

PRESS RELEASE

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LAEF Donates \$30,000 to Media Center/STEAM Programs!

(Los Alamitos, CA) – The Los Alamitos Education Foundation (LAEF) was proud to donate \$30,000 to the Los Alamitos Unified School District's six elementary school Media Centers this Fall. Each elementary school's "Friends of" group received \$5,000 to help support their Media Center and STEAM teachers. The funds were raised during last year's King & Queen of Hearts campaign. By partnering with the "Friends of" groups at each elementary site, LAEF saw an opportunity to provide elementary students with an enhanced educational experience from credentialed teachers, and help extend the STEAM Initiative (science, technology, engineering, the arts and math) across the district.

"We are so thankful to LAEF for stepping up to help us fund our media center this year," says Project SEEK President and McGaugh Elementary parent Leanne Voigt. "The extra funds help ensure that our media center will continue to have the same support this year as it has in year's past."

The King & Queen of Hearts campaign directly supports LAEF's STEAM Initiative. This year's campaign will commence on December 15th and a new King and Queen will be crowned at the Royal Ball and Coronation on Friday, February 24, 2017. The current King and Queen are Matt Herrick of Southland Credit Union and Griffins Grill, and Seal Beach Lion of the Year Adriana Preciado-Ziegenbusch. LAEF looks forward to continuing to support district needs and the STEAM initiative though community participation in this campaign.

LAEF is the non-profit partner of Los Alamitos Unified School District. LAEF enhances educational excellence by providing after-school and summer enrichment programs to children

in grades Pre-K to 12. LAEF impacts all students by providing significant funding for STEAM teachers and instruction, as well as igniting new programs and providing valuable resources. For more information, visit www.LAEF4kids.org or call (562) 799-4700 Extension 80424 today!



LAEF presents a check to all 6 of the Los Al USD elementary school principals. Pictured from left to right are LAEF Executive Director Carrie Logue, McGaugh Assistant Principal Terri Malpass, McGaugh Principal Roni Ellis, Los Alamitos Elementary School Principal Dr. Sunghie Okino, Weaver Principal Dr. Robert Briggerman, Lee Principal Amy Laughlin, Rossmoor Principal Amy Belsha and Hopkinson Principal Evelyn Garcia.