

RSFF Partners with RSFCC to Sponsor a Trip to "A Day in Pompeii"



"Cast of Young Woman" from exhibit.

Hop on the bus again... and join your RSF friends and neighbors for RSF "Day in Pompeii". This exhibition at the San Diego Natural History Museum opened on February 15, 2008 and runs until June 15th. Come experience the legend and human drama of Pompeii. The San Diego Natural History Museum is one of only four museums that will host this exclusive exhibition.

Tickets for the evening on March 31st, will be offered for \$135 per person and will provide round-trip bus transportation from Rancho Santa Fe and a catered reception in the museum after the exhibition. We will be joined at the reception by Steven Ellis, Ph.D., University of Michigan who will lecture on "Archaeology in Pompeii: Major Discoveries and New Directions" beginning at 6:30 P.M.

Checks should be made payable to RSF Community Center.

For more information and reservations, call the RSF Community Center at 858-756-2461 (info@rsfcc.org) or the RSF Foundation at 858-756-6557 (info@rsffoundation.org) or log on to www.sdnhm.org.

RSF FOUNDATION'S CHARITABLE REAL ESTATE FUND (CREF) PROVIDES NEW OPTIONS FOR DONORS

For more than 26 years, the Rancho Santa Fe Foundation has been the vehicle through which people in the community can donate to causes they believe in – fire and disaster relief, at-risk youth, hospitals and educational institutions, cures and prevention of disease, and so many more. In just the past seven years, an estimated \$20 million in grants have been made from the RSF Foundation to many worthwhile causes.

Now the Foundation is able to offer yet another way to turn assets into funds that will make a significant impact on people in need – in San Diego County and beyond.

With the creation of the RSF Foundation's Charitable Real Estate Fund (CREF), your donation of real property can enable you to leave a lasting legacy and make a difference to causes you believe in.

Working through the CREF, donors may gift real property that will be sold and the proceeds used to fulfill their philanthropic goals. Each potential gift of real estate will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis by the seven-member CREF board, chaired by Greg Hillgren.

"The Rancho Santa Fe Foundation's donor profile is diverse, and many of
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Real estate holdings are appropriate for charitable donations, such as a vacation home that is no longer utilized.

Dan Pittard – New Chairman

We welcome Dan Pittard as the new Chairman of the Board. Dan is the President and CEO of Rubios Restaurants, a Carlsbad based company. Dan joined the Board in 2004 and brings a wealth of professional and philanthropic expertise to his role as Chairman. Impactful grantmaking will be a major focus of Dan's tenure. "I see my key role as helping the Foundation and other donors to address the community/regional needs they are most passionate about."



Dan Pittard

New Directors in 2008



Gigi Fenley



Neil Hokanson



Bill Ruh



Dick Woltman

After nine years of service, Gayle Gillies Mize, Neil Ash and Don Oliphant, stepped down from the Board. As did

Louise Kasch who served for eight years.

New Directors to the RSF Foundation Board of Directors include Gigi Fenley, Neil Hokanson, Bill Ruh, and Dick Woltman (pictured above.)

January 27th Community Event

Gathered at The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe were more than 100 residents of the various communities that make up the RSF Fire Protection District.



California Highway Patrol.



Ed Mayers and Chief Nick Pavone.



Jim Ashcraft and Dan Pittard.

Six New Community Endowment Funds at RSFF

- California Bipolar Foundation
- Elementary Institute of Science
- Grauer School
- Oceanside Museum of Art
- Quail Botanical Gardens
- San Diego Second Chance

REAL ESTATE FUND (continued)

these strategic philanthropists have real estate assets that are well suited to meet their charitable goals. The CREF, led by a board that possesses over a century of real estate investment experience, enables the Foundation to best meet the needs of its expanding donor base," Hillgren said.

Some examples of real estate holdings that might be appropriate for donation include condos in a ski resort a family no longer uses, investment property that is no longer needed, or a second home that is no longer utilized. A donor can escape the burdens of property management and ownership by gifting the property to the CREF.

"By donating real property to the CREF, donors then have the ability to give significant amounts to worthwhile causes," said RSF Foundation Executive Director Christy Wilson. By providing this service, the Foundation is able to assist both individual donors and nonprofit organizations who may

not have the ability to accept real property gifts themselves.

The proceeds from the sale of donated properties are generally placed in a donor-advised fund at the RSF Foundation. The donor may then recommend grant distributions to qualifying nonprofit organizations of their choice. A donor may also choose to either create an endowment for a favorite charity at the Foundation or pass the proceeds directly to the chosen nonprofit.

The tax benefits to the donor are significant. By gifting property rather than selling it and then making the gift, the donor avoids capital gains tax and also the complexities of selling the property themselves.

Look for information about the CREF at www.rsffoundation.org/Giving/CREF after March 1st. You can also contact Christy Wilson directly at 858-756-6557.