



An Opportunity to **help**  
Make Wishes Come True.

**The School Supply Fund**  
Enabling teachers to  
provide children with  
necessary school supplies.

**The Sneaker Exchange**  
Providing students in need  
with clean socks and shoes to  
participate in all school activities  
with increased confidence  
and self-esteem.

**The Indian River Regional  
Science and Engineering  
Fair Program**  
Encouraging curiosity and  
creative thinking through the  
application of the scientific method.

**Great Ideas/ Grants  
Programs**  
Funding teacher grants  
to engage and excite students  
in the process of learning.

**Building Libraries  
Book Exchange**  
Distributing books to teachers  
and librarians to start or expand  
classroom libraries.

### Our Mission

The mission of the Education  
Foundation of Indian River County is  
to enrich and enhance educational  
opportunities for all students and  
teachers, in both public and private  
schools, through effective fund-  
raising and efficient allocation of  
resources.

## Education Foundation Launches New Event: “Rags to Riches.”

The Education Foundation of Indian River County invites you to the most popular party of the year, “Rags to Riches.” This fundraiser celebrates how education transforms lives from the ordinary to the extraordinary. The Saturday, November 14, 2009 event invites friends of the Foundation to participate in a variety of fun activities that will remind them of their school house days at the beautiful Moorings Club.

Roll call, the start of the party, begins at 7:30 p.m. with a homeroom style introduction to the Foundation’s programs. Vignettes will feature the Foundation’s five core programs. Each display will give guests the opportunity to participate through the use of technology, hands on science experiments, or grant demonstrations. Class will then be dismissed as the party moves to a spread of hearty hors d’oeuvres that may just remind you of your childhood favorites. Gaming tables will provide a lesson in mathematics and a live auction will give guests a chance to pledge their support to make a difference. Guests will also have the chance to get a professional photo taken. Don’t worry it won’t go in the yearbook!

“We wanted to create an event that was tied to our mission of offering educational opportunities to all Indian River County students and teachers,” explained new Board President Sue Tompkins. “Education is so important to our children and our community. We feel we have created a unique event that will be a lot of fun and will raise vital funds for our programs and services,” added Mrs. Tompkins.

Guests are encouraged to wear sneakers with their cocktail attire. “It’s a new twist that pays homage to our Sneaker Exchange Program.” explains co-chair Ann Tharpe. “We want our guests to have fun and gain an understanding of the many ways we serve the students and teachers of Indian River County,” added Tharpe.

Currently the Education Foundation is seeking event sponsors and is pre-selling tickets for \$100 per person. Interested sponsors may contact Cynthia Falardeau, Executive Director at (772) 564-0034 or by email: [director@edfoundationirc.or](mailto:director@edfoundationirc.or). Pre-sale ticket customers may purchase tickets by sending a check made payable to the Education Foundation of Indian River County, Inc., P.O. Box 7046, Vero Beach, FL 32961. Visa and MasterCard payments may be made by calling Cynthia or Mary at (772) 564-0034. Space to attend is limited. The event is expected to sell out, so buy your tickets today!