

Foundation creates endowment fund

■ Money to assist Lucia Mar teachers

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The South County Education Foundation has established an endowment fund to enhance the educational program of Lucia Mar Unified School District.

Dick Blankenburg, member of the South County Education Foundation board, presented the initial donation of \$25,000 to fund the endowment in memory of his wife, Maxine, who died last fall.

In addition, the board of directors contributed \$10,000 to the endowment.

Dick Blankenburg noted that he hopes "others will contribute to this endowment as well."

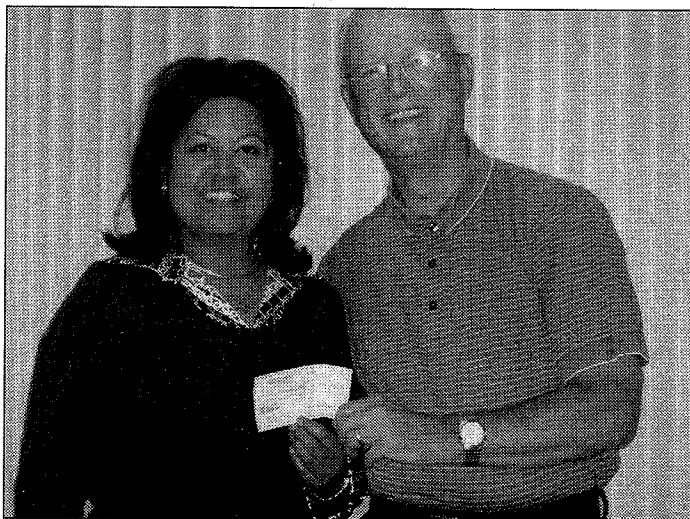
The endowment fund will be handled as a "field of interest"

fund by the San Luis County Community Foundation, board members said.

In its almost four years of operation, the South County Education Foundation has presented more than 100 mini-grants to local school teachers to help them provide students with such high-quality instructional materials as textbooks, class sets of literature and standard classroom equipment the district is not able to provide, said a foundation spokesman.

In addition to public donations, major funding for the group comes from its golf tournament held in October of each year and sponsoring the "Nutcracker Ballet" in December and the Allan Hancock College Band concert each spring.

For more information, call Cindy Blankenburg, foundation president, at 710-3794.



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Dick Blankenburg, member of the South County Education Foundation board, presented the initial donation of \$25,000 to Cathy Cachu.