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*2009*  
**Annual Drive**

*Your  
opportunity to  
make  
a difference in  
the life  
of a child*

**Dear Friends of Education,**  
*We invite you to...*

*...be an essential part of the Ventura Education Partnership. VEP is a community-based, non-profit organization that supports and enriches education in the Ventura Unified School District. VEP is an all-volunteer board which allows us to maximize funding to VEP programs and services that benefit children of Ventura Unified. Thanks for your consideration.*

*Sincerely,*

*Debbie Golden  
VEP Vice-President Finance  
Board of Education*



**Your sponsorship** of the 2009 Annual Drive will reach VUSD's vast network, which includes over 17,000 families along with 2,000 teachers and staff. The audience attracted to VEP's advertising will be in excess of 50,000 people. Give a minimum of \$250 only once a year and receive sponsor recognition at our fundraisers and in all VEP publicity. Give a minimum of \$1,000 only once a year to have your name on our donor wall at the District Office and all other previously mentioned sponsorship benefits.

In this difficult budget time for public schools, please consider partnering with VEP to benefit the children of our community.

**To learn more, visit our website at [www.vep4vusd.org](http://www.vep4vusd.org)**

### Arts Education Advocacy Collaborative

Comprised of educators, parents and leaders in the arts community, this group is working to bring more focus on arts education to our classrooms. This collaborative offers annual arts grants to teachers for innovative classroom art projects and brings arts educators from the community into classrooms. This collaborative is working toward a five-year master plan for elementary visual and performing arts. In September 2010 VEP will present a concert at Olivas Adobe.

Proceeds go to GrantSmart Arts Grants. Festival sponsorship included.

**Goal: \$25,000**

### Coordinated School Health

This collaborative works to impact the epidemic of childhood obesity by supporting all aspects of the school district's Coordinated School Health Program and its nationally recognized Healthy Schools Project, including programs such as health services, nutrition, physical education, health education, agricultural literacy, environmental programs, a farm-to-school salad bar, garden-enhanced learning and staff wellness. SummerFest, held in late spring, brings our children and community together for a day of fun, physical fitness and healthy foods.

Proceeds go to the Coordinated School Health Program. SummerFest sponsorship included.

**Goal: \$50,000**

### Early Learning/School Readiness

VEP works with the Ventura Neighborhood for Learning to help young children under age 6 with school readiness. The VNfL partners with the school district and First 5 of Ventura County. The funds raised go to the VNfL Family Centers. These Family Centers connect families to medical, educational and social resources to help them remain safe and healthy and prepare young children for school. The Young Readers' StoryFest occurs in November at the ESC and features famous authors of children's books.

Proceeds go to Early Learning/School Readiness. Young Readers' Storyfest sponsorship included.

**Goal: \$25,000**

### GrantSmart

This innovative program provides enrichment grants to teachers and staff. The grants encourage the development of creative, educational projects that stimulate learning in students. Grants of up to \$1,000 each are awarded for projects that supplement core curricula. Over the last seven years, VEP has distributed more than \$500,000 in grants, and we hope to increase that amount significantly in coming years. In February, VEP puts on the Festival of Talent at Ventura High School.

Proceeds go to GrantSmart grants. Festival of Talent sponsorship included.

**Goal: \$50,000**

### Naming opportunities in front lobby of the VUSD Education Service Center

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- \$20,000 ----- Gold Sponsor
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#### Please designate my gift to:

- Arts Education (Festival of Talent sponsor)
- Coordinated School Health Program (SummerFest sponsorship)
- Early Learning/School Readiness (Young Readers' Storyfest sponsorship)
- GrantSmart (Festival of Talent sponsor)
- Wherever VEP needs it most
- I would like to request a meeting to go over my options

For questions call: Debbie Golden (805) 653-5175 or GoldenDL@aol.com

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I pledge \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the 2009/10 school year. Please contact me about a payment plan.

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Ventura Education Partnership  
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*Thank you for making a difference in the life of a child.*