



The Pride Chamber holiday party 2025, featuring the STEM Gift Drive

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We're Looking for STEM Partners This November

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Every November, the Central Florida STEM community has an opportunity to do something direct.

The STEM Gift Drive collects STEM toys — robotics kits, coding games, science sets, telescopes — from businesses, clubs, and organizations across the region and delivers them to Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida clubs. The goal this year: 1,000 gifts, 30 collection partners, November 1st - Dec 21st.

The Boys & Girls Clubs serve 13,000 kids across 39 clubs in 5 counties, in communities that average the 12th percentile for household income. The outcomes BGC achieves in those communities are remarkable — 100% high school graduation rate, 97% of seniors moving on to college or vocational school, and research showing that every \$1 invested in BGC returns \$9.60 in community benefit. BGC builds the stable, trusted environments where learning sticks.

The STEM Gift Drive fills those environments with the tools.



3MG Roofing & Solar, community partner dropping off boxes of gifts at Elfing Day.

What to collect

New, unwrapped gifts related to Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM).

Our focus is middle and high school level gifts.

We appreciate gifts that highlight women and minorities in STEM, and we also welcome gifts in Spanish.

Science-themed gift wrap and gift bags are appreciated, but must be separate from the gifts.

More details, suggestions, and a link to our Amazon list on our Wish List page:
stemgiftdrive.org/wish-list

For STEM organizations — engineering firms, robotics clubs, university labs, developer communities, maker spaces — the ask this November is straightforward: host a collection box at your location for the month. No financial commitment. No complex logistics. Just a presence and a natural conversation starter for colleagues who want to connect their professional world to something tangible in the community.

The people in STEM communities understand better than most what a robotics kit or a chemistry set can do for a kid's sense of what's possible. *The STEM Gift Drive is a way to put that understanding to work — directly, locally, and at scale.*

Get involved



When to Collect

The STEM Gift Drive officially begins on November 1st and runs for about 6 weeks.

Gifts can be collected anytime during the year - the most important date is Elfing Day (this year on 12/21) where you drop off the gifts you have collected.

2026ElfingDay.eventbrite.com

Ways to Help

Follow & Share on Social!



Volunteer with us, host a gift collection, invite us to speak or set up an information table, feature us at a party or event, or help spread the word to friends and colleagues.

2026 Goal: 1,000 Gifts!



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M.A.D. Scientist Meeting
MAKING. A. DIFFERENCE.

Campaign Committee
August 25,
5:30-6:30 PM
Meeting in East Orlando
contact us for details

Join us.
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Join our team.

Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity where your talents can make a real difference for youth in our community?

Join us for our next meeting or contact us about other ways you can get involved.

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Sign-up Here

Elfing Day 2026

Elfing Day is our special holiday event where our Elf Team greets you at a Boys & Girls Club location and receives the STEM toys, games, and books your team, company, family - or just you - have collected.

Whether you drop off 1 gift or 100, we'll be so glad to see you and thank you for the difference you make!

RSVP to Elfing Day: 2026ElfingDay.eventbrite.com

Calendar of Events: stemgiftdrive.org/events/



ELFING DAY 2026

Final Gift Collection Event
Monday, December 21,
2-5 p.m.
Downtown Partnership
Boys & Girls Club
712 W. Amelia St, Orlando

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Can't stop by Elfing Day? Contact us to arrange a pick-up the week/weekend before Elfing Day



Images above: **Top left**, gift recipient; **Top right**, private tour of the BGC Robotics Club for STEM Gift Drive donors; **Bottom left**, our table at STEM Night hosted by The Valkyries at Addition Arena; **Bottom right**, Elfing Day 2025



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