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ENGINEERING FOR KIDS FOUNDATION PROVIDES ADDITIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR AT-RISK CHILDREN

FREDERICKSBURG, VA – Engineering For Kids, a 130-plus-unit Fredericksburg, Va. - based franchise offering a range of science and engineering related learning programs, is excited to announce the formation of their 501(c)3 non-profit organization, the Engineering For Kids Foundation.

The foundation began just recently in 2014 and only continues to grow- especially with the formation of a Mentorship Program that pairs high school students with at-risk elementary school students to tackle hands-on science and engineering programs at no cost. The program has been piloted in Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania schools, and will soon be expanding throughout the state of Virginia

After the completion of our pilot Mentorship Program, the positive feedback from all of the students, mentors, parents, and school officials was phenomenal. “As far as the Summer Learning Loss Prevention (SLLP) Program happens we'd love to continue to have your group come and work with our kids. I believe this is one of the most rewarding and memorable field trips we have provided. We really appreciate all you, your staff, and your company has done.” -Carly, YMCA Summer Learning Loss Prevention Coordinator

“With the decline of students pursuing engineering degrees, employers are having a harder time filling the science and engineering related jobs within their organizations. We strive to make students more inspired about engineering and put them on the track to succeed in a science or engineering related career.” –Dori Roberts, Founder

The Engineering For Kids Foundation has exciting awards and fundraising initiatives that will take place over the next few months:

- STEM Teacher of the Year Award – given to an elementary or middle school teacher in Prince William County Schools that demonstrates a passion for teaching Science, Technology, Engineering or Math. The winner of this award will receive \$500 to be used towards classroom supplies.

- STEM School of the Year Award - given to an elementary or middle school in Prince William County that demonstrates excellent Science, Technology, Engineering or Math activities or programs. The school that receives this award will be given two, free, six week Engineering For Kids after school programs.
- Scholarship Essay Contest - A contest for any high school student in the state of Virginia that has gone through an Engineering For Kids program and plans to pursue a degree in any STEM field. The winner of this contest will be awarded \$500 to be used towards their college education.
- Fundraising Gala – A night of dinner, drinks, dancing, guest speaker Leland Melvin, a NASA astronaut, announcement of the award winners, a silent auction, and sponsorship opportunities. Tickets are available on our website.
- Stafford Science and Engineering Festival – Set to take place in April at the Stafford Regional Airport. This event will be a day full of hands-on STEM activities for kids and fun demonstrations from all different kinds of organizations that would like to showcase their STEM initiatives.

ABOUT THE ENGINEERING FOR KIDS FOUNDATION

The Engineering For Kids Foundation is a non-profit organization that was started in Fredericksburg, Virginia by Engineering For Kids founder Dori Roberts. The foundation focuses on offering the same Engineering For Kids programs to children who may not have access to extended learning opportunities. By building a team of dedicated educators, engineering mentors, and generous sponsors, the Engineering For Kids Foundation can provide support that will help interested engineering students achieve personal and academic growth. If you are interested in supporting their mission or finding out more information about upcoming awards and events, visit their website at www.efkfoundation.org and “like” them on Facebook.