



When East Palo Alto Kids Foundation was founded 30 years ago, the goal was to grant funds directly to teachers in East Palo Alto and eastern Menlo Park. Our all volunteer board, together with our community partners, makes this mission possible. This month, the City of Los Altos and the town of Los Altos Hills honored EPAK board member **Audrey Crowley** with the prestigious “**Joint Community Volunteer Service Award.**” Audrey has devoted hundreds of hours to EPAK, reading teacher grants, visiting the schools we serve and attending student events in support of our teachers. Her deep commitment and joy in seeing EPAK teachers receive the resources they need inspires all of us who share her vision. (Link to story [here.](#))

This year EPAK awarded over \$163,000 in teacher grants during the first few months of the school year, with a second round on the way in January. None of these grants would be possible without our outstanding supporters and community partners. One of those partners, ***The Palo Alto Weekly***, has consistently contributed to EPAK through their annual Holiday Fund. This month, *The Weekly* featured EPAK as one of its recipients in a [feature article](#) highlighting our partnership.

How much does caring matter? In the December words of one of our teachers, Bianca V. from KIPP Esperanza High School:

Thank you so much EPAK for helping to make essential school materials possible for our class. We truly appreciate your support—it made a tremendous difference. It was inspiring to see my students walk into the classroom fully prepared, setting a positive tone for a successful start to school.

Please partner with us in caring for our neighboring teachers and students.



EPAK Board Members Rebecca Lowell and and Audrey Crowley.

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East Palo Alto Kids Foundation (EPAK) believes that all students deserve an inspiring, engaging, and tailored classroom experience. For 30 years, we have provided grants to teachers to enhance educational opportunities for students in the Ravenswood City School District (RCSD) and public charter schools in East Palo Alto and eastern Menlo Park.

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