

# PAY IT FORWARD

Did you know.....

If Alief ISD's 6,413 employees each donated \$1 per paycheck to the Alief ISD Education Foundation, that's \$153,912 in a school year!

That translates to.....

- 7,695 sets of school supplies for elementary students
- 102 mini grants for Alief ISD's teachers
- 77 scholarships for Alief ISD's high school seniors

Alief ISD employees can make a difference by completing the information on the back and returning the completed form to the Payroll Department. Cash and check donations can also be submitted to Donna Rea in the Telecommunications and Mail Services Department. Please make checks payable to the *Alief ISD Education Foundation*.

*Donations made through the Payroll Deduction Plan must be a minimum of \$1 per paycheck. All donations are tax-deductible.*

Pay It Forward today!

# The Foundation matters.

Ana Espaderos, 2015 Foundation Scholarship Recipient



When I received the Education Foundation scholarship I was overwhelmed with happiness, but I also felt very relieved because it meant that I would not have to worry about my finances. As the former student body president of Kerr High School and a former member of the Superintendent Advisory Council, I realized how lucky I was to be a part of this school district who genuinely cares about the future of their students.

Thanks to my scholarship donors, I had the opportunity to focus on my academics, student organizations, and my teaching certification program instead of worrying about my finances. I had the opportunity to do sea turtle research in Costa Rica my freshman year, I studied abroad in Germany my sophomore year, and I taught abroad in Spain last semester. It was because of donors like you that I could accept these amazing experiences. I am eternally grateful for being one of the recipients of the Education Foundation scholarship because it truly made a difference in my college experience.

One of my next goals is to become a donor for this scholarship. As a recipient, I know the value and the impact that this scholarship had for me. There is no greater gift in life than giving back to the community that has contributed to your success.

## Join Alief ISD Education Foundation's Annual Pay It Forward Campaign

As an employee of Alief ISD, you have the opportunity to donate as little as \$1 per paycheck to make a difference in the lives of our students through the education foundation.



The Alief ISD Education Foundation matters for many  
*The foundation benefits students and staff of Alief ISD through senior scholarships, teacher mini grants, and the Uniform Effort.*



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## Scholarships for High School Seniors



The Alief ISD Education Foundation has awarded more than \$40,000 in scholarships to Alief ISD high school seniors annually based on financial need, academic standing, extracurricular and community involvement, educational goals and other factors.

## Uniform Effort

The Uniform Effort Clothing Pantry offers support to Alief students needing financial assistance to obtain school supplies and clothing. Staffed by a foundation member and district volunteers, the pantry is dependent on outside donations to replenish stock.



## Fundraisers and Donations

A fundraising golf tournament is held annually to collect funds for grants and scholarships. The Stuff-A-Bus campaign is held to collect new or gently used uniforms for the Uniform Effort. In addition, the foundation accepts donations, which are tax-deductible at [www.aliefisd.net/foundation](http://www.aliefisd.net/foundation)

## Teacher Mini Grants

The Alief ISD Education Foundation awards mini grants each spring to staff members who have developed innovative projects they would like to pursue in their classrooms. These projects further the education of all Alief ISD students.

### Kathleen Marin , 2017 Mini Grant Recipient



Alief Education Foundation has been instrumental in helping make a "Dream Come True". Transitioning Adult Learners into Success 18 PLUS program was awarded a mini-grant, so we established our first business enterprise called STAR Cups Coffee Bar.

The 18 Plus program provides adult students the opportunity to develop a progression of learned skills related to vocational, daily living, and social skills in a real life setting. We have seen our students improve their communication skills, self-confidences and self-advocacy skills while developing a plan for transition into the world of work.

In the future, we look forward to expanding the STAR Cups Coffee Bar by continued development of a quality work-based learning program and providing premium coffee for a purpose!

## NEW MEMBERS MAKE YOUR MARK & PAY IT FOWARD!

To spotlight you as a Pay It Forward participant to Alief students, staff, and community members, existing and new enrollees, please complete the following form. Please return all forms to Craig Eichhorn or Jane Waguespack.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Campus/Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Employee ID: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to donate the following per paycheck to the Alief ISD Education Foundation.

*Please circle your donation amount and preference.*

\$1    \$2    \$5    \$10    Other: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Mini Grants    Scholarships    Uniform Effort    No Preference

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

All donations are tax-deductible.

