



## **CHABOT SPACE & SCIENCE CENTER RECEIVES GRANT TO SUPPORT EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

### **—\$30,000 Grant From the Clorox Foundation Subsidizes School Visits —**

6 October 2005 -- (Oakland, CA) Chabot Space & Science Center has received a \$30,000 grant from the Clorox Company Foundation that will subsidize school group visits to the Science Center. Students mostly come to Chabot for hands-on classes that are the cornerstone of a full day's visit that includes exhibit tours, planetarium shows and presentations in the theater.

“We are grateful to the Clorox Company Foundation”, said Chabot’s Executive Director Alex Barnett, “Funding will enable Chabot to continue offering student programs that reach a diverse audience at an affordable price. We have a unique and innovative curriculum that encourages students to pursue higher levels of scientific literacy.”

Over 50,000 students per year are served by Chabot’s educational programs, which include classes, exhibit tours, and pre and post visit activities. All of these programs teach key subjects specified by California State Science standards for each grade level. Chabot currently offers nearly 50 different 90-minute classes in astronomy, computer science, environmental science, life science, and physical science. In the Physics, Chemistry and Biology labs, students conduct experiments of many kinds. In the enviro-garden and adjacent redwood parkland, they study the processes of life on our home planet, Earth. In the Discovery Lab the youngest students learn and explore in an exciting multisensory environment. In the exhibit halls and using Chabot’s three large telescopes students learn about the science of astronomy and space travel. The goals of Chabot’s educational programs are to present new and compelling ways for students to explore science and technology, inspire students, demonstrate the relevance of science and technology to everyday life, introduce students to science careers, and to provide visiting teachers with a model in best practices in science teaching.

“Our focus on improving public education and supporting youth development is enhanced by the strong commitment of our community partners,” said Deborah Sattley, Community Relations Manager. “We deeply value our shared commitment to serving and strengthening the communities where we live and work..”

**Chabot Space and Science Center** is a 501c3 nonprofit interactive science center focusing on astronomy and the inter-relationships of all the sciences. Its observatory, planetarium, exhibits, and natural park setting are a place where a diverse population of students, teachers, and the public can imagine, understand, and learn to shape their future through science. The Center is located at 10000 Skyline Blvd. in Oakland’s Joaquin Miller Park.

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