



Helping To Change Lives,
One Scholarship At A Time.

FACT SHEET

2012

SCHOLARS' FESTIVAL

The Beginning In early 2006, a group of Mission Hills Country Club members got together and asked employees what would be a good way to give a little added “thanks” to this loyal family. Without hesitation, the employees said they would like scholarship opportunities for themselves, their spouses and their children. And so was born the Mission Hills Employee Scholarship Fund, which has grown from a handful of friends to hundreds of member donors.

The Program All employees with more than one year's service, their spouses and children are eligible. While college is often the most selected opportunity, it's not the only one. Technical classes, cooking school, golf course and landscape maintenance, nursing – there are so many ways our employees and families can enhance their education. And to make sure the educational experience is a success, the Scholarship Fund also provides mentors from among club members. In spring of 2010 we began funding English as a Second Language classes for employees – both maintenance and kitchen workers; and most recently are funding a guidance counselor to help at risk high school students.

Scholars In the six years since inception of the fund, scholarships have been awarded to 41 students totaling \$271,000 Their stories can be found at: <http://www.missionhillsscholars.org/Scholars/index.htm>.

Annual Fundraising Festival Starting in April 2007 the Scholarship Fund board began a day of golf, tennis, croquet and an auction in order to raise funds. The first year 300 people attended with \$45,000 raised by our generous members and friends. In February of 2011, the fifth year, the event grew to over 650 attendees and \$126,000 raised in a day and a half of activities now also including: Battle of the Pros, Pooch Party, Bocce Ball and Exotic Car Show. The 2012 Festival will be held February 17-18 with the Schedule of Activities similar to that of 2011, which can be found at <http://www.missionhillsscholars.org/Schedule/index.htm>. This is the one time a year when members of all disciplines of Mission Hills Country Club come together. Over 100 volunteers work on the event.

Sponsorship As we continue to grow, last year for the first time we looked to international companies for corporate sponsorship and Oracle generously stepped up with a two year grant. This year Kraft Nabisco Championship joined as a sponsor to give back to our employees and members; and so did Mission Hills Country Club.

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