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To bridge the STEM divide in underserved populations

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Si Se Puede Foundation Offers Free 3D Printing Certification to Local Educators – Empowering Teachers with Equipment and Expertise to Bridge the STEM Divide

Chandler, Arizona – November 23, 2024 – Si Se Puede Foundation, a leading nonprofit committed to advancing STEM education in underserved communities, is excited to announce a 3D Printing Teacher Certification course designed to empower local educators with essential skills and technology to bring 3D printing into their classrooms. The one-day, hands-on certification will be held at the Si Se Puede Foundation STEM Center in Chandler, Arizona, providing five teachers with professional training, a 3D printer, and filament—entirely free of charge.

The certification aligns with Si Se Puede Foundation’s mission to bridge the STEM divide in underserved populations and equip students with skills essential for the 21st-century workforce. Each teacher will receive a **MakerBot Sketch 3D printer and filament** at the end of the course. With a total investment of approximately **\$2,000 per teacher**, Si Se Puede Foundation is committed to ensuring that training doesn’t end with theoretical knowledge but is reinforced by providing each teacher with the tools necessary to apply their new skills immediately.

Developed in partnership with MakerBot, this program draws heavily from the MakerBot Certification Program, a widely recognized training curriculum designed to help educators integrate 3D printing into classroom learning effectively.

*“We believe that certification without access to equipment limits the potential impact of training,” says **Fredi Lajvardi, CEO of Si Se Puede Foundation.** “By providing a 3D printer along with certification, we’re not only equipping teachers with knowledge but empowering them to bring these tools directly into their classrooms and make STEM more accessible for students who might not otherwise have access to such technology.”*

The certification course will be conducted at Si Se Puede Foundation STEM Center, located at 3225 N. Washington Street, Chandler, AZ 85225, a state-of-the-art facility equipped to support hands-on learning experiences in STEM fields. The course will cover a range of topics including 3D printing technology, design software, and classroom integration techniques.

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With this initiative, Si Se Puede Foundation continues its dedicated mission to close the STEM gap, inspire future generations, and build a diverse, technologically skilled workforce for the future.

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