

## From the President

I want to extend an enormous thank you to supporters both near and far who helped make 2015 an amazing year for the Surprise Valley Education Foundation!

Individual contributions, proceeds from our heartwarming Calendar Girls Project spearheaded by Sarah Denison, and the incredible support for our Fall Dinner, Raffle and Auction, brought in \$23,359 for the year. We were able to increase our 2015 grant awards to Surprise Valley youth to \$11,492 -- 255% of 2014's total awards of \$4,500. As envisioned when we adopted our Bylaws just over two years ago, SVEdF is now able to place a portion of our donations into an investment account for future projects.

If you have donated to the Foundation over these past two years, we want to express our sincere appreciation! We hope you, and those who are just discovering us, will join our mission to enrich educational opportunities for the children of the Surprise Valley community in 2016 and in the years to come. Together we can continue a tradition of quality in education that sparks dreams in our youth and gives them the educational opportunities and support to make those dreams come true.



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## 2015 Awarded Grants

**\$11,492 total amount awarded in support of programs and projects that benefit the children of Surprise Valley:**

**\$1,444** to the Surprise Valley High School Amateur Radio Station Club to purchase equipment to operate their own Ham Radio Station. Submitted by David Schulz, this STEM-focused project will advance the students' knowledge of electronics and radio theory.

**\$1,035** to the Surprise Valley Child Development Center. Requested by Patricia Soletti, the Center will purchase nutritious snacks for the students and provide opportunities for both parents and children to learn about good nutrition and health.

**\$638** to the Surprise Valley Elementary School Student Council for new playground equipment to use during recess.

**\$2,925** toward the new band programs at Surprise Valley Elementary and High School to acquire additional instruments. Music Teacher Shauna Alexander submitted the proposal and is also working with the Foundation to receive donated instruments. Contact us if you have any to share!

**\$500** to the Surprise Valley FFA to start their 2016 horticultural fundraiser. Submitted by Maigen Matteucci, the FFA students will grow plants to sell to the community this spring.

**\$250** to the Surprise Valley Elementary staff for copies of *Engineering is Elementary*, science and engineering curricula purchased with a grant submitted by Heather Pratt.



Getting the greenhouse all ready to plant



## 2015 Accomplishments

- Established the SVEdF as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.
- Assisted with *Family Science Night* by recruiting local science partners to interact with parents and their children.
- Supported the *Farm to School* project to strengthen children's knowledge about agriculture, food, nutrition and the environment.
- Seeded and supported the *Calendar Girls* fundraising project with the Surprise Valley 4-H and Sarah Denison.
- Through fundraising and donations, raised \$23,359, exceeding our 2015 goal.
- Maintained a website, emails and Facebook page.
- Set up an online donation option.
- Promoted the SVEdF at the Ft. Bidwell BBQ, SV Saturday Markets and the SV Community Christmas Faire.
- Entered an educational/promotional exhibit at the Modoc District Fair and earned a \$200 first place prize.
- Held our second fundraising event, a dinner, raffle and auction and raised over \$6,700.
- Offered our second grant opportunity and awarded six grants totaling \$6,800 to SVJUSD classes, clubs, FFA and the Child Development Center.
- Funded the printing of the *Calendar Girls* project. In addition, promoted and sold calendars which raised \$9,400.
- Donated half of the *Calendar Girls* proceeds to the Surprise Valley 4-H.
- Increased partners in the Community Partners Project for sharing skills of talented community members with SV children.



New playground equipment for SV Elementary recesses!



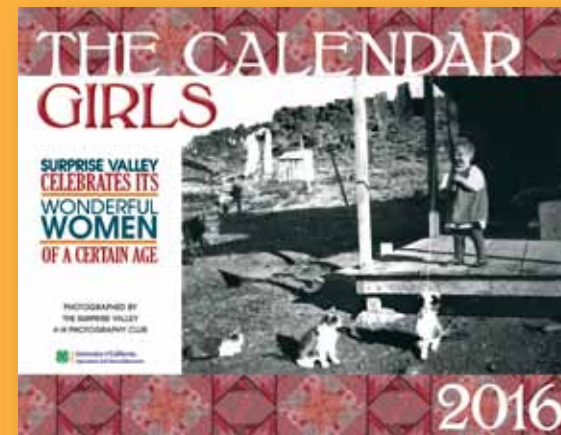
Raised \$4,700 for the Surprise Valley 4-H



Brand new instruments for the new SVHS band!



Soldering parts for the ham radio



**\$4,700** to the Surprise Valley 4-H Club--half the proceeds from sales of the 2016 *Calendar Girls*, a project developed through the vision of Sarah Denison in partnership with the SV 4-H Photography Club, and Bunne Hartmann of Hartmann Design Group. Watch for the 2017 calendar which will feature *Surprise Valley Men of a Certain Age!*

