



## **Si Se Puede Foundation**

To bridge the STEM divide in underserved populations

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#### **National Gypsum Company Donates \$15,000 to Si Se Puede Foundation to Support STEM Education**

**Chandler, AZ—December 3, 2024**—National Gypsum Company has generously contributed \$15,000 to the Si Se Puede Foundation to support its mission of bridging the STEM divide in underserved communities. This impactful donation will directly benefit the foundation's STEM Center and its innovative programming designed to prepare students for success in the 21st-century workforce.

The Si Se Puede Foundation STEM Center, equipped with advanced technology such as 3D printers, CAD computers, and manufacturing equipment, serves as a hub for STEM education. It is home to nationally recognized robotics teams, including Desert WAVE and Degrees of Freedom, as well as FIRST Tech Challenge teams Binary Bots and Da Geese of Freedom. The center provides a vital opportunity for students, many of whom lack access to such resources in their schools, to engage in hands-on STEM learning and career readiness.

“National Gypsum’s generous support will enable us to further empower the next generation of innovators and problem-solvers,” said Faridodin “Fredí” Lajvardi, CEO of the Si Se Puede Foundation. “This funding will help us sustain and expand our programs, ensuring students from diverse backgrounds have the tools they need to succeed in STEM fields.”

The \$15,000 donation underscores National Gypsum Company’s commitment to fostering educational opportunities and building stronger communities. By investing in the Si Se Puede Foundation, the company is contributing to the development of a skilled and diverse workforce while helping to inspire the future leaders of technology and innovation.

The Si Se Puede Foundation invites other community partners and supporters to join National Gypsum in sustaining these life-changing programs. Donations can be made online, with opportunities to become a monthly "STEM Center Guardian" and ensure the foundation's vital work continues.

For more information about the Si Se Puede Foundation and how to contribute, visit [www.sisepuedefoundation.org](http://www.sisepuedefoundation.org)

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