

## **SchoolCARE Summary Sheet**

**Amount pledged for the 2008-09 school year:           Over \$250,000**

Number of families contributing: Over 600

Years funding Albany schools:   8

Suggested donation amount:     \$500 per student

Welcome donation amount:       Any amount welcome!!

### **This year, SchoolCARE dollars are providing:**

At Ocean View, Cornell, and Marin elementary schools: Reading specialists, and library and classroom aides.

At Albany Middle School: One full time counselor and library/classroom aides

At Albany High School: The career/college coordinator, three elective courses, and support for the Future Leaders Institute service learning program.

At MacGregor High: Counseling and elective enrichment.

Despite the difficult economic times, the Albany community continues to rally to support our schools - over \$250,000 for the current year!

### **How is the money raised:**

Primarily through individual/family donations. Some families donate via credit card (or check) on a monthly basis; others make a one or two larger contributions. Online donation is available through [justgive.org](http://justgive.org); donation forms are available on our website; contributions can be dropped off in any school office. The major fundraising activity takes place in the spring, with a citywide brochure drop and phonathon to school families.

### **How the money is spent:**

The money is spent on site-determined needs. We work with stakeholders at the school sites - parents, teachers, students, administrators - to look at the school needs and priorities, and how we can work to maximize available resources to meet as many of those needs as possible. Each spring the schools provide SchoolCARE with a wish list, and fundraising continues through the early summer in order to fund as many of those items as possible. We allocate funds equitably among the schools, in keeping with student populations at each level.

### **How you can get involved:**

Donate

Outreach at school events like Open House

Walk in the brochure drop

Call during phonathon

Join our board of directors

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