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Elmbrook Education Foundation (EEF) Hosts 5th Annual Explore STEAM Event, Inspiring the Next Generation of Innovators

Brookfield, WI – Monday, November 16, 2026 – Curiosity, creativity, and hands-on discovery were front and center at the 5th annual Elmbrook Education Foundation (EEF) Explore STEAM event, held Wednesday, November 11th, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. in the Brookfield Central High School Main Gym. More than 450 attendees joined in an evening of exploration, experimentation, and fun, bringing together students in grades K4 through 8th with community sponsors and volunteers eager to spark a passion for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM).

From taking things apart to discovering hidden talents, Explore STEAM offered students the opportunity to get hands-on, try something new, and imagine what might be possible. Sponsors and volunteers filled the gym with interactive activities designed to inspire curiosity and encourage students to explore interests they may not have discovered otherwise. Adding to the excitement, robotics teams from throughout the School District of Elmbrook were on hand to showcase their work and provide engaging demonstrations, giving attendees another glimpse into the possibilities of STEAM learning.

"Explore STEAM is all about giving students the opportunity to be curious, take chances, and discover something new," said Beth Dobrzynski, Elmbrook Education Foundation Executive Director. "We are grateful to the sponsors, volunteers, and Elmbrook community members who make this event possible and help create experiences that can inspire a lifelong love of learning."

Beyond the hands-on fun, Explore STEAM supports an important educational initiative in the Elmbrook School District. Proceeds from this year's event will help fund EEF's $55,000 commitment to sustaining the Intergenerational Program (Intergen) in Elmbrook elementary schools for years to come. The Intergenerational Program brings adult volunteers into elementary classrooms to work alongside students in grades 1 through 4, providing valuable literacy support and fostering meaningful connections across generations. Funds raised will help purchase a dedicated library of books for students and volunteers, along with supporting essential program administration. The program reflects EEF's commitment to investing in innovative learning opportunities that enrich students' educational experiences and strengthen the Elmbrook community.