

giving thoughts...

Books for the Barrios has been bringing literacy, education and peace to the farthest and most difficult to reach barrios around the world. With over 10,000 libraries under their belt, their story of giving continues with Tools 4 Schools..

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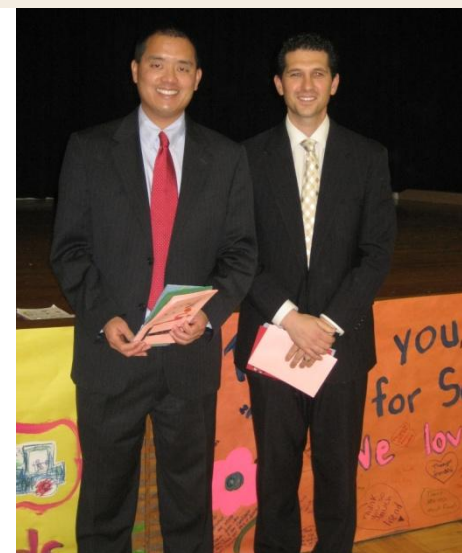
What philanthropy looks like behind the scenes.

"As California State budget cuts harm K-12 education. It is reassuring to know that Tools for Schools is there when our children need them most."

-Hon. David Canepa, Daly City Councilmember

"The work by Tools 4 Schools is an important community endeavor that deserves everyone's support, and I was honored and humbled to be on the host committee. Providing the basic needs such as paper, pencils, rulers and other supplies to public school students and teachers is a small but significant step towards supporting the American ideal of equal education for everyone."

-Hon. David Lim, San Mateo Councilmember



11 Schools Say 'Thank You' Over 4,000 children reached.

Great things start from small beginnings. In October of 2010, I received a call from Gayle Threets who was concerned about a Hercules school suffering tremendous budget cuts. His selfless desire to help one school grew into a project that would respond to calls for help in Oakland, the Philippines, South San Francisco, San Jose and San Francisco – eleven schools and thousands of kids.

By early Novembers, an ad hoc team of around 20, had scheduled five fundraisers around the Bay Area to locally fuel a two-month campaign. "\$9,605.31 was raised in two months. Every cent went to school supplies for 11 schools, touching the lives of over 4,000 children"

The Tools 4 Schools kick off event brought in new faces like Suleman Hansia, Julio Galvez of EVE and great friends like Angela Rodriguez. The event yielded over \$1,800 in donations and tubs of school supplies.

The Pacific Islander community turned up with an island-style event on December 8th that raised \$1,500. San Francisco Supervisor Bevan Dufty joined Hon. David Lim, Hon. David Canepa, Samoan Parents In Action & Mission District Re-Entry Center for Youth in an effort led by Manufou Anoa'i, Jackie Selinger and Lemas Briggs. Young ukulele performers, dancers and spoken word artists lent their tremendous talent for the cause.

On December 9, San Jose represented in full flair with cocktails at the latin bistro, Azucar! Hon. Ash Kalra and his team, led by Steve Aponte, brought in \$5000 in donations, securing our biggest sponsors. With live music, margaritas and tons of supplies, the South Bay was in full force.

The East Bay was not to be left behind. On December 16th, Dave & Mary Nicely spearheaded an event at Meridian in downtown Berkeley. Cellist Charles Wang treated the crowd to classical favorites and March Into Paris played a full set of rocking tunes. Many new friends helped bring in \$500 and over five big tubs of donated items.

Bay Area holidays have forever been changed by Holiday Love, an annual cause-focused holiday event that mixes a great crowd with good music and good vibes. Ringing in \$2000 for the night, Matt Haney and Citizen Hope wrapped up Tools 4 Schools.

The purchasing, packing and shipping happened over a two month period. Our deepest gratitude goes out to all who participated and donated money and supplies. No donation was too small because somewhere around the Bay Area, every pencil and box of crayons is helping a child live his life fully.

