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**CLARKE FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES \$38,000 IN TEACHER GRANTS**  
Teachers to Receive Enhanced Instructional Tools

**BERRYVILLE, Va., January 19, 2010** – The Clarke County Education Foundation announced its annual Teacher Grant awards totaling \$38,000 at a luncheon honoring all teachers in the Clarke County Public Schools today. The award presentations were made at Camino Real Restaurant in Berryville. Nineteen grants were awarded averaging \$2,000 each. The grants were for a wide variety of teacher requests ranging from math graphing calculators and science molecular model kits, to musical instruments and choral folders. The grants ranged from \$200 to \$9,000 each in materials and supplies in order to enhance classroom-learning opportunities for students, beyond what the school district might otherwise have budgeted.

This is the second year the Foundation has hosted Clarke County teachers at such an event, and the thirteenth year it has awarded these types of grants. Over that time, the Foundation has awarded \$450,000 in Teacher Grants. "This program is one of which we are most proud," stated Foundation President John Hudson. "The purpose of these grants is to help teachers implement new ideas of their own to improve the quality and effectiveness of teaching in their classrooms," he added.

Much of the funding for Teacher Grants is raised at the Foundation's annual Gala dinner and auction held each September. In addition, the Foundation drew on investment income from endowments designated for these purposes and was able to fund 100% of the qualified grant requests.

**About the Clarke County Education Foundation, Inc.**

The Clarke County Education Foundation (CCEF) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to providing private support to the Clarke County (Virginia) Public Schools. As an independent public charity, the foundation is dedicated to promoting, expanding, and augmenting the educational opportunities for students and staff in the county school system by generating private support and involvement to enhance these publicly maintained services.

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Lists of all Teacher Grants awarded in 2009 and 2010 are available at [www.ccefinc.org](http://www.ccefinc.org) at the "PROJECTS" tab.