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Thanks to the generous sponsors, volunteers, and runners, the 2008 SEF Arts Festival Run is destined to be another great success. The event includes a 5K, 15K, and a one-mile Mini-K Fun Run, all starting in front of Piner Middle School on Saturday morning, September 20th. It's the 3rd year for the Sherman Education Foundation to organize the Run, but the 24th year that it has been held in conjunction with the annual Sherman Arts Festival.



Run Chair Robin Phillips stated that last year's race had over 300 runners registered for the 5K and 15K and the Mini-K had 200+ runners & walkers. Sherman ISD faculty, staff, and students represented over 200 of the participants in the combined



events and a great many of the runners and walkers came from the Grayson County area, but also from Durant, Dallas/Ft. Worth, and even as far away as Amarillo and Houston. "Area runners love the 5K and 15K because the course routes are certified by USAT&F and because they're well-marked and secure, thanks to the help of off-duty police officers. Walkers and casual runners enjoy the Mini-K because they simply feel better after having exercised before

hitting the arts, crafts & food booths across the street!" Robin is expecting beautiful weather for the event again this year and encourages all runners and walkers to plan on joining her at the event. For more information & to register online:

[http://www.shermanisd.net/SEF/run/run\\_index.htm](http://www.shermanisd.net/SEF/run/run_index.htm)

Click on Active.com button to register online.



## Major Saver Cards

Sherman ISD students will be peddling the Major Saver cards this year during the week of Sept. 29 through October 5th. As always, the card sells for a mere \$10 and will include a "get something free with purchase," not just a small percentage discount, from popular area restaurants. The plastic card is easy to carry with you since it is the same size as a credit card and you only have to use it a couple of times to have saved more than the \$10 you invested.

Restaurants such as Sonic, IHOP, Cici's Pizza, Dickey's BBQ, and Dairy Queen have consistently been included on the Major Saver Card and more will be added this year to give purchasers 15 locations for redeeming.

SEF gives half of the proceeds earned to Sherman ISD schools and half the proceeds are added to the SEF Endowment Fund. The 2007-08 Major Saver project resulted in over \$21,000 going directly back to our campuses and was used to provide enrichment projects for students.

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**THIRD Generation Bearcats Join SEF Board**

When the new class of Sherman Education Foundation trustees came on board, it brought with it some serious Bearcat legacy. New members Charlie Dannel and Rick Dunn are both third generation Bearcats and they both have kids to carry the tradition even further!

Rick Dunn (class of '83) is son of Jim (class of '62) and grandson of Russell (circa 1930). He is also father to Jarrett (class of 2017), Ansley (2018), and Kaden (2021). Dunn has vivid memories of being the age of his eldest and attending Wakefield Elementary. He was evidently the Fred Astaire of the square dance team and a member of the chess team (and seems to still harbor some bitterness over being beaten in 4 moves by a chess player from another school). He recalls misspelling the word EQUIPMENT in a spelling bee which led to his arguing that he did, too, say P, not T! This might have been an early indication of his talent for litigation.

Charlie Dannel (class of '91) followed his father, John Carlton II (class of '59) and his grandfather, Charles Oliver II (circa 1920) through the halls of Sherman schools. Brand new son, John Carlton III will be in the class of 2025. Dannel also has memories of Wakefield, especially Field Day, where he was one of Ms. Roper's Road Runners and received a ribbon for the potato sack race.

When asked if these young men always intended to settle down in their home town and follow in their fathers' footsteps both answered affirmatively. Dunn never veered from his plan to join the family law firm. Dannel remembers an assignment in first grade to draw a picture of what you wanted to be when you grew up. He drew a casket (complete with occupant), a table with a lamp on it and his father standing alongside. He says he always planned to go off and see the world, but knew that he would return someday to follow those who went before him.

Even with young children, these fathers are already active and paying attention to what the SISD is facing. Dunn played an important role as co-chair of the school bond committee and stresses the importance the community plays in public education. He aspires for his children to graduate from Sherman and be able to compete with any other student from any other school. Dannel shares that he is proud of how this community he loves has always had a progressive attitude about education. He sees parent involvement on all levels as hugely important to the success of the child.

When asked about teachers who influenced them, the lists were long and detailed. Ms. Butler, Ms. Wylie, Ms. Clark and Ms. Moser. Frank Steele. Gene Loop and her annual AX speech, Mr. Manuel and the extra credit for collection of live bull frogs suitable for dissecting in class. Mr. Matthews who gave the choice – spats or stay after and let your parents know you were in trouble? There was mention of Lou Stogner who evidently paddled with a Hot Wheels track!

It wasn't so long ago that the incoming class of the Foundation all hailed from other lands (like west Texas) so it's good to see some natives stepping up and getting involved.

**Honorary & Memorial Gifts Received From:**

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## Circle of Success '08

On the evening of Thursday, April 3, 2008 in the Wright Center at Austin College the eighth annual Circle of Success honored eight students along with the teachers they nominated as having profoundly influenced them. This year found one freshman, one sophomore, one junior and five seniors receiving accolades for their remarkable character, leadership and service. The evening was enhanced by the String Ensemble under the direction of Dr. Fred Freeman and by master of ceremonies and long-time Circle supporter, Jim Lewis.

Eight years ago, the Circle of Success began with a simple idea - recognize the best of Sherman ISD, our exceptional students and educators, and support innovative campus projects. With the help of a very committed community, the Sherman Education Foundation is pleased to have honored over 80 outstanding students and educators.

### Honored Students and Educators for 2008



L-R: Jimmie Faubion-Victoria Slater, Cheryl Cowley-Marek Szczygiel, Sue Thompson-Alisa Roberts, Susan Hulstine-Blake Stephens, Suzy Robinson-Carla Khalaf (not pictured), Britni Williams-Jan Wilson, Samantha Lawrence-Myrna Moser, Amanda Howard-Jodi Thompson

### 2008 Campus Projects

Circle of Success has funded 169 campus projects totaling more than \$670,000 during these eight years. For 2008, almost \$60,000 was raised through sponsorships of the event that will be used to fund this year's projects at ten Sherman campuses.

Crutchfield: Read & Write LeapPad Projects Professional Library  
Fairview: WeatherBug Technology

Jefferson: Buffalo Zoo Distant Learning

Neblett: King Tut Exhibit & Nasher Sculpture Field Trip  
Sory: Orff Musical Instrument Set

Wakefield: Green Team Supplies & Dallas Arboretum Field Trip

Washington: Sensory Integration SLC Materials & SLC Community Experiences

Dillingham: Colonial Days Blacksmith & Quilting Experience,

Brian Burns' Texas History Presentation, Take-Home Math Manipulatives

Piner: Body Composition Analyzer/Scale, Classical Drama Production,  
The Log Cabin Village Field Trip

SHS: Professional Jazz Band Musician Clinic/Concert, Life Skills Class Go Talk Technology,  
Professional Jazz Violinist Clinic/Concert, Band Hall Sound Lab Equipment

All Elementary Campuses: G/T Archaeology Field Trip

Piner, Dillingham & All Elementary Campuses: Summer Enrichment Program

All Campuses: Dyslexia Audiobooks, Life Skills & Autism Classroom  
NEO Technology

### How Do Circle Projects Get Approved?

SISD educators complete a Grant Request Proposal (found at <http://www.shermanisd.net/SEF/grant-forms.htm>) and submit it to the SEF office housed at the SISD office by the deadline of Dec. 19, 2008. Approved projects are able to be funded because of the generosity of the sponsors of the Circle of Success. Innovative projects which provide an enriching educational experience for our students are the projects that are seriously considered for funding. If you are an educator with Sherman ISD, SEF would love to receive a project request from you. Keep the SEF Vision Statement in mind as you develop your project request.



SEF has funded 169 projects since 2000 totalling more than \$670,000.

In the year 2007-08 alone, almost \$60,000 was raised for campus projects.

### Vision Statement

The primary focus of the Sherman Education Foundation is to provide creative educational programs, educational aids, faculty and staff development opportunities, curricular enhancements, and other innovative solutions to meet identified educational needs of Sherman students which are beyond the basic educational program of the Sherman ISD.



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### **SEF Arts Festival Run September 20, 2008**

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