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Partners In Education Funds Available

Applications for Paradise Community Foundation's "Partners In Education" grant are now available at all school sites on the ridge and the Paradise Unified School District office, 6696 Clark Road, Paradise, according to Gary Manwill, Foundation President . Grants are available from \$1,000 per grant to a maximum award of \$10,740. The purpose of the grant is to develop a program that encourages and creates the involvement of educators, parents and students working together in education and to strengthen the bond between parents, teachers, coaches, and volunteers involved in the education and development of youth in the Paradise Ridge area. Parents, teachers, coaches, volunteers or professionals who educate and train children within the geographic boundaries of the Paradise Ridge communities of Paradise, Magalia, Paradise Pines and Stirling City (excluding Butte Meadows) are eligible and encouraged to apply. Deadline for applications is October 15, 2007.

These funds have been made available through the Thorne Charitable Trust at the Paradise Community Foundation. Mrs. Thorne was a third grade teacher and realized the importance of parents working with children in education. Grants funded in 2007 were an environmental education program at Evergreen 6, TEAM Ponderosa Parent Education program at Ponderosa Elementary School, Paradise Elementary School Garden Revitalization project and a Trade A Book program at Paradise Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization.

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