



## National Lieutenant Governors Association

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### ***Lieutenant Governors Wrap and Donate STEM Gifts for Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky Youth***

DECEMBER 2, 2021 (CINCINNATI) – Attendees of the National Lieutenant Governors Association (NLGA) 2021 Business Meeting wrapped 150 STEM-related toys today to donate to two local nonprofits serving youth in the pursuit of STEM educational opportunities. NLGA has a standing commitment to bipartisan, collaborative support of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education nationwide as a main pillar of work.

“STEM education is critical to preparing the workforce of tomorrow,” said Ohio Lt. Governor Jon Husted. “By sparking an interest and pursuit in science, technology, engineering, and math in our youth, we are helping them prepare for these great-paying jobs to make our country a global leader.”

NLGA gathered 17 lieutenant governors and seconds-in-command for the NLGA Business Meeting in downtown Cincinnati over three days, where Lt. Governor Husted and Kentucky Lt. Governor Jacqueline Coleman highlighted Ohio and Kentucky’s workforce and educational innovations.

“We recognize in Kentucky the vital importance of engaging kids in STEM education as early and as often as possible,” said Lt. Governor Coleman. “The holidays are a great time to encourage curiosity and learning as a way to build critical thinking skills, and I appreciate my peer lieutenant governors from across the country visiting our region and helping with this project.”

The 150 wrapped building kits, toy blocks, and other learning toys will be donated to two local nonprofits: the Greater Cincinnati STEM Collaborative and the Kenton County Public Library’s STEM/STREAM Program.

“The Greater Cincinnati STEM Collaborative serves through its programs about 3,000 students annually, especially those most under-represented in STEM: low-income students, students of color (African-American/Black/Brown and Latino/Hispanic), and girls,” said Sean Kelley, Director, Greater Cincinnati STEM Collaborative. “We are happy to accept these donations to distribute to the students we serve.”

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“The board and the staff are so grateful to the Members of the NLGA for their generous gift of STEM toys to the Kenton County Public Library. One of our strategic goals is to encourage children to actively engage in STEM activities through our STREAM Center and other programs,” said Dave Schroeder, Executive Director, Kenton County Public Library. “These kits will ensure that many children in need will receive a special gift this holiday season that will spark their creativity and imagination – and can literally be a building block towards a career in a STEM field.”

In August 2021, NLGA Members committed the Association to creating and supporting opportunities for collaboration amount the 50 states and five U.S. territories on STEM education through innovative programming and projects, including this annual STEM Service Project at two meetings each year, and a nationwide STEM Scholarship Program for K-12 students.

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