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The Technology Education Foundation (TEF) Announces Grant Recipients for 2016 *TEF receives funding directly from proceeds of annual Berbee Derby;* *Registration for Thanksgiving Day Berbee Derby Now Open*

Madison, WI – October 5, 2016 – Madison-based Technology Education Foundation (TEF) has announced its grant recipients for 2016. Founded in 2004, TEF funds and supports community organizations and groups that provide important technology resources and technology education to residents of all ages in the community.

Greater than \$88,000 was awarded to fourteen grant recipients in 2016. Since its inception, the Foundation has provided greater than \$570,000 in technology education grants.

TEF leader Jim Berbee founded Berbee Information Networks Corporation (now CDW) in 1993. A Madison native and veteran runner, Berbee wanted to find a way to give back to the Madison community. The family-friendly Berbee Derby premiered in 2004, but lacked a cause where the proceeds from the event could be donated.

Berbee explains what transpired next: “Paul Shain, Berbee CEO, suggested finding a cause to help promote the use of technology in classrooms and within non-profit organizations – something for both youth and adults. Technology is crucial to our day-to-day lives, but it also changes quickly and is expensive. We decided to start the Technology Education Foundation as the charity for the Berbee Derby. It has been a great success.”

2016 Grant recipients include area schools and school districts; community, neighborhood and youth centers; adult education centers; technology education organizations, and more. Details on the 2016 TEF grant recipients can be found below and at www.techedfoundation.com.

The 2016 Berbee Derby will be held this year on Thanksgiving Day, November 24. Berbee Derby registration is open with the following deadlines and milestone dates:

- Early Bird individual registration closes November 1st (\$35 per individual participant)
- Individual registration after November 1st is \$40 per individual participant
- Team registration must be completed by October 26th is \$35 for each person on the team

Berbee Derby information and online registration is at www.berbeederby.com.

About Technology Education Foundation (TEF)

The Technology Education Foundation (TEF), a non-profit founded in 2004, funds and supports community organizations and groups that provide important technology resources and technology education to residents – especially those who help close the “technology gap”. TEF funds benefit children, teens and adults of all ages who do not have access to or have only limited access to technology. The Foundation was founded by Jim Berbee, the founder of Berbee Information Networks Corporation (now CDW). 100% of proceeds from the annual Thanksgiving Day event, the Berbee Derby, fund TEF. Call (608) 492-0067 or visit www.techedfoundation.com.

About the Berbee Derby

The Berbee Derby is the premiere, professionally run Thanksgiving Day race event in the greater Madison area and is in its 13th year in 2016. 100% of the proceeds from the Berbee Derby turn directly into TEF grants that are disseminated to organizations who serve local communities. The Berbee Derby offers 5K and 10K options for walkers, joggers, and runners of all ages. More information and registration at www.berbeederby.com.

2016 Technology Education Foundation grant recipients are:

School District of Monroe: \$9,000 for three Makerbot Replicator Desktop 3D Printers for each elementary school.

Huegel Elementary School: \$4,928 for Dreambox for their 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade students. Dreambox is an online math program that provides extensive data on student progress.

Chavez Elementary School: \$5,300 for Chromebooks, internet service, laser printer and related hardware to be used in the Trail to Success after-school programming and parent empowerment training.

Vera Court Neighborhood Center: \$5,000 to help launch Vera Vision 2020; this campaign will double the size of the current center and intensify its academic programming to ensure every child has the support they need to read at grade level and graduate high school.

DANenet: \$10,000 for Everyone On Madison, a new initiative to close the digital divide in Madison. Everyone On Madison will help connect families to home internet services, and provide refurbished desktop computers and digital literacy education to 500 households.

Madison Metropolitan School District: \$5,000 to support a project to implement Mobile Makers in MMSD's elementary schools; Mobile Maker will engage the district's elementary school students in learning experiences that will help them build complex problem solving, critical thinking, creativity, communication, and collaborative skills.

Boys & Girls Club: \$5,000 to put towards Engineering in Action: Community Building, a new STEM program that BGCDC will be implementing in fall 2016. This 16-week program enables participants to learn engineering principles and practices.

Maydm: \$2,500 for iPads to be used by students in hardware and Arduino programming, coding exercises and web development.

Madison Children's Museum: \$5,000 to support the 2016-2017 MCM STEAM Programming series, which will have the theme of virtual reality.

Aldo Leopold Nature Center: \$3,000 to fund electronic hardware to ensure functionality of their high-tech meets high-touch educational exhibits and field studies programs.

YWCA: \$10,000 for Macbook Air laptops to support YWeb Career Academy. The YWeb Career Academy program provides instruction in website development skills through an intensive training institute.

Wisconsin Youth Company: \$9,584 for laptops with 6th Gen/i7 Processors accessible to approximately 200 students; this will upgrade the current computer lab.

St. James Catholic School: \$5,500 to implement an information technology plan to supplement its current curriculum. The funds will go to purchase tablets for junior high grades.

Sector67: \$8,300 to provide 10 portable workstations that will enable afterschool clubs to expand and grow. Sector67 serves many facets of the Madison community, including educational outreach and programs oriented at middle school students.