

## Students pick teachers for grant awards

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A group of high school students from San Mateo and Santa Clara counties got a chance to play philanthropist Wednesday, courtesy of a national non-profit group.

The non-profit, DonorsChoose, gave the students \$25,000 to grant to Bay Area teachers in need of classroom resources.

The students, members of the Girls for Change organization, gathered at Yahoo! in Sunnyvale on Wednesday evening to evaluate nearly 300 education grant proposals, before deciding which ones to fund with the \$25,000 given to them to allocate.

The proposals had been previously submitted by local teachers to DonorsChoose, which uses its Web site, [www.donorschoose.org](http://www.donorschoose.org), to match teachers in need of classroom resources with donors willing to finance those needs. The proposals covered topics ranging from literacy and history to art and music.

The students' philanthropist-for-a-day exercise was made possible by a local anonymous donor to DonorsChoose. DonorsChoose put together the student grant-making event to help mark National Teachers Day on Tuesday.