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# THE ROGERS FOUNDATION PRESENTS NEARLY \$300,000 IN GRANTS TO LAS VEGAS SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS FOR ARTS & EDUCATION

**LAS VEGAS** — As a part of its continued mission to transform the lives of Southern Nevada students through arts and education, The Rogers Foundation has granted nearly \$300,000 to two Clark County schools and one community organization. On June 2, 2015, grant presentations were made to John S. Park Elementary School, Coral Academy of Science and Boys & Girls Clubs of Southern Nevada/Las Vegas Philharmonic, the winners of the inaugural grants distributed by The Rogers Foundation. Annual grant opportunities are available in three focus areas: Gift of Imagination, Gift of Knowledge, and Gift of Innovation.

- *Gift of Imagination* Boys & Girls Clubs of Southern Nevada, in conjunction with the Las Vegas Philharmonic, received \$91,804 in order to purchase instruments and tablets for a music program, kicking off in three Southern Nevada locations.
- *Gift of Innovation* Coral Academy of Science received \$100,000 to support math programs for students, by providing tutors, before and after school programs and weekend learning programs.
- Gift of Knowledge John S. Park Elementary School received \$100,000 to purchase iPads as a literacy learning tool for all students in grades 2-5.

The Rogers Foundation received 109 applications for the three scholarships, where applicants could request up to \$100,000 to fund an arts or education initiative for students in Southern Nevada. The University of Nevada, Las Vegas' Grantwell Program reviewed and evaluated the grant applications in order to allocate the grants. Grantwell is a program led by UNLV graduate students, which provides services in grant evaluation, grant allocation, and strategic innovation, all at no cost to the grant-making

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organization.

Grants are available annually. More information can be found online at <u>www.TheRogers.Foundation</u>.

### **ABOUT THE ROGERS FOUNDATION**

The Rogers Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization based in Las Vegas, Nevada. Founded in 2013 by Jim and Beverly Rogers, The Rogers Foundation awards scholarships to individual students in Southern Nevada, grants to educational institutions, artists and organizations that support the arts in Southern Nevada. For more information, visit www.TheRogers.Foundation.

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Photo Cut Line – Boy and Girls Clubs of Southern Nevada students pose with Board Members from The Rogers Foundation, Las Vegas Philharmonic and Boys & Girls Clubs of Southern Nevada; Coral Academy of Science Advanced STEM Math Program students with teacher, Hikmet Erdogan, and Parents; Beverly Rogers, Chairman of the Board, and Rory Reid, President and Chief Operating Officer, of The Rogers Foundation and Miriam Benitez of John S. Park Elementary School