



Plano ISD  
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## **Plano ISD Education Foundation receives \$20,000 donation from Plano Rotary Club**

### ***Club's gift to boost education achievement through the Academy Programs of Plano/Health Sciences Academy***

**Plano, TX — December 8, 2015.** As part of its \$100,000 pledge to the Academy Programs of Plano, the Plano Rotary Club presented \$20,000 this week to the Plano ISD Education Foundation. The funding benefits the Plano ISD Health Sciences Academy, an academic program of choice housed at Williams High School and Plano East Senior High School which prepares students for the demands of a four-year university, pre-med program or healthcare career certification.

As a civic and service club, Plano Rotary forged a new donor profile within the school community and, with its bronze level sponsorship, set a new precedent of generosity and involvement for citizens and business leaders. "The Plano Rotary Club is pleased to support the Health Sciences Academy and its innovative focus on healthcare careers for students through this donation," said Plano Rotary Club President Kelly Palmer. "Additionally, we're pleased to support initiatives that further empower teachers to drive creativity and innovation in their classrooms as well as other programs that help under-served communities. What better place to start tackling these issues than in our own backyard and with the support of our very giving employee volunteers."

"Our partnership with Plano Rotary Club is essential to achieve academic excellence and prepare our students for a bright future," said Plano ISD Education Foundation Executive Director Jeanine Alpert.

#### ***About Plano ISD Education Foundation***

The Plano ISD Education Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, with a mission to help all students in Plano public schools achieve their full potential by providing financial support to educators and academic programs. Since 1993, the Foundation has generated private support for priority projects for which tax dollars are not available. Since 2000, almost \$9 million has been gifted to Plano ISD by the Foundation to enhance student learning; recruit, retain and recognize the very best teachers; or address critical needs of students and families so that all students can be successful. The Foundation also provides emergency assistance for teachers and staff members in crisis. To learn more about the Plano ISD Education Foundation, contact Executive Director Jeanine Alpert at 469-752-8091.

#### ***About Plano Rotary Club***

The Plano Rotary Club is a philanthropic organization of business men and women who are committed to creating positive change in their community and in the world. The Plano Rotary Club provides service to others, promotes integrity and advances world understanding, goodwill and peace through its fellowship of business, professional and community leaders. Committed to "Service above Self," Rotarians attend weekly meetings where they are informed about community issues through the programs. Rotary Club members make valuable connections with community leaders who care about the issues facing Plano and Collin County and the world. To learn more about the Plano Rotary Club, the club meets on Thursdays from 12 Noon-1 PM at Gleneagles Country Club—guests are welcome.

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