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Boeing Employees Award Grant for Technology Upgrades

The Boeing Employees Community Fund (ECF) has awarded the Challenger Learning Center-St. Louis a grant of \$7,040 to upgrade the technology used in the Discovery Room.

These funds will allow the Challenger Learning Center to purchase an interactive whiteboard, a new computer and other related materials, including additional and upgraded storage systems. "As a result, we will be able to continue to use technology as an effective teaching tool and provide high quality programs for students throughout the Greater St. Louis region," says Tasmyn Scarl Front, director of the Challenger Learning Center-St. Louis.

Challenger Learning Center-St. Louis uses students' natural enthusiasm for space to create innovative learning experiences for imaginative young minds. These learning experiences are fueled by the power of simulated space missions as the teaching tool. These missions take place in space environments that include a Mission Control Center, modeled after NASA's Johnson Space Center, and an orbiting space station. In addition to simulated space missions, the Challenger Learning Center offers programs for scouts, the general public, corporations and community groups. The Center is located at 205 Brotherton Lane in Ferguson, Missouri.

The Boeing ECF is an employee-owned and managed charitable giving fund that supports community service agencies in regions where Boeing employees live and work. Last year the ECF distributed more than \$2.4 million to more than 270 non-profit organizations in the St. Louis region. The Boeing ECF has supported the Challenger Learning Center every year since its opening in 2003. "We are

very pleased to continue our support of the Challenger Learning Center, where their unique and engaging hands-on programs, including simulated space missions help to develop our future generation of engineers and scientists” explains Angela Most, spokesperson for ECF of Boeing St. Louis.

“The generosity of the Employee Community Fund of Boeing St. Louis has helped to ignite students' lifelong interest in science, technology, math and engineering,” says Front..

The Challenger Learning Center–St. Louis is part of the Challenger Center for Space Science Education, which is an international not-for-profit education organization founded in April 1986 by the families of the astronauts tragically lost during the Challenger space shuttle mission. Locally, the Challenger Learning Center-St. Louis, is organized through a partnership of the Ferguson-Florissant School District, the Saint Louis Science Center and the Cooperating School Districts.

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