

Gene Haas Gives California State University Channel Islands \$210,000

The charitable foundation created by Gene Haas gave California State University Channel Islands a series of four grants totaling \$210,000.

February 1, 2010 (FPRC) -- OXNARD, CA -- Education has always been an important subject for Gene Haas, and that's why his charitable foundation presented the California State University Channel Islands Foundation (CSUCI) with a series of four grants. Given from 2004 to 2010, a majority of the \$210,000 in grant money went directly to the library expansion project, which will make the University Library accessible to students with physical disabilities.

"Students have enough to worry about without throwing additional barriers in their way. With this money, students with disabilities will be able to access the many valuable resources in the library, which will hopefully make getting their degree a little easier," stated officials from the Gene Haas Foundation.

The library expansion isn't the only project the CSUCI has planned. This organization also plans to supply the funds needed to improve the landscaping and courtyard at the university as well as update the computer lab and the equipment in it. In addition to all of this, CSUCI is also responsible for the staff and faculty awards, the purchasing of books for low-income students, the President's Fund, the University Endowment Fund, and student scholarships.

Gene Haas gives to a number of charitable organizations in addition to the CSUCI. In fact, in an effort to improve the quality of life for the local, national, and international community, Gene Haas created a charitable foundation in 1999 to help identify groups in need of funding. Once identified, the recipients support a wide range of causes, including health, safety, child welfare, education, and emergency disaster relief.

The charities of most importance to Gene Haas, however, include those who specifically support the health and wellbeing of the community's children and feed the poor. These groups include the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, Food Share, and the United Way. In all, Gene Haas' charitable organization has funded more than 800 non-profits and given away more than \$8.5 million.

About Gene Haas:

Gene Haas is the founder of Haas CNC Racing and Haas Automation, North America's largest automated tool manufacturer. His foundation, which was founded in 1999 to improve the local, national, and international community, has given more than \$8.5 million to over 800 different non-profit organizations.

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