

Leaders Innovators & Forward Thinkers of Tomorrow

LIFTT Inc. To Host Its 1st Annual Winter Jazz Affair at Mills College

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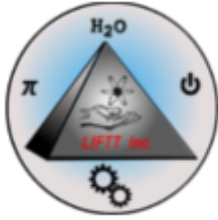
Oakland, CA (LIFTT Inc.) September 26, 2015 - Of interest to journalists and editors covering topics related to: STEM education, academic achievement, school improvement, educational leadership, school reform, youth empowerment, community events, school choice, youth development, charity events, and parental involvement/engagement

LIFTT Inc., a nonprofit STEM education organization based in Oakland, CA, announces its 1st Annual Winter Jazz Affair in support of its 2015 Campaign for STEM education for children and youth throughout the San Francisco Bay Area. This "Donate and Attend" private, invitation-only black-tie (semi-formal) event will honor four Community Trailblazers for their professional work and service. Invited guests, honorees, and attendees will enjoy live music by the Magnolia Jazz Band, food, fellowship, and view an exhibition of STEM projects created by members of the LIFTT-NSBE Jr. Chapter, a core STEM program of LIFTT Inc. (See an event flyer below listing the four Community Trailblazer Honorees for this event.)

LIFTT Inc.'s 1st Annual Winter Jazz Affair will be held during the holiday season on December 5, 2015 at Mills College in Oakland, CA (in the Bender Room) from 5pm to 9pm. LIFTT Inc.'s Annual Winter Jazz Affair is a signature event in support of K-12 STEM Education for children and youth in Oakland and throughout the San Francisco Bay Area.

Attendance at this private, invitation-only black-tie (semi-formal) event is reserved for persons and organizations who donate to LIFTT Inc. at the following donation levels: Friend, Partner, President's Circle, and Founder's Circle. In appreciation for special donations received from friends (individuals and organizations) of LIFTT Inc. in support of its 2015 Campaign for STEM Education, donors will receive a private invitation to attend our 1st Annual Winter Jazz Affair.

To learn more about LIFTT Inc.'s 1st Annual Winter Jazz Affair event details, RSVP information, donation levels, our media/press kit, biographical descriptions of our four Community Trailblazer Honorees, and the Magnolia Jazz Band, visit our website at www.lifttinc.org.



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2015 Campaign for STEM

Leaders, Innovators, & Forward Thinkers of Tomorrow (LIFTT Inc.) has embraced America's challenge to create the next generation of STEM professionals with cutting edge skills in problem solving, technological literacy, communication, teamwork, and computation. This is an answer to America's call to prepare our children and youth for careers related to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

As with any nonprofit, fundraising is the engine of LIFTT Inc. because it is our pathway to building a secure and stable foundation for ensuring the sustainability of our operations and impact for years to come. To solidify our existence and anchor our work with children and youth in STEM, we must grow our community of supporters to ensure our financial stability as a nonprofit.

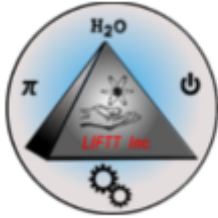
To this end, LIFTT Inc.'s 2015 Campaign for STEM Education seeks to increase its capacity to serve children and youth throughout the San Francisco Bay Area in the following ways:

- serve 75 - 100 youth for the 2015 - 2016 calendar year with quality STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) programming and services
- develop partnerships with business and tech companies to offer internships to college students, scholarships for high school seniors, and project-based learning activities to K-12 students
- acquire laptops, tablets, computer software / apps, and STEM curriculum/kits to provide our students with cutting-edge resources for learning
- realize our fundraising goals by securing corporate partnerships / sponsorships, planning special events, and building partnerships with local community-based organizations
- provide our staff and volunteers with professional development training in youth development, instructional best practices, and development-related activities
- meet our operational costs (e.g., marketing materials, leasing space, contracted services, various technology-related costs, etc.)

Donations in support of our 2015 Campaign for STEM Education will strengthen our core programs and services and help us build our capacity to offer needed STEM education services to youth "at-promise" throughout the San Francisco Bay Area and historically underserved communities.

ABOUT LIFTT INC.

Founded in 2010, Leaders Innovators & Forward Thinkers of Tomorrow (LIFTT Inc.) is organized for the specific purpose of providing educational resources, services, and products to youth, families, schools, and community-based organizations. LIFTT Inc. serves youth and young adults (and partners with families and community-stakeholders) with the goal of creating the next generation of leaders, innovators, and forward thinkers in fields related to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).



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Mission : The *mission* of Leaders Innovators & Forward Thinkers of Tomorrow (LIFTT Inc.) is to provide STEM education services to elementary, middle, and high school students for the purpose of building their capacity to handle academic rigor, workforce demands, and professional responsibilities to ensure their success in fields related to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

Programs & Services of Impact: LIFTT Inc. seeks to accomplish the following through its programs and services: 1) to cultivate intrinsic motivation, 2) to foster academic excellence, and 3) to develop professional and business acumen for workforce and entrepreneurial pursuits.

LIFTT Inc.'s core STEM programs for service delivery include:

- *LIFTT-NSBE Jr. Chapter*
- *iSTEM4ME*
- *LIFTT-Scholars*
- *LIFTT-Collegiate Internship*

Leaders Innovators & Forward Thinkers of Tomorrow (LIFTT Inc.) is a nonprofit, public benefit corporation and is recognized as a tax exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. All gifts and donations to LIFTT Inc. are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

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LIFTT Inc. Presents...

Winter Jazz Affair

An Evening of Jazz

Honoring Community Trailblazers



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Magnolia Jazz Band

Saturday, December 5, 2015

Mills College

5pm – 9pm

"Donate & Attend" to Support

LIFTT Inc.'s 2015 Campaign for K-12 STEM Education

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