



Riverside Elementary
Education Foundation

August 30, 2010

Dear Parent residing in School District 96:

I am writing to you on behalf of REEF, and to ask for your support. REEF is a non-profit organization recognized by the IRS as a 501(c) (3) charity. REEF depends entirely on voluntary contributions and fundraising events for support.

REEF's mission is to acquire and distribute financial and other resources to the Riverside Elementary School District 96 for educational programs and activities which extend and enhance the quality of education and provide students with expanded learning opportunities.

We have satisfied this mission by awarding over \$80,000.00 in educational grants to the Riverside grade schools (including St. Mary's) and junior high school to provide unique opportunities for teachers to implement and test new educational programs in a controlled setting with a few students prior to integrating district-wide changes. REEF has also sponsored Chicago neighborhood tours and family concerts with Tom Chapin, the Oak Park Symphony Orchestra and presented other significant events such as the "Wright Around Riverside" dinner event at the Cheney Mansion and Antique Road Show with Sotheby's and our 2009 lecture by noted A. Lincoln historian, Dr. Vernon Burton. REEF was also the main sponsor of the SMART Club Pride Trip and continues to offer the annual District-wide Berwanger REEF Career Day each spring at Hauser for Hauser and St. Mary's students.

We depend entirely on volunteers' time and generosity. **Please join REEF now. Annual membership is \$25.00 but greater gifts are very much appreciated.** You will be noted in the annual REEF donor list. Tax deductible contributions can be submitted to:

Riverside Elementary Education Foundation
c/o District 96
63 Woodside Road
Riverside, IL 60546-1974

Thank you very much. Please feel free to call me at 312.636.8762 with any questions or to volunteer to assist with REEF events. **We are currently looking for interested individuals to join our 2010-2011 Board of Directors. Please contact me if you are interesting in more information related to the REEF board positions and activities.**

Very truly yours,
Lisa Anderson-Shaw
Lisa Anderson-Shaw, President
REEF Board of Directors