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## **LLNS announces recipients of \$100,000 Community Gift Program**

Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC (LLNS), the contract manager for Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, has announced the recipients for the 2009 LLNS Community Gift Program. These gifts, totaling \$100,000, reflect LLNS' commitment to local communities.

LLNS received 73 applications totaling nearly \$750,000 in requests. Twenty-one applications were selected for awards through a committee review process. The majority of these awards serve children in the Tri-Valley and San Joaquin County, with a focus on science and math education and cultural arts.

"We thank all of the agencies for the valuable services they provide in our Tri-Valley community. It's through their hard work and persistent effort that the entire region benefits," said George Miller, LLNS President and LLNL Director.

"LLNS is committed to being a good neighbor. Through these gifts to education and arts, LLNS is providing a direct investment in the future of the community."

Following are this year's LLNS Corporate Gift Program award recipients, with a brief description of their programs and goals:

**Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, Livermore High School, Engineering Pathway Program** enhances curriculum in pre-engineering courses and motivates, inspires and educates future engineers.

**San Ramon Valley Unified School District Foundation, Teacher Professional Development** will embed a cadre of demonstration 21st Century Teaching and Learning classrooms in the district, from which other teachers will want to expand or emulate.

**Dublin High School Unified School District Biotech Program** hopes to increase biotechnology studies by purchasing equipment for 50 percent more of its students.

**Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, WOW Science** underwrites school field trip performances of the World of Wisdom series. WOW presents science, math and technology concepts in a visually stimulating and interesting environment by using performance as a platform.

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**Tracy Unified School District, Merrill F. West High School, Space & Engineering Academy Robotics Program** will purchase special equipment that will give academy students valuable new experiences in engineering and technology.

**Las Positas College, Biology Program** inspires students to pursue careers in science by engaging them in hands-on experience with gene cloning and sequencing.

**American Association of University Women, (Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin Branch), Science Camp Scholarships** benefits the Tech Trek program, a weeklong summer residential math and science camp for middle school girls.

**Axis Community Health, Health Care Services** provides quality, affordable, accessible and compassionate health care services that promote the well-being of all members of the community of eastern Alameda County. These funds will provide additional medical visits for low income Tri-Valley children who otherwise would not be able to access medical care.

**Basic Necessities** provides resources to people in need who live in Livermore, particularly those in transition or crisis situations. This organization will use LLNS funds for its Nosotras en Control (We (girls) are in Control) program for middle and high school-aged Latinas who are the first women in their family to attend school after the primary grades.

**Give Every Child a Chance, Tutoring Program** will provide much needed interactive materials for approximately 150 struggling students and their tutors at three tutoring sites.

**Liberty Union High School District, Chemistry/Physics/Biology Program** will purchase equipment and chemicals to allow students to perform experiments using remote sensing equipment.

**Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, VII Indian Education Program** improves local Native American children's educational opportunities and cultivates the future of local American Indian children by improving their educational opportunities providing a sense of cultural awareness. The program will purchase computers and other materials for use by the more than 420 American Indian students.

**Playing at Learning, Robotics Program** provides technology-based, educational enrichment opportunities for schoolchildren. Funds will be used for FIRST LEGO League and FIRST Tech Challenge program registration, equipment and team support for public school teams in the Tri-Valley and San Joaquin Valley areas.

**Tri-Valley Regional Occupational Program (ROP), Alternative Energy Books and Equipment** will give students an understanding of energy issues and careers as well as practical knowledge that will enable them to pursue careers in the energy sector.

**Dublin Partners in Education, Reading Program** fosters mutually beneficial business and education partnerships in order to maximize community resources for the students of the Dublin Unified School District. They will use funding to continue their progress in reading fluency, accuracy and comprehension through a proven tutoring program, the Barton Reading and Spelling System.

**City of Livermore, Civic Center Library, Job Center.** Free2 Succeed program provides the opportunity for patrons from all walks of life to flourish by offering free one-on-one career advising, skill-building workshops (in both English and Spanish), career-oriented programming, outreach to the community, and career-related resources.

**City of Pleasanton, Library, STEM Collection.** Pleasanton Library systematically updates and expands the general math, science, technology and engineering collections with an increasing focus on math and science curricula for school-aged children.

**Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, Rancho Las Positas Elementary.** Science Supplies will provide hands-on science labs for approximately 430 elementary students.

**Rotarian Foundation of Livermore, Dictionary for Young Scholars** project will give each third grade student and teacher in the Livermore School District a personal copy of the MacMillan Dictionary.

**Search and Rescue Dream Center, Green Initiative to Harvest Food for Donation** will serve the city of Tracy in picking produce from local gardens and fruit trees, teaching and motivating citizens about composting and maintaining their gardens and fruit trees, as well as serving the needs of those who are struggling to make ends meet by donating excess produce.

**Valley Dance Theater, Children's Performances for Women's Shelter** will provide free tickets to the winter ballet, "The Nutcracker," for many of the children and women at the Tri-Valley Haven, perhaps the only live arts program they will see.

For more information about the LLNS Community Gift Program, go to the Website.  
<http://www.llnslc.com/communityGiving/llnsgift>