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Express Scripts Foundation Boosts Challenger Learning Center's Reach to Area Schools

ST. LOUIS—The Challenger Learning Center-St. Louis has been awarded \$25,000 from the Express Scripts Foundation to provide Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)-based programs to area schools.

The program includes teacher professional development workshops, hands-on science activities for students at their schools, support for a rocket club and simulated space missions at the Challenger Learning Center. The schools that will be served include Bel-Nor Elementary and Normandy Middle in the Normandy School District and Cool Valley Elementary and Berkeley Middle in the Ferguson-Florissant School District.

“The Express Scripts Foundation is committed to supporting efforts that will help prepare students for success, especially in the area of science. We are pleased to continue our support to the Challenger Learning Center, whose innovative programs get students interested in science and provide meaningful experiences for both students and teachers,” said Sue Schlichter, Executive Director of the Express Scripts Foundation.

“The generosity of the Express Scripts Foundation will allow us to build upon the successes we experienced with area schools by providing custom programs that will engage and ignite student’s interest in science as well as to provide teachers with skills and resources to help their students reach for the stars,” said Tasmyn Scarl Front, Director of the Challenger Learning Center.

About the Challenger Learning Center-St. Louis

The award-winning Challenger Learning Center, located at 205 Brotherton Road in Ferguson, Missouri, provides simulated space missions and other science education programs for schools, scouts and corporate groups as well as for the general public. It features a replica Mission Control center and an orbiting space station.

The Challenger Learning Center-St. Louis is a partnership of the Ferguson-Florissant School District, the Saint Louis Science Center and the Cooperating School Districts and is part of the Challenger Center for

Space Science Education, an international not-for-profit education organization founded in April 1986 by the families of the astronauts tragically lost during the Challenger space shuttle mission. For more information, visit www.clcstlouis.org

About the Express Scripts Foundation

Giving back to the community has always been important to Express Scripts, a healthcare organization strongly committed to making a positive difference in communities where it has a significant presence. Founded in 2002, the Express Scripts Foundation provides grants to fund programs of eligible nonprofit organizations that:

- *Provide access to health and medical services for the underserved and uninsured.*
- *Educate underserved youth to prepare them for success, particularly in science and healthcare.*
- *Support higher education to create the next generation of leaders.*
- *Provide services to U.S. military troops and their families.*
- *Strengthen communities by aiding youths and families in need.*

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