

MEDIA ALERT



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Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County Announces Ribbon Cutting for New STEM Lab at Kennedy Elementary School

What: Kennedy STEM Lab Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Who: Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County

Why: New STEM Lab

When: February 25, 2015, 10 am

Where: Robert F. Kennedy Elementary School, 1602 Lucretia Ave., San Jose, CA 95122

SAN JOSE, CA, February 23, 2015 -- Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County announces ribbon cutting for new STEM Lab at Kennedy Elementary School. The Franklin McKinley School District has opened its doors to allow Catholic Charities to do what they do best- serve the community.

The Catholic Charities CORAL STEM's (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) purpose is to help students explore and learn about STEM and related careers through quality instruction and use of the new STEM Lab. The lab is a critical component that will be the center for all STEM learning during regular school hours and during the CORAL program. It will provide students and instructors with the necessary tools and space to implement quality STEM education.

GOALS:

1. Engage students in CORAL STEM learning at Kennedy Elementary;
2. Ensure consistent delivery of curriculum during the school year;
3. Gather, organize, and analyze participating CORAL student data and surveys.

Catholic Charities has created a STEM Curriculum based on the current Balanced Literacy Model used in CORAL and the most current California Content Standards. The curriculum uses age-appropriate books and materials to teach students about the various branches of science and engineering.

Additional activities will be added throughout the regular school year. These activities will serve to make connections to the real world of technology and engineering while using science and math as their main power tools. Activities include but are not limited to design challenge competitions (Tech Challenge), programming, 3D design and robotics.

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About Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County

Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County changes lives for good. We help people of all cultures and beliefs rise up out of poverty and overcome the barriers to self-sufficiency. Because most lives are a complex pattern of choices and circumstances, we take a holistic approach to helping people change their lives, taking into account the whole person as well as their family and life situations. We do this through a broad range of services, including job skills training and placement, older adult services, mental health and substance abuse counseling, housing assistance, financial education, immigration support, and refugee resettlement. We also provide educational programs that help young people develop into self-sufficient adults. Each year, we serve more than 41,000 people in need.

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