Fuddruckers
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MHTN Architects
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Intermountain Health Care
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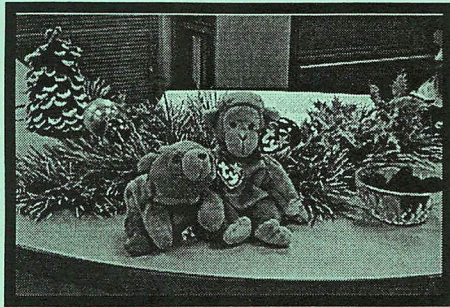
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BEANIE BABIES!!!



Beanie Babies! Great for a Christmas gift to a child. A full set of 24 new Beanie Babies, including a shelf, has been donated to the Alpine Foundation for a fund raiser.

They will be sold, as a unit, to the highest bidder/donor.

Here is a chance to be generous and, at the same time, make a child very happy. The difference between the donation and the value of the set is tax deductible.

Please send your written offer to: Alpine Foundation, 575 North 100 East American Fork, Utah 84003. Letters must be received by Wednesday, December 17, 1997, 5:00 p.m. You may call 756-8425 for information.



"Not he who has much is rich, but he who gives much." - Erich Fromm

Karlyn Norton, New Vice President

The Board of Directors of the Alpine Foundation recently elected Karlyn Norton as Vice President. She will serve in this position for two years before becoming president of the organization. Karlyn and her husband Ed live in Orem with their seven children. She received her education in the schools of Utah Valley and Southern California. Community service has almost been a way of life for our Vice President. While serving actively in the PTA for eighteen years, she became a local president on two occasions. She also served as Regional PTA Director in the Alpine School District for two years, and acted in various state PTA Board positions for three years.

Karlyn has spent many additional hours working on various levels as a PTA Legislative Representative.



Karlyn Norton
Alpine Foundation, Vice-President

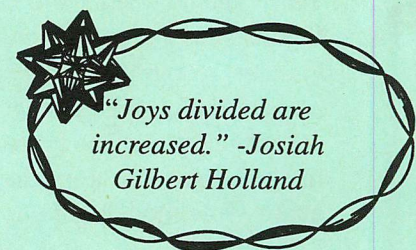
Some of her other school experiences include working in the office of Alpine Life and Learning Center, on the Utah County Gang Task Force, the Character Connection, the Character Development Steering Committee, and the Business and Education Partnership Committee.

She has also worked with Attorney General Jan Graham and the Safe at Home Program.

The newly-elected Vice President has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Alpine Foundation for four years, and she presently serves as the Chair of the Awards and Recognition Committee. She loves working with the people in our community for a cause that benefits everyone.

Karlyn is looking forward to great things happening with the Alpine Foundation and is honored to be a part of it. Karlyn is a quality leader and she makes things happen! She is presently employed as the Corporate Resource Coordinator with Xactware, Inc., in Orem.

The Foundation is extremely fortunate to have such a quality leader helping to find resources to enrich our children's education.



"Joys divided are increased." -Josiah Gilbert Holland



Mission and Objectives Revisited



At a recent planning and training session, the Board of Directors made some revisions in the mission statement and the objectives of the Alpine Foundation. The originals were the result of a strategic session in 1994. Committees are now functioning to accomplish specific goals related to each objective and the mission.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Alpine School District Foundation is to provide resources that will enhance and support optimal education opportunities for the students of Alpine School District by forming effective partnerships with educators, parents, business, and all other dimensions of the community.

OBJECTIVES

1. We will establish programs that will significantly increase communication between the Foundation, the schools, and the community of Alpine School District.
2. We will expand the resources of the Foundation and establish guidelines for the distribution of funds.
3. We will support schools in their efforts to create and nurture partnerships.
4. We will develop and implement programs for recognizing excellence in the Alpine Educational Community.

"What I gave, I have; what I spent, I had; what I kept, I lost." - Old Epitah

A Time To Say Thanks...

This is the time of the year when we think about giving, caring for others, and expressing best wishes and thanks. There are so many teachers, administrators, staff, parents, businesses, and other generous citizens, who have helped the Alpine Foundation find resources to enrich the education of the children.

As a result of the generosity of those in the Alpine School District community, the cash and in-kind donations continue to flow in for our schools. On behalf of the children, the Foundation Board of Directors would like to express appreciation to all who give of their means to benefit the 44,000 students in this district. This is a most noble cause! Thanks to all who have helped in any way. We hope you have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



"Accent on Excellence"

The Alpine Foundation Board of Directors is pleased to announce the first annual "Accent on Excellence" Awards. In May, 1998, twelve of Alpine School District's most outstanding educators will be honored for their service to students, schools, and the community. The awards will be sponsored by the district, businesses, and the Foundation. Principals have been invited to form a committee within each school and to make a nomination.

The nominees will then submit an application to the Foundation Selection Committee. Those to be honored are as follows: Ten certified educators (must have at least four years of experience in Alpine); the Classified Employee of the Year; and the Administrator of the Year. The recipients will each receive \$500, with a like amount given to the school in the finalist's honor; an original statuette designed by local artist Joeseph Germaine; a Franklin Planner; recognition at the awards dinner; complimentary meals at local restaurants; and recognition on the "Accent on Excellence" Honor Roll. Hopefully, local news reporters will cover the event. The Foundation Board would like to honor excellence, enhance the public image of our educators, and recognize representatives of our staff who are local heroes and quality role models for our students. This is seen by the directors as a most worthy goal.





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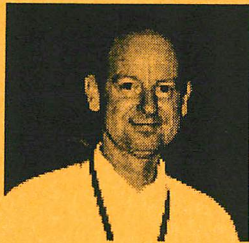
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Mike Anderson Passes Gavel to Ferrell Hill



Michael Anderson

After two years of quality service as the President of the Alpine Foundation, Mike

Anderson passed the gavel to Ferrell Hill on September 18, 1997. Under Mr. Anderson's outstanding leadership, the organization has grown and it has provided extra resources to the students, staff, and the schools. Mike is a strong advocate for the family and strongly supports a quality education for all children. He has done many things to help others while enhancing the environment in the community. We extend our sincere appreciation to Mike Anderson for two fine years as President.

Ferrell Hill is full of

enthusiasm for the goals and potential of the Foundation. He loves the young people and his desire is to enhance the educational opportunity for each of them.

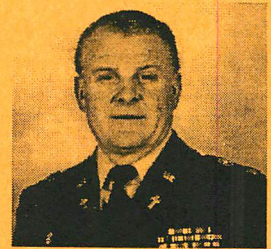
Ferrell J. Hill was born in Payson to F. LeRoy and Alene (Argyle) Hill. He graduated from Spanish Fork High School and received a BS Degree from BYU and his MS Degree from Long Island University, New York City. He married Venda Del Holman of Moses Lake Washington. They are the parents of six children, Jeff, Cheri (McQuire), Nicole (Fox), Jay, Tara and Paul. They have six grandchildren.

Ferrell has been employed by the Education System of the LDS Church for 30 years and he has been the principal of the Lehi High School, and Timpview High School Seminars.

He holds the rank of Colonel in the Army Reserve and supervises the mili-

tary religious program for six western states. He is involved with community programs, being a former president of the Lehi Booster Club, and a Silver Beaver in the B.S.A.

We look for two productive years under the fine leadership of Ferrell Hill. Congratulations to you Ferrell!



Ferrell Hill

"There is no such whetstone, to sharpen a good wit and encourage a will to learning, as is praise." - Roger Ascham



Warehouse staff left to right: Chuck Harvey, Jay Reynolds, Richard Hansen, Frank Manning and Kirk McDaniel.

They Make It Happen!

These guys really do deliver! Whether it's trucking and distributing ten and a half tons of poster paper, 23,000 Franklin Planners, 44,000

computer discs, 19,000 boxes of crayons, or ten pallets of computer equipment, these men make it all possible. From their already hectic schedule, they have allotted

some of their time to help deliver items donated by patrons and businesses through the Foundation, to the schools. Considering the fact that Alpine District has fifty-

four schools, this takes a dedicated effort. On behalf of the Foundation Board of Directors, the schools, and the children, we would like to extend our sincere appreciation to the warehouse personnel for all they have done. Without their support, this goal of the Alpine Foundation couldn't be accomplished. They put materials into the hands of our excellent teaching staff and their work helps

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enrich the educational experience for the students. Thanks to all those who work in the Warehouse Department.

“The Winners”

Congratulations! The following were the winners of the prizes given in the drawing at the New Teachers Orientation, August 18, 1997:

- **Paige Brashean**, AF Jr. - cooler
- **Tim Christofferson**, Eaglecrest - cooler
- **David Op't Hof**, Cedar Valley - flashlight
- **Ramona DeLay**, Orchard - hat
- **Jill Gibson**, Cedar Valley - \$15.00 gift certificate, Barnes & Noble.
- **DeAnna Ball**, Cedar Ridge - \$10.00 gift certificate, Media Play
- **Cindy Hadfield**, Legacy - \$15.00 gift certificate Alphabet Station



*“What lies behind us
and what lies before us are
tiny matters compared to
what lies within us.” -
Ralph Waldo Emerson*

New Foundation Secretary



Allie Cannon has been selected as the new, part-time secretary for the Alpine School District Foundation. She has a family of four children, three of which are in college. Her youngest, Chip, is attending Pleasant Grove Junior. Allie grew up in the Holladay area of Salt Lake City and attended BYU. For the past twenty-one years, she has been traveling the world with her husband, Pete, a career Army officer. They spent a total of six years in Germany and just recently completed a two-year assignment to the American Embassy in Rome, Italy. While living on the east coast, she worked in the Fairfax County, Virginia, Public School System as a secretary. Allie enjoys art, wood crafting, interior decorating and creating scrapbooks for family members. The family has purchased a home in Cedar Hills. Please join in extending a warm welcome to her.

Salute!

The Board of Directors of the Alpine Foundation wish to pay tribute to those district employees who contribute through the payroll deduction program. For this purpose, a special plaque has been designed which reads, “I am investing in the Future of Children Through The Alpine Foundation.” It can be displayed on a door, wall, window, or in an office or classroom. A plaque will be personalized for all enrollees. For those who spend their own money on supplies for their students, or who wish to donate to their child’s or grandchild’s school or classroom, the payroll deduction program is an excellent way to do it. The monthly donation is tax deductible and the donor designates how the money is to be spent.

We salute those who are participating and encourage all the district staff to join in this program. Business leaders are impressed when they learn that the staff is involved in a payroll deduction plan. It is a nice way to benefit the children, the school, the individual classroom and the donor.



BEV JARVIS

A Myriad of Donations!

People have asked, “what kinds of things are donated to the Alpine Foundation?” The answer is, “Anything of value that can be used in a school.” Cash is always appreciated, but the Foundation is a clearinghouse for such things as cars, computer equipment, stocks, and musical instruments. We also process office supplies, paper, shelves, works of art, and kilns for ceramics. Citizens have contributed fossil kits, property, and service (work on school projects). Supporters of Alpine District can also leave endowments and property in wills and charitable remainder trusts.

All donations are tax deductible, receipted, and help enrich the educational environment for the children. All members of the district staff are invited to help find and inform potential donors about possible contributions.

Newsletter published by: Kay Laursen, Allie Cannon, and Julie Finlayson



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Franklin Planners Create Excitement Among Secondary Students



Principal Russell Felt handing a Franklin Planner to students Quaken Beal (left) and Nate Nelson (right)

had the freedom to determine the best use for them in their schools.

Students were interested in giving the Franklin Planners a try. Ryshelle Hubert, American Fork High School Senior, said, "Everyone was so excited to get the

planners. They're awesome!" Amber Mott, a Sterling Scholar at American Fork High School said, "I'm sure they will help everyone organize better; they'll get better grades."

Lehi High School principal, Russell Felt, had an interesting experience while distributing

the planners after they had arrived in his building. It was 4:00 p.m. when he asked two young ladies to come and see what he had for them. They were so excited to receive the set that they began to spread the news to the remaining students in an almost empty school. It wasn't long before Mr. Felt had a large line of kids hoping to receive the same gift. He said, "They poured out of the gyms and jumped from the activity bus to join the stimulated crowd." Principal Felt continued, "The nice thing is the kids took them and they are using them. Every student was appreciative.

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As a result of very generous donations by NuSkin International and Franklin Quest, the goal of collecting 21,000 planners became a reality. Alpine Foundation tried to get enough units donated so one could be offered to every secondary student. Principals, however,

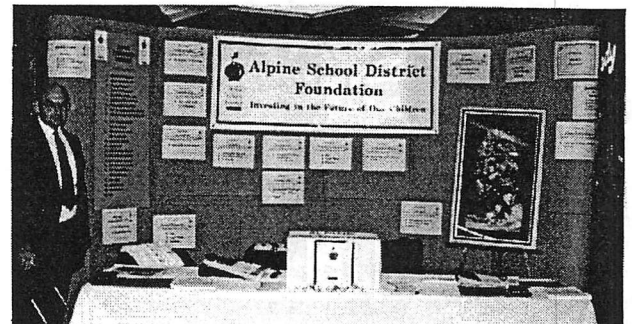
Education Fair A Success For Alpine Foundation

Alpine School District sponsored an Education Fair at the University Mall on Friday and Saturday, March 21 and 22. The theme, "Keepers of the Dream," fits nicely with the goals of the Alpine Foundation. Enhancing, enriching, and extending the quality of the educational opportunity for each student, through the procurement of contributions and in-kind donations, is the challenge relished by the Board of Directors. With the teamwork of quality teachers, administrators, and staff, and by providing sufficient resources, the foundation board would like to help the district

provide a gateway to "the American Dream" for each child. The booths, displays, and performances at the Education Fair helped move Alpine District closer to these goals. During the two-day event, Alpine Foundation Board members Mark Bateman, Melissa Bowen, Karlyn Norton, Gary Seastrand, and Kay Laursen (and Kay's wife Marilyn) spent time talking to citizens about the purposes of the organization. The design was to

expand public awareness and to get more people interested in "Investing in the Future of Our Children." Well over three hundred adults visited the foundation booth. Most of the visitors

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Kay Laursen at the Alpine Foundation Booth, Education Fair, University Mall

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They are not lying around and there was nothing thrown in the halls. I still see students carrying them."

The members of the Alpine School District Foundation and the generous owners of NuSkin and Franklin Quest hope the planners will enhance the educational experience of the students. Used to their full advantage, they can make learning more systematic, fun, and exciting.

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were from the local area, but there were people from cities like Richfield, Price and St. George, and states such as New Mexico and Oregon, who visited the display. There were 285 adults who filled out a ticket for the drawing for over \$1,400 in prizes, which were donated by sponsoring businesses. Hopefully, the many hours spent at the fair will pay future dividends and help the Alpine Foundation achieve its goals for the students and add exemplary support to the "Keepers of the Dream".



The Finders Corner

School administrators have expressed a need for some specialized items. Can you help us find any of the following:

- Podium
- Kilns
- Basketball Backboards
- Book Shelves

The items should be in good condition. If you know of a possible donor, call Kay Laursen at 756-8425. Thanks for your concern for our children.

Charitable Payroll Deductions Benefit Students and Teachers

At times, each of us may have the desire to "have our cake and eat it too." Employee donations through the Alpine School District Foundation can help bring this wish close to a reality.

Almost all teachers spend some of their own money on supplies or activities which enhance and enrich the educational experience for their students. By planning ahead, a budget for this purpose can be created which will benefit children and serve the educator in several ways.

For about the price of two movie tickets per month, a payroll

deduction can build a fund of \$120 in a year. This money can be used and budgeted as designated by the donor. It is then available for classroom, school, or foundation use. Purchases and expenditures from the fund are made through approved district procedures.

The advantages for the teacher are as follows: he/she determines the use of the funds; the monies can be spent on supplies for the donor's classroom; the children are provided an enriched learning experience; and the gift is tax deductible.

Teachers also have some influence on the use of

undesignated foundation funds as the result of representation on the Board of Directors. Ronald Brailsford, Drafting instructor at Orem High is presently serving a two year term. Past teacher representatives were Jean Nelson, Orchard Elementary, and Janice Mayne, American Fork Junior High.

Businesses are impressed to know that our staff supports the Alpine Foundation through payroll deductions. We encourage all who are not participating to start taking advantage of this opportunity. "Have your cake and eat it too."

A "Finders Network," You Can Help!

You can help make the goals of the Alpine Foundation become a reality for the benefit of our children. All people have connections! Each of you know of people who love and have a deep concern for the youth, the quality of their education, and who recognize the effect of an educated citizenry on the community. When you are willing to invite them to "Invest in the Future of Our Children",

you become a vital and active link in a "finders network." We hope that you will encourage your friends, relations, and associates to join in this "most noble cause," the education of a child. Cicero said, "what greater or better gift can we offer the republic than to teach and instruct the youth?" Serve children by helping to expand the network.

Kilns, "The Luck of the Draw"

Mrs. Jean Boyd donated two kilns to the Alpine Foundation. It is her hope that they can be used to enhance the art program for children. Requests for them were received from fifteen schools. A drawing was held in March, and the small kiln went to Alpine Elementary and larger unit to Lehi High School.

Thanks to Mrs. Boyd and congratulations to the winners!



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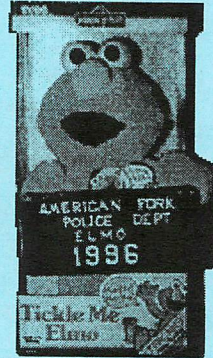
The "Generosity Bug" Bites During the Christmas Season

While unloading the trucks at the new Wal-Mart in American Fork, the employees found a case of twelve "Tickle-Me-Elmo" dolls. Since the store was not scheduled to open until some-time in January 1997, Manager, Mark Weatherhogg and Assistant Manager, Laurel White asked the associates what to do with them. They voted to donate the dolls to the Dan Peterson School and the Pre-School Program. Laurel contacted Brent Taylor, Principal, and Wayne Crabb, Director of

Early Childhood Programs to arrange for the donation. All funds raised through the sale of the dolls would go to benefit the children with disabilities.

Wow! What a super gift for some of Alpine District's most needy students. On December 20, 1996, amid the cheers and shouts of the Wal-Mart employees, with the Central Utah KSL-TV, Channel Five News team under the direction of Robert Walz in action, and with reporters writing frantically, the dolls were presented to Mr. Taylor and Mr. Crabb.

The Elmos, considered to be some of "America's Most Wanted" toys,



were sequestered in an American Fork Police car. With lights flashing and sirens wailing, they were delivered to and locked up in the city jail, under the watchful eye of

Public Relations Officer, Rick Bockman.

The campaign to sell the dolls began immediately with the

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Ancient "Hands-On" Fossils Benefit Space Age Kids

The geological history of the earth's crust can come to life and cause Alpine's students' minds to race and their imaginations to soar with the Gunther Family's donation of fossil kits. Each school received a set of selected and labeled specimens of the past.

David's father, Lloyd Gunther, developed an interest in collecting "things" at an early age. His mentor was the well known John Hutchings. A museum, named

in honor of Mr. Hutchings, is located in Lehi today. Both before and following their marriage, Lloyd and



Mr. David Gunther is showing fossils to Barratt Elementary students: Kristen Alworth, Kelly Haycock, Megan Murdock, Kira Lilly, and Brittney Mahalko.

Metta would "go off on expeditions in search of the unusual."

As the children came along, they became deeply involved in the search

for specimens. David said, "...from very young ages we all were frequently taken out in the 'hills' to continue building upon father's obsession of collecting. There were

many weekends that we rose early in the morning hours to drive away from the city to seek out something new and exciting. Rarely were we disappointed. Dad seemed to have a 'nose' for those things."

The students of Alpine District are now the beneficiaries of the success of father Lloyd, mother Metta, and children, Larry, Metta Marie, David, Val, Jared, and Jay. The fossils, fish, leaves, trilobites, petrified wood, horn coral, etc. were collected in Utah, Wyoming, New Mexico, and other Rocky Mountain regions. Lloyd Gunther is still living in Brigham City and he still has a remarkable

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local newspapers and KSL-TV publishing and broadcasting the phone numbers. With the American Fork Youth Court, under the direction of Officer Bockman, volunteers, teachers, Principal Taylor, Mr. Crabb, and administrators manning the phones, and with the minimum bid per doll set at \$1,000, the fundraising project was set in motion.

Thanks to the excellent press and television coverage, and

as a result of the generosity of companies, private individuals, and foundations, eleven of the twelve Elmos were sold (bailed out of jail) and one received a "pardon." Five of the dolls were donated to the Primary Childrens Hospital and were delivered by Officer Bockman on Christmas.

The \$11,050.00 raised will help enhance the educational opportunities for the children at Dan Peterson and in Pre-School. All gifts flowed through the Alpine School District Foundation and are tax deductible, less the price of the doll.

For All Those Who Are Dedicated To Children

I dreamed I stood in a studio
And watched two sculptors there.
The clay they used was a young
child's mind,
And they fashioned it with care.
One was a teacher; the tools she used
were books, music and art.
One was a parent, who worked with a
Building hand and gentle loving heart.

Day after day the teacher toiled
With a touch that was deft and sure
While the parent labored by her side
And polished and smoothed it o'er.
And when at last their task was done,
They were proud of what they had
wrought
For the things they had molded into
the child,
Could neither be sold or bought.
And each agreed that he would have
failed
If he had worked alone
For behind the teacher stood the
school,
And behind the parent, the home.

Cleo Victoria Swarat



Employee Support Continues to Grow



Alpine Foundation Treasurer, Bev Jarvis, reports that the monthly contributions through payroll deductions from district employees have reached \$2,173 per month. These funds are usually earmarked for classroom, project, school or undesignated foundation use. They are tax deductible gifts.

Private individuals, businesses, and other donors are

impressed when they learn that our own employees contribute and support the foundation.

It is not too late to join this year. Those wishing to **give a gift which will benefit children** can still fill out the payroll deduction form and return it to the Alpine Foundation office. Even a dollar or two per month will help! For further information, call 756-8425.

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collection which can be seen in his home to this day.

The donations from this outstanding collection have excited the teachers. Patrea West said, "I have never seen fossils of this quality outside a museum, and neither have the students. Highland Elementary is thrilled to have the students have this experience." Another elementary teacher's comment when seeing the fossil kit was, "This is pure gold."

As a result of the interest and generosity of the Gunther family, the students in our schools will have a richer opportunity to touch, see, and discuss the history, formation, and changes in the earth's crust. David said, "We felt as a family that it would be nice if some of the specimens that we had...might best be shared with others." Fine quality evidence of ancient times is now available to enhance the educational experience of our students.

We express our sincere appreciation to all members of the Lloyd Gunther family.

What we have
done for ourselves
alone dies with us.
What we have done
for others
and the world
remains and is
immortal."

Albert Pipe