

East Palo Alto Kids Foundation Elects New President
Long-time Board Member and Co-Vice President Laura Roberts Takes the Helm

EAST PALO ALTO, CA - August 29, 2008 - The East Palo Alto Kids Foundation (EPAK), an all-volunteer organization that provides micro educator grants to teachers in the Ravenswood City School District and larger sponsored grants that impact more than one classroom, announced today that it has elected a new President. Laura Roberts, an active EPAK board member and Co-Vice President, will now lead the organization. Long-time President Tasha Castañeda, who recently completed six years as President, will remain on the board.

"I am looking forward to taking on an expanded role and leading EPAK in its continuing efforts to bring quality educational opportunities to public school students in East Palo Alto and eastern Menlo Park," said Laura Roberts. "We've been fortunate for Tasha's dedication over the years, and are very happy she'll remain on the board to share her wisdom and experience."

Laura joined EPAK in 2003 and has been an active volunteer for almost seven years. Laura comes from a family of public school teachers and resides in Los Altos. She and her husband have two daughters who attend public schools in Los Altos. She holds a BA in Music, and an MBA from Santa Clara University.

"I am personally very pleased that Laura has accepted the responsibility to lead this fantastic organization" said Tasha Castañeda. "I was elected President in 2002 and have enjoyed every minute of it. I look forward to remaining an active participant on the board, and perhaps enjoying a little more spare time."

EPAK has grown substantially under Tasha's guidance. The year 2007-2008 was EPAK's best year ever. It awarded more than 500 micro educator grants totaling greater than \$250,000. It also expanded its mission to include a Sponsored Grant Program in which seed money, program management and/or volunteers are provided by EPAK to catalyze high-needs projects at individual schools.

ABOUT EPAK

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