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## TGR Foundation helps students from under-resourced communities pursue their passion through education

With a growing number of state-of-the-art TGR Learning Labs, TGR Foundation provides safe and inspiring spaces that level the playing field for underprivileged learners. Cyndi Court ~ *CEO* 

In a 35,000-square-foot building in Anaheim, California, students walk into rooms outfitted with the latest computers, 3D printers, and other ultramodern technologies. The site is the TGR Learning Lab, which was created by Tiger Woods and his Foundation in 2006. With the future opening of Learning Labs in Philadelphia, Los Angeles, and other communities nationwide, TGR Foundation is providing opportunities for students to overcome obstacles and maximize their potential.

"Our mission is to empower young people from under-resourced communities to pursue their passions through education," says Cyndi Court, CEO of TGR Foundation. "Tiger wanted to create safe and inspiring spaces where young people could explore new ideas, learn and develop skills without fear of failure, and plan for their future. We truly believe everyone has limitless potential for success if only given the right opportunities."



In close partnership with local schools, TGR Foundation welcomes students to its Learning Lab for week-long field trips, after-school classes, and summer programs. The organization's three focus areas are STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) educational enrichment, health and well-being, and college and career readiness through hands-on learning. TGR Foundation also provides professional development for educators to enhance their teaching practices and better engage students while preparing them for success.

All these efforts have been successful in impacting the lives of youth. The Foundation noted as many as 77% of its students feel more informed about the careers they might want to pursue. In addition, more than 70% of its learners feel motivated to achieve their goals after participating in TGR Learning Lab programs.

The institution welcomes potential partners and volunteers to visit its website at tgrfoundation.org to learn more about opportunities to get involved as it broadens its reach. "We're expanding into new communities, but we can't do it alone," Court says. "We need schools, corporations, donors, and other partners so we can help more of our young people maximize their potential."

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