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## **Engineering For Kids Foundation Chosen by Staples Associate to Receive \$1,000 Grant**

***Organization Chosen by Local Associate to Benefit from Staples Foundation Grant***

FREDERICKSBURG, VA 12/9/2015– The Engineering For Kids Foundation has been awarded \$1,000 by Staples Foundation, the private charitable arm of Staples, Inc., under a program that lets Staples associates direct donations.

“With this grant from Staples Foundation, the Engineering For Kids Foundation will be able to support 10 at-risk children through our STEM education Mentorship Program, providing them with a lifelong experience that will inspire them to become part of the next generation of engineers,” said Rebecca Thompson, Executive Director of the Engineering For Kids Foundation.

This grant is part of a philanthropic initiative created by Staples Foundation which allows Staples associates around the world to direct funding to non-profit organizations that are focused on education or job skills. The program, called 2 Million and Change, encourages local community engagement by awarding larger grants to organizations where associates are highly engaged in volunteering or fundraising – up to \$25,000 per organization.

In 2014, Staples awarded more than \$2.4 million in grants to 1,056 local organizations in support of education and job skills programs, including tutoring for pediatric cancer patients, job skills development for individuals with disabilities, school supplies, mentoring and more.

“Staples Foundation is committed to encouraging associates around the globe to make a difference in their local communities and through 2 Million and Change we enable them to directly support the programs where they personally see the greatest need,” said Emily McCann, senior manager of community and giving for Staples, Inc.

## **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](http://www.efkfoundation.org) and “like” them on Facebook.

## **ABOUT STAPLES COMMUNITY AND GIVING**

Staples contributes to educational and job-related community efforts with a primary focus on disadvantaged youth, from literacy and mentoring to career skills development, through in-kind and monetary donations and grants from Staples Foundation, the private charitable arm of Staples, Inc. Through its community and giving efforts, Staples and Staples Foundation have helped more than 7,000 organizations in 26 countries. For more information, visit [www.staples.com/community](http://www.staples.com/community).



High school students being trained on how to be a mentor in the Engineering For Kids Foundation Mentorship Program.