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Access to STEM Programming Increased for Cincinnati-area students through partnership The Gaskins Foundation and STEMPower

STEMPower leader makes donation to support STEM learning in the Greater Cincinnati area.

CINCINNATI – June 6, 2022 – STEMPower, a program founded by the Cincinnati Woman’s Club and designed to empower girls to pursue their Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) interests into college and career will award a \$50,000 gift to The Gaskins Foundation to support STEM programming for young ladies in the Greater Cincinnati area.

The Gaskins Foundation coordinates the STEMulates program which is designed to increase student participation in STEM activities through hands-on challenge-based learning experiences. Using the PEP (Present, Engage, Prepare) model, the focus is to position our students to perform at least one grade level above current educational standards.

“Since I first learned about The Gaskins Foundation, I became intrigued about the programs it offers,” said Ellen Zemke, whose CWC President’s Project funded STEMPower. “After meeting with the leaders of the foundation, I am impressed and excited by the Foundation’s work and accomplishments. I am extremely interested in supporting young students who have an aptitude for STEM classes which may lead to careers in STEM fields.”

The Cincinnati Woman’s Club founded the STEMPower program, under the leadership of Ellen Zemke, a multi-year initiative to empower high school girls to pursue their STEM interests into college and career. Through the gift, students from Cincinnati Public Schools will be able to participate in two specific programs offered by the Gaskins Foundation. The Algebra by 7th Grade/Numeracy initiative gives students in grades 3-7 support with math learning, through tutoring, mentoring and hands-on projects. The Young STEMinistas program provides young ladies with immersive STEM-learning experiences to help prepare them for entry into STEM fields.

“We are honored to receive this gift. Our programs have a history of bringing change to students and families,” says Dr. Whitney Gaskins, founder of the Gaskins Foundation. “We know that this gift and partnership will help change the future of young ladies throughout the region.”

Families can learn more about the Gaskins Foundation and the STEMulates program by visiting the Gaskins Foundation website at www.thegaskinsfoundation.org

About The Gaskins Foundation

The Gaskins Foundation is a non-profit organization that provides extraordinary opportunities for under recognized and under-represented youth. The Gaskins Foundation gives our youth resources at many stages of their academic careers as well as their creative lives. We offer comprehensive programs to help develop and foster the skill sets need to accomplish a brighter future. The Gaskins Foundation's mission is to present, engage, and prepare students of all ages to become leaders in STEM using algebra, programming, and design concepts. The main program of the Gaskins Foundation is STEMulates. STEMulates is a community- centered program, designed to increase the number of engineers and applied scientists in the Cincinnati area over the next 20 years.

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