



**CHABOT SPACE & SCIENCE CENTER RECEIVES GRANT FROM
CISCO SYSTEMS TO SUPPORT EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

Award of \$10,000 Will Fund Classroom Materials and Supplies

OAKLAND, CA (August 4, 2003) — **Chabot Space & Science Center in Oakland** announced today that the institution is the recipient of a \$10,000 grant from Cisco System Foundation's Community Grant Program. The funds were awarded in support of Chabot's student programs during the 2003-2004 school year. A check for the grant amount will be presented to Chabot's Education Department at the Grants Award Breakfast on August 4 at Cisco Headquarters.

The funding received from the Cisco Systems Foundation's Community Grants Program will enable Chabot to provide science materials and supplies for students participating in 29 astronomy, physics/chemistry, and biology classes at Chabot Space & Science Center.

"We are proud to partner with Cisco Systems and appreciate their long-standing commitment to Chabot and science education," said Mollie Field, Director of Educational at Chabot. "The grant will enhance our hands-on classroom activities."

Since opening the doors to its grand new facility in the Oakland Hills in August 2001, Chabot Space & Science Center has served nearly 45,000 students annually from the Oakland Unified School District and other areas, both on-site at Chabot and in the classrooms. Educational Programs for children in pre-school and elementary school, and teens in middle and high school, as well as for adults, have included classroom instruction, hands-on exhibits and science activities, computer workshops, observations through Chabot's large telescopes, shows in Chabot's Ask Jeeves Planetarium and Tien MegaDome Theater, simulated space travel, and much more. Chabot's educational programs serve a multi-ethnic, and often low-income, population for whom access to high-tech equipment and specialized instruction is often difficult.

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A special focus of the education program at Chabot has been to promote computer, science and astronomy education for girls, in response to the under-representation of females in science professions. Chabot is one of more than 100 community organizations within 50 miles of Cisco's headquarters to receive funding this year as part of the company's San Jose Community Grants Program.

“At Cisco, we want to do our part in building lasting solutions to the many issues facing our community,” said Tae Yoo, vice president of corporate philanthropy. “We are proud to play a leadership role in San Jose by assisting charitable organizations that provide vital services in education, generate and sustain community service, and help meet basic human needs, such as food, shelter and healthcare.”

For more information about Cisco's programs and philanthropy, visit the company's Web site at www.cisco.com.

For additional information about Education Programs at Chabot Space & Science Center, visit www.chabotspace.org

GENERAL INFORMATION

Chabot Space & Science Center is located at 10000 Skyline Blvd., Oakland, in Joaquin Miller Park in the Oakland Hills. Chabot summer hours are: Tuesdays–Thursdays, 10 am–5 pm; Fridays–Saturdays, 10 am–7:30 pm; Sundays 12 noon – 5 pm (Closed Mondays). Additional evening hours for the Planetarium and Theater are Fridays and Saturdays, 7:30 pm – 9 pm, with free telescope viewing on Fridays and Saturdays from dusk – 10:30 pm, weather permitting. General Admission is \$11.00 Adults / \$8.00 Youth and Seniors. Tickets may be purchased at the door, or by calling (510) 336-7373. Advance tickets are also available on-line at www.ticketweb.com.

For more information, call (510) 336-7300, or visit www.chabotspace.org

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