



Charles Bales and Madelyn Kim: Young authors donate books to the STEM Gift Drive

2026 Goal: 1,000 Gifts!

We're looking forward to seeing you out in the community! On our schedule already this fall are VegFest, a Pride Chamber event, a volunteer fair, and holiday parties.

Looking for us? Use our [Event Page](#).

Whether we bring just a table or the whole outdoor tent set-up, we love opportunities to share our message.

Do you know of a holiday party or an event where we may be a good fit?

Send us suggestions to STEMGiftDrive@gmail.com.



Orbiting Objects



High school students Charles Bales and Madelyn Kim turned their curiosity about space into a book, *Orbiting Objects*, to inspire future innovators—and are sharing that curiosity by donating copies to the STEM Gift Drive ... and beyond.

Young people inspiring future innovators - that's a story that can inspire all of us.

[Read their story ...](#)



Volunteer with the STEM Gift Drive



From Tee's heart...

Volunteering has many, many, many benefits. One of them is getting a front-row seat to the good stuff of this world.

The good in people. The good things happening in our communities. The quiet generosity, creativity, and kindness. Good things you never expected to encounter, but are happening around us every. single. moment.

That's a powerful foundation for hope, even on days when hope is hard to come by and the good is hard to see.

Charles & Madelyn's story is one of those uplifting moments for me. Two high school students turned their curiosity into a book, then chose to share - donate - what they created with other young people.

I'm grateful that volunteering with the STEM Gift Drive creates opportunities to walk with stories like this. The good in this world is much closer than it may appear.

Explore Opportunities

Ways To Volunteer With Us



- Host a STEM collection with your business, organization, neighborhood, or group
- Join our coordinating committee and help with donor and host recruitment, events, logistics, and marketing
- Volunteer at a STEM Gift Drive event

Not sure where you fit? Reach out. We'd be happy to help you find a way to get involved: STEMGiftDrive@gmail.com or **407-608-9242**.

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Volunteer Meeting

OCTOBER 15, 5 PM
HOURGLASS BREWING,
CURRY FORD RD

RSVP Appreciated:
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Some of What We're Celebrating in October

- 10/2 Energy Efficiency Day
- 10/4 World Space Week
- 10/5 World AI Week
- 10/5 World Habitat Day
- 10/5 Nobel Prize Week
- 10/8 Ada Lovelace Day
- 10/9 National Nano Day
- 10/10 Metric Day
- 10/12 Earth Science Week
- 10/17 International Archeology Day
- 10/19 National Chemistry Week
- 10/19 Nuclear Science Week
- 10/20 World CRISPR Day
- 10/21 National Fossil Day
- 10/21 Back To The Future Day
- 10/23 Mole Day
- 10/31 Dark Matter Day



Find more STEM observances on the [NISE Network](#)

Is there a special day in November you want to suggest? [Email us!](#)



Volunteering Matters.

We were grateful to be part of the Orange County Office on Aging Volunteer Fair, meeting wonderful volunteers and partner agencies.

[Read our news story...](#)



Turn your workplace, business, organization, or community into a collection point for future innovators!

Becoming a STEM Gift Drive Collection Host is an easy way to bring people together around a meaningful cause.

Simply sign up, set out and decorate your collection box, and invite others to donate STEM toys, games, and books.

[Sign up today](#)

Help us grow the impact of the 2026
STEM Gift Drive.



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