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LAEF Donates \$60,000 to Media Center/STEAM Programs!

(Los Alamitos, CA) – The Los Alamitos Education Foundation (LAEF) was proud to donate \$60,000 to the Los Alamitos Unified School District's six elementary school Media Centers this fall. Each elementary school received \$10,000 to help support their Media Center and STEAM teachers. The funds were raised during last year's King & Queen of Hearts campaign. LAEF is excited to partner with the "Friends of" groups at each elementary school 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.

LAEF's donation helps to relieve some of the pressure on the parent groups who are largely responsible for funding Media Center and STEAM teachers across the district. "LAEF values the on-going partnerships with these parent groups and is excited to see the money promote the ever-growing STEAM programs at the elementary level," expressed LAEF Executive Director, Carrie Logue.

The King & Queen of Hearts campaign directly supports LAEF's STEAM Initiative. This year's campaign kicks off on December 6th with LAEF's debut event. A new King and Queen will be crowned at the Royal Ball and Coronation on Friday, February 8, 2019. The current King and Queen are Geoffrey King of King Financial Group – Wells Fargo Advisors, Rossmoor resident and Los Alamitos High School parent, along with Wendee Close, Mortgage Specialist at CLS Financial, district alumna and district parent. 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 six of the Los Al USD elementary school principals. Pictured from left to right are Rossmoor Principal Amy Belsha, LAEF Executive Director Carrie Logue, McGaugh Principal Roni Ellis, Weaver Principal Dr. Robert Briggerman, Hopkinson Principal Evelyn Garcia, Lee Principal Amy Laughlin, and Los Alamitos Elementary Principal Gary Willems.