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Engineering For Kids Foundation to host Stafford Science and Engineering Festival

With special performances from Reptiles Alive!, Eric Energy, and former NASA Astronaut Dr. Tom Jones

Fredericksburg, Va.- The Engineering For Kids Foundation, designed to provide S.T.E.M. education and inspire students ages 4-14 by offering hands-on, discipline specific engineering activities, will be hosting the first Stafford Science and Engineering Festival on April 23rd, 2016 at Stafford Regional Airport from 11:00am-4:00pm in partnership with Stafford County Economic Development. The event will feature stage performances from former NASA Astronaut Dr. Tom Jones, Reptiles Alive!, and Eric Energy. Additional activities at the event include exhibitors displaying hands-on activities for kids, vendors, food trucks, on-site Engineering Challenges from Engineering For Kids of Stafford, and a LEGO® Building Contest.

“The goal of the event is really to bring the community together and show kids what science and technology is all about in an exciting, hands-on way,” said Rebecca Thompson, Executive Director of the Engineering For Kids Foundation. “We also want to give the business an opportunity to interact with the local schools and show children the many careers that are available to them with a degree in S.T.E.M.”

The event is free to attend for all ages. The on-site Engineering Challenges and the LEGO® Building Contest does require pre-registration. This can be done online at www.staffordsciencefest.org.

Not only will the day be filled with activities for kids and their families, but the Engineering For Kids Foundation has a goal to raise \$30,000 from the event through sponsorships and exhibitor fees. All proceeds will be put towards the expansion of the Foundation’s Mentorship Program- a program that pairs high school students with at-risk elementary school students and allows them to work side by side in an Engineering For Kids robotics program.

The Engineering For Kids Foundation is still accepting registrations for sponsors, exhibitors, vendors, and volunteers.

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.

