



**MEDIA ALERT: May 2-5, 2022**

## **STEM A.C. Foundation seeks \$12K during Idaho Gives with help from Perpetua Resources, Re-POP Gifts**

**WHO** The Idaho STEM Action Center Foundation raises and distributes funds for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education opportunities in Idaho for teachers, students, and communities. It is one of hundreds of organizations joining forces with the Idaho Nonprofit Center to raise money and awareness for Gem State charities statewide during the eighth-annual Idaho Gives celebration. Perpetua Resources and Re-POP Gifts are supporting the STEM A.C. Foundation during the statewide fundraising event that connects donors throughout Idaho with the organizations they care about most.

**WHAT** Downtown Boise businesses are hosting Idaho Gives nonprofits on First Thursday this year, and the Idaho STEM Action Center Foundation will have a presence at Re-POP Gifts. For Idaho Gives, Re-POP is hosting a two-day Star Wars Days event on May the Fourth and Revenge of the Fifth offering discounts, green-screen photos (cosplay encouraged), and a pool noodle lightsaber making project for kids. The STEM A.C. Foundation seeks to raise \$12,000 during Idaho Gives this year. Every donation it collects provides new STEM learning interactions via student competitions, 21st-century learning materials, and other life-shaping programs. **Perpetua Resources is generously offering to match up to \$6,000 in donations to help the foundation reach its goal.** A gift of any size can support an area of greatest need, or:

- \$50 — provides student competition travel support
- \$100 — a STEM scholarship builder
- \$300 — provides a 3D printer kit for a classroom
- \$500 — provides a drone kit for a classroom

**WHEN** May 2-5, 2022, with the Re-POP event taking place on First Thursday May 4 from 2-9 p.m.

**WHERE** Visit [www.idahogives.org/organizations/idaho-stem-action-center-foundation](http://www.idahogives.org/organizations/idaho-stem-action-center-foundation) to donate online during Idaho Gives 2022. Early giving is already open.

**WHY** STEM knowledge and skills are important to Idaho's future, because they're needed for creative thinking, problem solving, innovation, and collaboration. STEM jobs in Idaho are projected to grow 15.4 percent by 2030, outpacing the national average of STEM job growth at 10 percent and STEM jobs pay about twice as much as non-STEM jobs.

**HOW** The Idaho STEM Action Center Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit established in 2017, offers organizations and individuals a way to make tax-deductible donations to support Idaho STEM Action Center programs and initiatives and enhance the investment the state has made to nurture its STEM community. Contributions provide greater access to STEM camps for children, student competitions, and many other life-shaping programs.

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