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Forever Redbugs

Dear Fordyce Redbug:

The Fordyce Redbug Alumni Foundation is in its sixth year and we stand steadfast in our commitment to support the Fordyce School System. This past year has been challenging and a year of uncertainty for everyone, but through the support of the Fordyce Alumni and "Friends of the Redbugs," you have helped to improve the educational opportunities of Fordyce students with:

- An "Elmo" projector system for use in the elementary music department. The "Elmo" is a way to get the entire class involved in a project, whether by way of the Internet or straight from the hands of the teacher.
- The Middle School Art Department received a kiln and supplies.
- A High School class named "Desk Top Publishing" requested and received a camcorder and tripod.
- A laminator was purchased for the Fordyce Middle School.
- For classroom use, six pocket-sized camcorders, "Flip Video," were purchased. These camcorders allow one-touch recording and advanced compression technology allowing for quick and easy sharing of high-quality video in compact-sized files.
- A \$1,000 scholarship was awarded to Samuel M. Stephens, who plans to further his education at the University of Arkansas at Monticello.

The Foundation has been informed that there is an urgent need for repairs at Redbug Field. Due to pipes freezing, the current field house has no water for players to shower following games. This is extremely unfortunate, particularly, when there is rain. Also, the old press box needs repairs. The Foundation does not transfer funds to the athletic department which have not specifically been designated by the donor to be used for athletics; therefore, any money for improvements must come from donations earmarked "Redbug Field." With all the memories and history at Redbug Field, we hate for it to fall into this state of disrepair. The Foundation has started a fund for alumni wishing to help with this endeavor. If you would like to support this project, please mark your donation specifically for "Redbug Field."

The Foundation website has had over 17,000 visits since last December. We are continuing to look at ways to make it better and keep it interesting. We recently added PayPal as a means to join/renew your membership, to place a memorial, or honor a classmate, teacher, etc. with a donation. PayPal is a faster, safer way to pay online. This service allows members to send money without sharing financial information and with the flexibility to pay using bank accounts or credit cards. Your Foundation Board strives to be good stewards of the resources the Foundation receives, and we pledge to work hard to keep your trust. We hope you find the addition of PayPal convenient in supporting your alma mater with your tax deductible donation.

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