Schools Foundation launches 10th annual campaign

By Anne Ternus-Bellamy

The Davis Children’s Nutcracker

Davis music and tradition

Since it was formed by community members 10 years ago, the Davis Schools Foundation has raised nearly $4 million for the Davis Joint Unified School District, funding everything from class sizes to construction aides, the last three years

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It’s very, extremely special, she said.

The Davis Children’s Nutcracker’ is produced every year by the city of Davis Community Services Department. This year’s performance is Dec. 12, 13 and 14 at the Veterans Memorial Theater, 211 E. 14th St.

To learn more about the Davis Schools Foundation, visit http://davisschoolsfoundation.org or email info@davischoolsfoundation.org. To make a contribution, contact DSF board member Sean Langley at s_langs@yahoo.com.

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Two years ago, the foundation awarded $20,000 to the Davis School District to help feed children younger than 18 who were eligible for free or reduced-price meals. The money will be used to help fund what the community and schools do together for the next 10 years.

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