



Southborough Education Foundation Chosen by Staples Associate to Receive \$5,000 Grant

Organization Chosen by Local Associate to Benefit from Staples Foundation Grant

Southborough, MA (September 10, 2014) – Southborough Education Foundation has been awarded \$5,000 by Staples Foundation, the private charitable arm of Staples, Inc., under a program that lets Staples associates direct donations.

The Staples Foundation grant funded a state of the art Gas Chromatograph for use in several Algonquin science classes including Biotechnology, AP Chemistry, Honors Chemistry, Forensics and Organic Chemistry. The introduction of this equipment enables students to determine substance composition and introduces them to higher-level separation techniques. The enhancement to our school’s science program will better prepare Algonquin science students for college-level laboratory classes and beyond. Staples Foundation has helped our school’s science program take a leap forward in the opportunities presented to our students. This is the third grant provided by Staples Foundation to Southborough schools through the Southborough Education Foundation.

The grants are part of a philanthropic initiative created by Staples Foundation which allows Staples associates around the world to direct funding to non-profit organizations that are focused on education or job skills. The program encourages local community engagement by awarding larger grants to organizations where associates are highly engaged in volunteering or fundraising – up to \$25,000 per organization.

The program, called 2 Million and Change, awards funds to organizations around the world, reaching more than \$2 million in grants by the end of the year. In 2013, associates globally directed more than \$2.5 million of Staples Foundation grants to over 1,000 non-profit organizations.

“Staples Foundation is committed to making a positive impact in the communities where our associates live and work,” said Katy Dobbs, director of global community and giving for Staples, Inc. “Through our program, we are pleased to support our associates and the local non-profit organizations that matter to them most.”

The Southborough Education Foundation seeks to foster academic excellence in our public schools by awarding grants for innovative and creative programs. Over the past 14 years, the Southborough Education Foundation has distributed over \$350,000 in grants, funded entirely by our parents and businesses through local fundraisers and corporate partners.