Media Contact: Janet Francis | Executive Director | janethfrancis@eefkids.org | 858-703-7621

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

LOCAL NONPROFIT WRAPS UP SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR STEAM/STEM PROGRAMS IN LOCAL SCHOOLS WITH OVER $19.5K RAISED

Eastlake Educational Foundation's Annual Technology & Innovation Fair and Cycle & 5K Run Supports Technology and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) Education in EastLake Schools

Photo credit Mariana Minjaras

SAN DIEGO (November 2019) – The community came together support STEAM programs and raise money for technology and innovation in Chula Vista Public Schools by participating in the **2019 Technology & Innovation Fair and *EastLake Cycle & 5K Run***, hosted by the EastLake Educational Foundation.

> This event was a true community effort and one that will have a lasting impact for the children and families that live in our community. I am both delighted and grateful to the many partners, volunteers, and sponsors for supporting our schools. Janet Francis, Executive Director

This year, a total of 470 cyclists and runners participated in the 25th Annual EastLake Cycle & Run and many more explored the new Technology & Innovation Fair after the races. The event raised $19,700+ to support technology and innovation to create future-forward schools.

We couldn't make this event happen without the support from our sponsors. We would like to thank our many sponsors including annual sponsors The Adrian & Betsy Gonzalez Foundation, COX, McDonalds, Pennick, Inc., North Island Credit Union, and The EastLake Storage. We also want to thank presenting sponsors COX and Republic Services, Community Health Group, Blair Search Partners, Thrively, Kashi, Emmy's Organics, and Sprouts Farmers Market. *

We also want to thank our event partners: San Diego Futures Foundation, 619 Barkada, San Diego Bike Club, Bonita Bikers the San Diego STEM EcoSystem, and the Chula Vista Police Department and the hundreds of volunteers that helped host the event –including an extra shout out to the EastLake Cheer Team and EastLake Middle School staff for hosting this year.

We also would like to thank the Innovation Providers including: San Diego Futures Foundation, Salk Institute, North Island Credit Union, American Heart Association, Sylvan Learning Center, HOUR OF CODE, Code Ninjas, Smart Mind Robotics, League of Extraordinary Scientists & Engineers, Hands On Technology, YMCA, U.S. Border Patrol, Fleet Science Center, The South Bay Game of Throws, Science Delivered!, Forward Slope Inc., NDIA- Knowledge Made, Woman's Military Group, San Diego Media Arts, County of San Diego Department of Parks and Recreation, Chula Vista Police Dept. Drone program, Solar Cars, EastLake High TitanBot and San Diego County Credit Union.

For 25 years, the EEF has helped schools prepare students for the 21st century world of opportunities that await them.

Highlights of the day's activities can be enjoyed by going to eefkids.org or directly using https://vimeo.com/372739659.

Photo credit Terry McKearney

For more information about the event, please visit [www.eefkids.org/event/eastlake-cycle-and-run-technology-and-innovation-fair/.](www.eefkids.org/event/eastlake-cycle-and-run-technology-and-innovation-fair/)

###

About The EastLake Educational Foundation

A Bridge Between Schools and Communities

The EastLake Educational Foundation (EEF) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit foundation. Since the EEF's inception in 1995, over $2,500,000 in private donations has been raised to fund technology and innovation in our neighborhood public schools. The EEF provides educational grants to EastLake Schools, and STEM/STEAM programs for the Chula Vista community.

*

ho community. www.eefkids.org