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W.H.O. FOUNDATION AWARDS 2009 EDUCATION AND LITERACY GRANT TO THE WORKS

Edina, Minnesota Organization Will Use Funds To Provide Hands-On STEM Workshops

CARROLLTON, TX— The Women Helping Others (W.H.O.) Foundation, created to encourage women to actively support community service, has awarded a \$4,800 Education and Literacy Grant to The Works in Edina, Minnesota.

The grant will support their hands-on summer science programs for children. The overall goal of the program is to make summer school fun for the Minneapolis Public School children who are forced to attend. To achieve this goal, The Works will purchase materials for nearly 1,000 children at 16 Summer School sites. Students will either build their own motor-powered fan, slimy goo, or magnet game while participating in a workshop that will strengthen their math and science skills.

“Helping children increase their abilities with math and science becomes more important each day,” said Cindy Turek, W.H.O. executive director. “Being able to help The Works provide this crucial educational component to economically challenged students and their families is gratifying. Who knows what one of their budding scientists invents in the years to come.”

Rebecca Schatz, The Works, executive director, said, “We’re so excited by the generosity of W.H.O. We’ll be able to provide hands-on experience to almost 1,000 students this summer. We know from experience that the hands-on, minds-on curriculum we use will benefit these students not just today but also for years to come.”

The Works is a “hands-on, minds-on” museum that makes learning about science and engineering interesting, understandable and fun. A non-profit community organization, The Works creates successful, inspiring, hands-on learning experiences for kids. Their unique exhibits and educational programs demystify science engineering, and inspire interest and confidence in learning. The Works has provided kid-friendly STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) programs since 1995.

Independent BeautyControl Director, Denise McDougall personally presented the check from the W.H.O. Foundation to Kris Best, Director of Development, at a July 9th gathering at The Works facility. Denise and fellow Directors had an opportunity to tour the museum and see first hand how the money they have raised and donated to the W.H.O. Foundation is making a real difference in the lives of children in the community.

The WHO (Women Helping Others) Foundation, established in 1993, is committed to encouraging women everywhere to help others through community service; supporting organizations dedicated to the needs of women, children and families in crisis. Since its inception, the WHO Foundation has granted more than \$3.6 million to other non-profit organizations supporting such issues as teen pregnancy, rape, education, homelessness, drug and alcohol abuse, and domestic violence.

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