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A+ Education Foundation Awards over \$61,000 in Grants!

Austin, TX – A+ Education Foundation (Foundation), a philanthropic arm of A+ Federal Credit Union announced the recipients of the Foundation’s 2010 Educator Grant Program. This year marks the 61st anniversary of the credit union and more than \$61,000 awarded to 62 grant recipients! These funds cover the cost of programs, supplies, and training to improve the classroom experience for students in Central Texas. This year’s 62 winning submissions included projects such as learning in an outdoor environment, a motor therapy and sensory room, integrating SMART board technology, daily reading club and a program with equine therapy for children with disabilities.

Grant Recipient	School	School District
Anna Pedroza	Ortega Elementary	Austin
Malia M. Muir	St Elmo Elementary	Austin
Florence "Gail" Laubenthal	Sanchez Elementary	Austin
Roger Alvarado	Ortega Elementary	Austin
Alicia C. Hill	Doss Elementary	Austin
Cindy J. St. John	Fulmore Middle School	Austin
Suzanna Ammenheuser	Casis Elementary	Austin
Barbara J. Wilson	Sanchez Elementary	Austin
Michelle L. Washington	Reagan High School	Austin
Kristy J. Hobart	Volma Overton Elementary	Austin
Stacey L. Shapiro	Zilker Elementary	Austin
Charles D. Moody	Akins High School	Austin
Eileen M. Brady	Ross Baldwin Elementary	Austin
Sarah E. Robertson	Metz Elementary	Austin
Giani Crow	Austin Peace Academy	Austin Peace Academy
Heather Wheeler	Bluebonnet Elementary	Bastrop
Amy R. Semer	Emile Elementary	Bastrop
Michelle L. Mohrmann	Brentwood Christian School	Brentwood Christian School
Shelley L. Peachey	Village Elementary	Georgetown
Lorraine D. Bonsall	Williams Elementary	Georgetown

Samantha Stevens	McCoy Elementary	Georgetown
Cheryl A. Spears	Ford Elementary	Georgetown
Marcie L. Lindsey	Mitchell Elementary	Georgetown
Jeanne M. Stewart	Lehman High School	Hays
Vicki Thweatt	Bee Cave Elementary	Lake Travis
Annette Derrick	Bee Cave Elementary	Lake Travis
Faye Inglis	Bee Cave Elementary	Lake Travis
Deborah S. Simmons	Giddens Elementary	Leander
Carrie L. Culpepper Griffin	Central Administration	Manor
Tarryl J. Hyder	Manor High School	Manor
Nancy L. Fullerton	Westview Middle School	Pflugerville
Dawn B. Kennedy	Windermere Primary School	Pflugerville
Renata R. Geurtz	John B. Connally High School	Pflugerville
Hillary S. Brock	River Oaks Elementary	Pflugerville
Shannon Waites	Jollyville Elementary	Round Rock
Refugia "Beth" Johnstone	Jollyville Elementary	Round Rock
Pamela G. Taylor	Brushy Creek Elementary	Round Rock
Kristina M. Caffey	Teravista Elementary	Round Rock
Jessica Niles Cheyney	Callison Elementary	Round Rock
Bonnie J. Davenport	Forest Creek Elementary	Round Rock
Deborah Lenz	Jollyville Elementary	Round Rock
Elizabeth A. Hodges	Union Hill Elementary	Round Rock
Emily J. Thurman	Purple Sage Elementary	Round Rock
Linda D. Wilcox	Live Oak Elementary	Round Rock
Janifer J. Wheeler	Laurel Mountain Elementary	Round Rock
Stephanie E. Poronsky	Callison Elementary	Round Rock
Kay Lynn Diamond	Union Hill Elementary	Round Rock
Nora G. Ogle	Live Oak Elementary	Round Rock
Teresa V. Shanahan	Caldwell Heights Elementary	Round Rock
Jennifer E. Weaver	Callison Elementary	Round Rock
Diana Garcia	Lorenzo DeZavala Elementary	San Marcos
Jacquelynn S. Norman	San Marcos High School	San Marcos
Chris L. Cooper	San Marcos High School	San Marcos
Sandra A. Reyes	Mendez Elementary	San Marcos

Melody Evers	Jacob's Well Elementary	Wimberley
Marilyn Burns	Jacob's Well Elementary	Wimberley
Lorna R. Jeter	Jacob's Well Elementary	Wimberley
Susan H. Brown	Jacob's Well Elementary	Wimberley
Robin A. Estepp	Jacob's Well Elementary	Wimberley
Diane Spangenberg	Jacob's Well Elementary	Wimberley
Kathryn M. Harrison	Jacob's Well Elementary	Wimberley
Erin K. Springs	Jacob's Well Elementary	Wimberley

The Foundation also continues to offer an Honorary Grant Program in which grants are awarded, in a name designated by contributors, in the amount of \$1,000. This year's recipient of *The Kate Loftis Memorial Education Grant*, awarded on behalf of Dennis and Cindy Loftis, is Florence "Gail" Laubenthal from Sanchez Elementary in Austin ISD. Her grant program is entitled Reading Buddy Backpacks. Kate Loftis who was born January 31, 1900 was a life-long teacher who obtained her teaching certificate from what is now Texas State University. At age 20, she began teaching in schools around Travis County until her retirement in 1945. She then began teaching veterans returning from World War II and continued teaching until her mid 90's, travelling from her care facility to a local elementary school to teach reading.

Kerry A.S. Parker, President of the Foundation notes, "How pleased we are to award and fund these important and creative projects for educators in Central Texas. Implementation of the grants will enhance the educators' teaching as well as positively impact their students and campuses. With tight budgets, the funds for these programs have been more difficult than ever to attain. A+ Federal Credit Union was founded by teachers in 1949 and remains committed to giving back to the educational community through our grant and other programs."

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A+ Education Foundation – A+ Education Foundation was established and developed by A+ Federal Credit Union in 2005 to provide grants to full-time PreK-12 educators in reaching their educational goals. Since its inception, the Foundation has given over \$243,000 in grants. These grants help fund programs and training for educators in the communities served by A+ Federal Credit Union. For more information or to find out how to support teachers in your area, click on the A+ Education Foundation link at aplusfcu.org/grants.

A+ Federal Credit Union - With 12 Austin area locations, more than \$781 million in assets, and over 88,000 members that include not only educators, students, and their families, but other members of the community as well, A+FCU has grown to become one of the largest credit unions in Austin. To find out more, visit the website at aplusfcu.org.