

## Grant Funding Leads

# Lucy's question applies to education

“Good grief, Charlie Brown, where do we go from here?” Such is the attitude that is pervasive in the wonderful world of education as the quest for dollars and the effective utilization of same is being analyzed from the White House to the lowest-performing school district in the U.S.

Do we just try to maintain jobs, send teachers back for further training, and pray the status quo will suffice, or do we attack on all fronts and deliver in the classrooms what has been the objective of the latest round of governmental offerings?

No doubt jobs need be protected for those true classroom leaders. Those in the upper echelon, from the school board to the superintendent to the principal, need to champion the professional development and equip teachers with the surroundings to deliver the impact that has been proposed. Good teachers need the support of administrators who are determined to assist in bringing to fruition the objectives of programs such as **Race to the Top**.

Pitsco Education and LEGO® Education provide a wealth of teaching and learning programs that fit the desires of those who seek educational improvement. There is the Star Academy for those inching toward success; an Algebra curriculum that fulfills STEM objectives; and the LEGO Education WeDo™, NXT, and TETRIX™ robotics programs that challenge students from K to 12 and beyond.

The acquisition of these tools to foster educational goals can be completed through the governmental outpourings or through the private sector, examples of which follow. A greater number of potential foundations may also be found on our Web sites ([www.shop.pitsco.com](http://www.shop.pitsco.com), [www.hearlihy.com](http://www.hearlihy.com), [www.legoeducation.us](http://www.legoeducation.us)).

## Kresge Foundation

The Kresge Foundation seeks to provide science equipment and assistance for struggling schools. **More information:** <http://www.kresge.org/>

## **Siemens Foundation**

Siemens encourages students in kindergarten through eighth grade to team up with their classmates to create replicable solutions to environmental issues in their classroom (grades K-2), school (grades 3-5), and community (grades 6-8).

**More information:** <http://wecanchange.com>

## **Tellabs Foundation**

Tellabs supports local and national education programs with a particular focus on curricula for engineering, science, mathematics, and technology.

**More information:** <http://www.tellabs.com/about/foundation.shtml>

## **Abbott Fund**

Abbott invests in creative ideas that promote primarily science.

**More information:** [www.abbottfund.org](http://www.abbottfund.org)

## **The Braitmayer Foundation**

Braitmayer supports curricular reform and professional development.

**More information:** <http://www.braitmayerfoundation.org>

## **Allen P. & Josephine B. Green Foundation**

Strongly considered are counseling and educational services for children and adults with physical, mental, or behavioral problems, along with developmental and educational programs for children.

**More information:** <http://www.greenfdn.org/guidelines.htm>

# **Teacher's Pet**

*(Grant tip geared specifically toward teachers' smaller projects)*

## **Comcast Foundation**

Comcast provides financial support to organizations that make communities stronger through literacy, volunteerism, and youth leadership.

**More information:** <http://www.comcast.com/corporate/about/inthecommunity/foundation/comcastfoundation.html>