



Sputtering up Maple Lane in a beat-up '83 Toyota Pickup with his oft-awry beanie perched atop his head, one would hardly discern Steve Schour to be the intelligent, consummate professional he was. But inside the truck, under the beanie, there sat a thoughtful, organized and sensitive man. A reflection of the students he served, his rough edges belied his compassionate core.

As a beloved educator in the Bear Valley Unified School district for close to forty years, twenty of which he spent as Principal of Chautauqua High School, Steve Schour sought to extend education to everyone, regardless of students' obstacles. The Steve Schour Memorial Fund honors this purpose and aims to keep Steve's memory and mission alive.

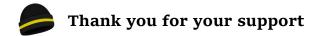
The Bear Valley is blessed to have many local scholarships available to students after high school, but surprisingly few resources exist for students during their secondary education. Unfortunately, many of our local youth can't wait until graduation day for help. They need assistance **now**: The student without a computer at home; the athlete who can't afford a basketball to practice with; the musician with a broken guitar and no means to fix it. These are the students Steve Schour spent his life serving, and are the students his name will continue to support.

The Steve Schour Memorial Fund will provide for Bear Valley students twofold. The "Schour Lending Center" will provide laptops, musical instruments and sports equipment for all students to checkout. The Fund will also provide "Individual Awards" to qualified Big Bear High School/Chautauqua students who complete the application process in request of anything that will help better their academic, athletic or creative practice. The once implausible dream of a computer, a basketball or a guitar can become an inspiring reality.

Individual Awards from the Steve Schour Memorial Fund will be available to local high school students based on the following criteria:

- Financial need (as determined by qualification for free/reduced lunch)
- Dedication to their practice (of academic, athletic and/or creative pursuit)
- Positive impact in their community (school, family and work)

Your tax-deductible donations to the **Open Sky Music Foundation, Inc.** will directly impact deserving students in our community. And this is just the start. By empowering our Big Bear youth we help create better homes, better schools, and a better Big Bear. Donate to the **Steve Schour Memorial Fund** with a check payable to the **Open Sky Music Foundation, Inc.** by noting *Schour Memorial Fund* in your check memo section. Your donation represents faith in the people of Big Bear; it represents solidarity; it represents the stripe of light in the darkness.



Open Sky Music Foundation, Inc. PO Box 2821 Big Bear Lake, CA 92315