

Press Release

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Brush Family Makes Matching Challenge Grant to Support the HHS Drama Department

The Brush Family recently made a \$3,000 challenge grant to the Healdsburg Education Foundation (HEF) in support of the Healdsburg High School Drama Program. Jim and Nancy Brush are some of the original founders of the Healdsburg Education Foundation and support many other activities in the area. All three of their children have graduated from Healdsburg High School.

Jim Brush explained that he and Nancy made this gift because: *"The HHS Drama Department is another great program our public schools deliver on a tight budget that creates extra activities for our children to explore and enjoy. Our three children were involved in drama, and we want to show our appreciation for what they experienced and want others to have the same opportunity".*

Brent Mortensen, who is the Coordinator of the HHS Drama Program asserts that " Without the support from community members, the theatre program at the high school wouldn't have happened for the past two and half decades". Unfortunately, the school district has not been in the position to provide funds for the program...it's only been through ticket sales and contributions that we've been able to pay for costumes, lumber, props, set pieces, lighting, and royalties.

The Healdsburg High School Drama Program has recently produced shows including, "Hairspray", "A Room with a View", and >>>>. According to Senior, Matt Capron, "Drama gives you the courage to do things you normally wouldn't do; it forces you to think outside the box." Matt will be portraying Long John Silver in the upcoming play "Treasure Island", which will be shown at the HHS on October 28th and 29th at the Black Box Theater.

For more information about how to support the High School Drama Department and the Healdsburg public schools, contact Pamela Swan, Director, Healdsburg Education Foundation, pswan@hefschools.com 433-1223.