



**THANKS** to the generosity of our employees who make donations to the Fulton Education Foundation through the Fulton Employee Charitable Fund, Fulton students and staff receive tremendous benefits and rewards. Please take note of these few examples of how YOUR contributions truly make a difference:

**The MiniGrants Program** provides seed money to teachers for innovative classroom projects. Since the onset of this program, over 1000 teachers have received more than \$2,000,000 in MiniGrants. The following are a few highlights of MiniGrant successes:

**The ARCH Project at Chattahoochee High School** - Teachers, Dell Pamplin and Barbara Hall, received a \$500 MiniGrant to begin an environmental project with students. In four years, their innovative teaching idea developed into a \$240,000 national grant project.

**Outdoor Classrooms/Nature Trails** – Years ago, \$50 MiniGrants were awarded to elementary schools, district-wide, to encourage hands-on science learning. Schools, such as Barnwell and Seaborn Lee, received national attention for their nature trails that support learning. Now, our elementary educational specifications include grading for a nature trail at all new school sites.

**Jazz Band MiniGrant** - Taylor Road Middle School, beginning with Tim Aucoin's MiniGrant, has a 20 member jazz band with a 10 year history of success.

**Betty Savander MiniGrant**– D r. Betty Savander was an exemplary educator in Fulton from September 1975 until April 2002 always focused on the students. In her memory, donations are being made for teacher MiniGrants.

**Employee/Partnership of the Year Luncheon** is our annual Foundation and school system celebration of outstanding employees and business partners held at a hotel ballroom. More than 800 people now attend this function with all the glitz and fanfare of a royal event. These individuals have been celebrated as oscar winners, super stars and heroes in the past three annual events.

**The Retiree Recognition** is an annual celebration for our retirees supported by the Foundation, held at distinguished locations such as the Atlanta Botanical Gardens. This event has gone from a small dinner held in a cafeteria to a district-wide event with special gifts for all retirees.

**The Laura Martin Fund** provides financial assistance for eyeglasses and eye exams to hundreds of students each year in need who can't afford these services. This fund is supported 100 percent by employees through the Charitable Fund.

**The Hecht/Bragg Memorial Fund and the Dan Smith Fund** provide assistance and scholarships in music for students in need to enhance their talents and support their school success.

**We need everyone on our team.** Thanks, as always, for your support through the Employee Charitable Fund. As you can see, when you give to the Fulton Education Foundation, you give back to your Fulton family. In the future, when you give through the Employee Charitable Fund, you will need to note on the line for the Fulton Education Foundation to which of these projects you are contributing.