

Joyce Challans Memorial Fund added to Smoky Valley Community Foundation

The Smoky Valley Community Foundation is pleased to announce the receipt of the Joyce Challans Memorial Fund in the amount of \$10,000. This fund was established through the transfer of monies from the Joyce Challans Memorial Fund of Unified School District 400. One hundred percent of the monies earned in the fund will be distributed to USD 400 for the express purpose of providing assistance to financially challenged students in USD 400 who attend Marquette Elementary School.

The Marquette Community, in a leadership role, along with the support of all the communities of USD 400, has worked extremely hard to build this memorial fund over the last two years. Joyce Challans taught for 24 years at Marquette Elementary School and lost her courageous battle with cancer on April 14, 2006. She

is fondly remembered for her enthusiastic dedication to her students, her love of family and friends, and her active involvement in so many facets of the Marquette Community.

Leon Burch, Executive Director of the Smoky Valley Community Foundation, stated, "We are extremely pleased to receive these funds as a permanent endowment in memory of Joyce Challans to benefit students at Marquette Elementary School. We thank the communities of Unified School District 400 for their enthusiastic fund raising efforts and for the trust USD 400 has placed in the Foundation to administer this fund. Donors may continue to add to this fund and it is our expectation that it will continue to grow to provide increased benefits for Marquette Elementary School children."

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