

EMCOR issues grant to Norwalk Education Foundation

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In a time of economic uncertainty it is nice to have supporters you can count on.

That's how the Norwalk Education Foundation feels about companies such as EMCOR, which recently presented to the NEF a grant for an unspecified amount of money to support its Middle School and Classroom Innovation Grant programs through 2010.

"It's because of long-time supporters like EMCOR that we are able to do our work,"

said Lauren Rosato, NEF executive director. "They are stability for us. We really appreciated their support. Having supporters like this helps us with our strategic long-term planning."

The Norwalk Education Foundation is a nonprofit organization committed to high quality public education in Norwalk. It focuses on teacher quality, classroom innovation, literacy programs and community engagement. Norwalk-based EMCOR Group is a mechanical and electrical construction company.

"EMCOR Group believes in quality public education and giving back to the community," said Frank T.

MacInnis, chairman and CEO of EMCOR. "We have supported the work of the Norwalk Education Foundation for several years because we know that these programs are making a difference in the lives of Norwalk's children."

The Middle School in Action program enhances classroom instruction, promotes cultural awareness and character development, and improves social skills, according to NEF officials. Students spend Saturday mornings or weekday afternoons at their middle school for academic support, life skills sessions and extra technology time. The program is free to families.

Middle School University, which is held at Norwalk Community College, helps students make the connection between success in school today and their future success as adults, said NEF officials.

Classroom Innovation Grants provide teachers with funding for projects that foster hands-on, interdisciplinary, and experiential learning. For example, teachers have used podcasting as a means to teach global languages.

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