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### **Only 4 Weeks Left to Give to IPSF's 2011 Annual Campaign.**

IPSF's 2011 Annual Campaign ends December 31 and our students still need your support! You've read the newspaper and seen the news—the outlook for education funding in California continues to be bleak. *It is up to us to preserve the quality of our local schools.*

Your donation to the Irvine Public Schools Foundation will make a difference where it is needed most—in the classroom. With your help, elementary students will have small group instruction in critical areas like reading. With your donation, middle and high school students will have reduced class sizes. **And your gift will be matched by the City of Irvine, dollar for dollar.** Please go to [www.ipsf.net](http://www.ipsf.net) to make your donation today.

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### **Win VIP tickets to See Young the Giant on December 17th**

Young the Giant, Irvine's own rock stars, are coming home and you could win tickets to see them perform! After touring internationally, the band is partnering with VIZIO to present two Hometown Holiday Benefit Shows for IPSF at the Galaxy Theatre in Santa Ana. As former IUSD students, the band is committed to IPSF's mission and will donate a portion of the event proceeds to IPSF. Tickets for both nights are SOLD OUT, but you can win two VIP tickets by entering our Facebook sweepstakes. To enter, "like" Irvine Public Schools Foundation on [Facebook](#) and complete the form to enter. Sweepstakes ends December 7<sup>th</sup>! And stay tuned to our Facebook page for information about a student video contest with Young the Giant and our Corporate Partner VIZIO!

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### **First Ever IPSF Day at UCI a Huge Success**

Over 150 high school students from Irvine schools and their families had a chance to experience a day on a college campus in early November. The sold out event was the result of a partnership between IPSF and UCI, with a vision to expose students early on to what it's like to attend a class, eat in the cafeteria, be a fan at a basketball game, and live on a college campus. Additionally, students heard from Sharon Salinger, Dean of Undergraduate Education, as well as an admissions counselor on what it takes to attend a University of California school. Concurrently, parents learned from a financial aid counselor on how to pay for the experience. Wells Fargo Bank, Title Sponsor of the event, College Blueprint and Princeton Review, both Lead Sponsors, were also on hand to provide related information to students and their parents.

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### **2012 So. Cal. Half Marathon & 5K to Benefit IPSF**

IPSF is proud to be a charitable partner for the 2012 Southern California Half Marathon & 5K presented by Kaiser Permanente, coming on January 7<sup>th</sup>. Designate IPSF when you register and a portion of your registration fee will support IUSD schools.

The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Southern California Half Marathon & 5K will once again be held in the Woodbridge area of Irvine, where runners and walkers will participate in a half marathon, 5K Run/Walk and a 1.5K Kids Fun Run. The event, which will feature chip timing, prizes and a post-race expo, also benefits the Raise Foundation and Woodbridge High School. For information or to register, go to [www.schalmarathon.com](http://www.schalmarathon.com).