

North Hills West Neighborhood Council
15725 Parthenia Street
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Dear North Hills West Neighborhood Council,

We want to express our sincerest gratitude for your generous contribution of \$2,500 to our school's VEX Robotics Program here at Vintage STEM Magnet Elementary in North Hills. Because of your generous spirit, we were able to purchase new game kits, several second generation batteries, and a variety of spare parts and supplies needed to build our competition robots for the upcoming 2023-24 season. This year the game is called "Full Volume" and the object is to design a robot that can pick up multi-sized blocks on the field and deposit them in three goals. Of course there is a lot more to it and we'd love to invite the NHWNC Board to a competition held at our school next fall. Perhaps you might even be interested in being a judge (no experience necessary!).

Below are a few personal messages from student members of our team at the conclusion of this season. Again, thank you for supporting our children's education.

Eshaan Vivek, age 10: Thank you for supporting our team and contributing funds. Being part of the team, I realized that I could not only build, but also write codes for the robot programming. Based on the needs and shortcomings, we had to always come with new iterations of the robot.

Will Trainor, age 9: Thank you to everyone who supported me on this amazing trip. One of the things I liked about the robotics competition was that we could explore all pits from each of the 748 different teams. The teams passed out little mementos like bracelets, pencils, stickers, candy and keychains. I liked our hotel and there was a cool swimming pool. There was a small grass area next to the hotel where we played ultimate frisbee after the matches so that was fun. The competition was an amazing experience. Once again, we couldn't have done it without you! Thank you!

Elliott Trainor, age 11: Thank you to everyone who has donated and has helped the team make it to Worlds and go to Dallas. This could have never happened without you, and I thank you again for supporting Vintage Magnet Elementary School and supporting our team. Worlds was a great experience for me and my teammates. I had a lot of fun on my trip. During competition as a driver, I am required to speak to other teams to strategize our gameplay and sometimes the other teams are from other countries! That's all part of the robotics language. Specifically, there was one team I enjoyed working with. This team was from Taiwan, and we got 230 points with our alliance. Robotics taught me to communicate and work with teams that I have never met before. It's all just part of the amazing experience of robotics. Also the trip itself was very fun. I loved playing ultimate frisbee with my team and my coach. Once again, thank you for everything.

Micah Gamble, age 10: Dear Donors, thank you for donating money to VEX! I love VEX because you build robots and try to win competitions. I learned how to build, design, and code robots, which I love and got better at. Thank you a lot!

We appreciate your support so much and hope to keep you informed of our future success!

Sincerely,

Friends of Vintage Magnet