



Members of the Rim Ed board hold up “thank you” for the recent donations they received. (Photo: Rim Ed Foundation)

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Members of the Rim of the World Educational Foundation were surprised to receive two unexpected donations in December 2023.

Third District Supervisor Dawn Rowe – who is a big supporter of the mountain’s nonprofit organizations – donated \$5,000 to the Foundation. Rowe also recently donated funds to Rebuilding Together Mountain Communities for home repairs and to the Crestline-Lake Gregory Rotary Club in support of the community Thanksgiving dinner.

“As a single mom who needed help when my children were in school,” Supervisor Rowe said, “I am so thankful for the Rim of the World Educational Foundation.

“I’m pleased to support them,” she noted, “because I believe in the quality work they are doing to help our local students succeed. They have a long history of

Donations help support student programs

investing in worthwhile educational programs that prepare young people for college and successful careers.”

Another \$5,000 was donated by Amazon. Jo Bonita Rains, the Rim Ed president, had received an email message from David Ambroz, who leads community engagement in the Inland Empire for Amazon.

“I’ve been a fan of the work your organization does every day to give the youth the chance to reach their full potential,” Ambroz wrote. “I am excited to provide a \$5,000 award for the incredible work of the Rim of the World Educational Foundation.”

Rains responded by saying, “A big thank you, Mr. Ambroz! Your email was extremely exciting to read! As president of our Foundation, the recognition and award from Amazon is beyond a fantastic holiday gift!”

These donations will be used to support the AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) programs at Mary Putnam Henck Intermediate School and Rim of the World High School, the Career Technical Education (CTE) program at Rim High and the Partnerships with Schools education grants awarded to the six campuses in the Rim of the World Unified School District.

“We are grateful to our sponsors for their support of life-changing programs in the Rim of the World Unified School District,” Rains said.

Rim Ed has three upcoming events planned for the first half of 2024.

- A team of eight hardy souls will be jumping into Lake Arrowhead as part of the PolaRotary Bear Plunge on Feb. 3.

- Rim Ed is planning a Caribbean Gala – an afternoon of great food, fun, music and socializing – which will take place on May 19.

- Bowling for Education will return at the lanes in Crestline with a date to be announced. Past bowlers will recall the lively competition that took place among the teams. Watch for more details on this and the gala.

For more information on the Rim Ed Foundation or to make a donation, visit rimedfoundation.org.