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Holy Family Parish School initiates "Center for STEM Education"
Donation by EngineeringPeople's CEO Promotes STEM Education at Holy Family

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{Peoria, Illinois} – EngineeringPeople, a leading provider of engineering services and technical staffing, is giving back to the community with a donation of \$10,000 to Holy Family Parish School to kick-start their new initiative to develop a STEM program (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics). CEO, Jim Montelongo, is eager to help the same Catholic elementary school that gave his three sons a top-rate academic foundation by providing resources to advance the next generation.

With these funds, Holy Family will roll out a new curriculum called "Innovation in the Classroom" and use a mix of multimedia, video, and hands-on activities to teach tech based content and explore trending scientific topics. Children in grades three through five will have new lessons introduced in their standard science classes including: creative communications, preliminary engineering, energy and power and more. Students in grades six through eight will be taken a step further with the opportunity to participate in "STEM Action Labs," which will consist of hands-on projects in alternative energy, robotics, and computer aided drafting. The school plans to add more subjects as interest grows. All lessons will focus on preparing students for "In-Demand" Careers and provide opportunities to obtain "21st Century Skills" such as teamwork, initiative, problem-solving, self-direction & career development.

EngineeringPeople's mission to attract and retain the best talent has compelled them to step up to the plate and help shape this talent. "I want to aid in programs that develop scientists and engineers which will ultimately help EngineeringPeople and our community at large. Studies have shown that the earlier we interest kids to use their curiosity in science and technology, the better." Jim Montelongo's statement refers to the research published in US News that found if not engaged early, 1/3 of the student population loses interest in science by fourth grade and that increases to ½ of all students by the eighth grade. "Hopefully by introducing these skills at the grade school level, they can grow up feeling comfortable in STEM projects and enter into job opportunities and internships in our own community as early as high school with these new skills." He also recognizes Holy Family for it's highly diverse student population, which is promoted at EngineeringPeople, because bringing a variety of perspectives and learning styles together always yields better solutions.

Jill Templin, principal at Holy Family, is extremely grateful. "We cannot thank Mr. Montelongo and "Engineering People" enough for giving us the opportunity to provide this type of educational experience for our students. I believe that children learn best by doing, exploring, creating and imagining possibilities." She has witnessed firsthand that the number one message across local business leaders is that students today are not being prepared adequately with the necessary skills to be successful in today's work world. She believes that this innovative educational approach will impact her students' lives and bridge the gap between education today and the future employment needs of tomorrow. "We have researched this curriculum and would like to offer a program very similar to Peoria District 150 Washington Gifted School. It provides students with the learning experiences that prepare them to be leaders in a global and technologically advanced society. A STEM education at Holy Family provides our students with a leg up for future success."

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