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PISF and Eleven Area Schools to Kick-off Third Program Year

The Pasadena Independent Schools Foundation program, launched three years ago anticipating only 25 participants, has accepted 100 incoming students to this year's program, according to Founder Jonathan Jaffrey. PISF will also have 50 students from last year return to complete their second year, bringing the total number of participants to 150.



Jonathan Jaffrey

PISF is an innovative youth philanthropy initiative. As part of this program, middle to high school-aged students from area schools will gain hands-on experience on how to establish and operate a private foundation, ultimately making grants to charitable organizations in their local and surrounding areas. To date PISF has granted \$96,000 to local area charities.

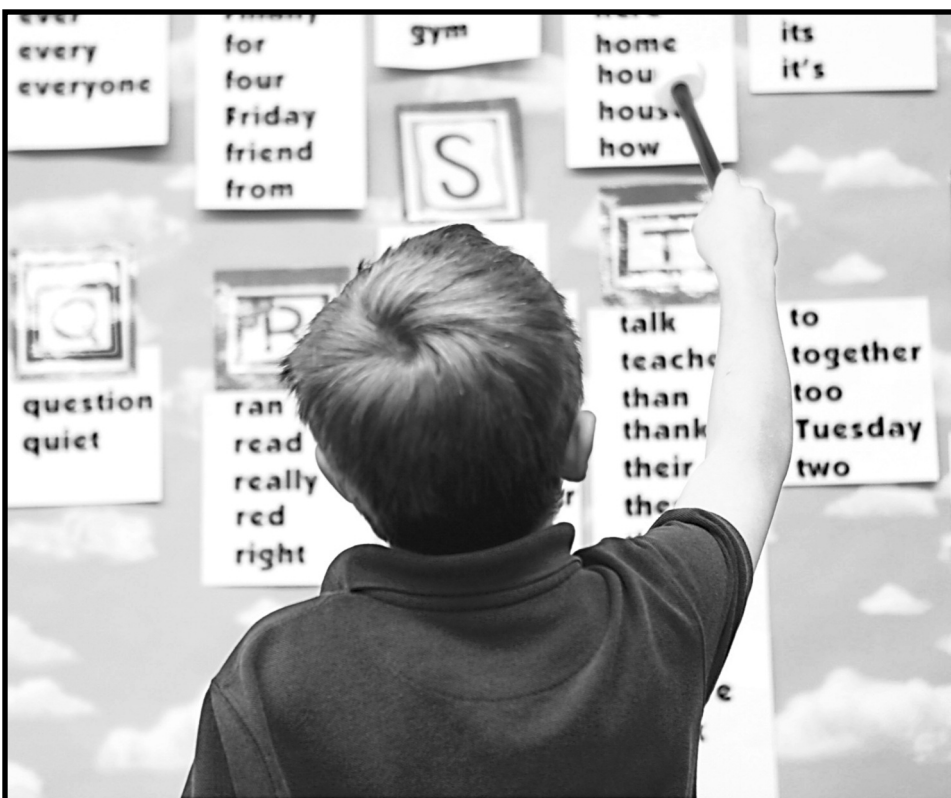
This year, students from Clairbourn School, Maranatha High School, Pasadena Christian School and Sequoyah School will join Chandler School, Flintridge Preparatory School, Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy, Mayfield Senior School, New Horizon, Polytechnic School and Westridge School in participating in the program.

The goal of the program is to give the students a thorough understanding of philanthropy and nonprofit operation, to learn skills in critical thinking

and decision making, to develop and build leadership skills and to learn the benefits of voluntarism. By giving the participants the opportunity to contribute to the betterment of their community, PISF's goal is to have students acquire a life-long passion for giving.

Experts in the field of philanthropy and nonprofit management provide classroom time on issues related to nonprofit and foundation management, budgeting, grant proposal review and assessment and financial decision-making. Local nonprofit organizations can submit a proposal for funding from the foundation. Teams of students then evaluate the proposals and make site visits to the charities to learn more about the purpose of the grant. At the conclusion of the visits, the students hold a meeting and determine, based on the proposals and the information they gain from their site visits, which charities will be awarded a grant.

In the second year of the program, students make return visits to the charities to learn how the funds were spent and how it benefitted the organization. Over the next school year, student participants, with the assistance of faculty, parent and philanthropic advisors, will be granting \$96,000 to local charitable organizations and strengthening their connections with the community as well as each other. For more information about PISF, visit www.pisf.org.



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