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CHABOT SPACE AND SCIENCE CENTER RAISED \$89,000 THROUGH
VOLUNTEER-LED CAMPAIGN TO REINVIGORATE OAKLAND'S
PLANETARIUM.

The Oakland community came together to support the city's only planetarium, enabling critical repairs to servers, projectors and more.

Oakland, CA, February 26, 2019— Chabot Space and Science Center's Ask Jeeves planetarium received \$89,000 for a critical technology upgrade. More than 150 members of the community contributed to the project, including a \$55,000 donation from the Fremont Bank Foundation.

"I'm so thankful to my fellow volunteers, Fremont Bank, and the East Bay Community who came together to give our planetarium the upgrades it deserves," said longtime volunteer at Chabot Space and Science Center, Teri Schlesinger. "I'm excited to see the stars look even brighter."

The Ask Jeeves planetarium is a 241-seat, 70-foot full dome that provides remarkable STEM education experiences for more than 189,000 visitors annually. The planetarium is used to inspire and educate students, teachers, and visitors during their visits to Chabot Space and Science Center.

Upgrading the planetarium's servers, bulbs and projectors brings brighter, more reliable technology to this unique STEM education tool. The result is vibrant, powerful, compelling shows.

Chabot Space and Science Center is still accepting donations towards creating and enhancing Planetarium shows and experiences. Any funds raised above and beyond the hardware costs will be used to create new, innovative planetarium shows.

ABOUT CHABOT SPACE & SCIENCE CENTER

Chabot Space & Science Center is a non-profit institution and community resource located on 13 trail-laced acres in Redwood Regional Park in Oakland amid the largest stand of coastal redwoods in the East Bay.

Chabot features a 241-seat full dome planetarium, interactive and hands-on exhibits, space artifacts, a giant screen theater, a Challenger Learning Center, and the only research-level telescopes regularly available to the public for weekly live viewing in the Western United States.

Chabot's mission is to inspire and educate learners of all ages about the Universe and Planet Earth.

Chabot Space & Science Center is open Wed.-Sun. 10 am-5 pm with First Fridays the first Friday of every month 5-9 pm. Admission is Adults: \$18 • children 3-12 \$14 (under 3 free) • Students/Seniors \$15 • Memberships available.

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