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Santa Monica Education Foundation Launches School Year with \$50,000 Match

The Santa Monica Education Foundation is starting the new school year off with an incentive to support local schools – a \$50,000 match from Santa Monica Place, owned by Macerich, and Kilroy Realty. Thanks to \$25,000 from each company, all donations to the Ed Foundation, up to \$50,000, will be matched until September 3, 2019.

“Back-to-school is always an exciting time and, this year, we are doubly thrilled,” said Linda Greenberg, Executive Director of the Ed Foundation. “We are so grateful to Santa Monica Place, owned by Macerich, and to Kilroy Realty for being incredible philanthropic leaders. We know that their investment will inspire our whole community to join them in supporting our Santa Monica public schools.”

Like all contributions to the Ed Foundation, donations made during the match will fund staff and programs at each public school in Santa Monica. Donations support a wide variety of programs that electrify the school day for students – from painting and drawing in weekly arts classes to building batteries and designing apps in hands-on STEM programs.

“Strong schools are essential to a vibrant local community and economy,” said Julia B. Ladd, Assistant Vice President, Property Management at Santa Monica Place. “We are thrilled to be part of this effort to provide pioneering, engaging programs for all Santa Monica public school students.”

Santa Monica Place, owned by Macerich has been a Corporate Hero for many years, with gifts dating back to 2005. Kilroy Realty made their first donation to the Ed Foundation during last year’s annual campaign.

“Kilroy Realty is proud be part of the team supporting Santa Monica’s schools,” said Philip Tate, Senior Vice President, Development and Government Affairs. “As a company dedicated to innovation and positive change, we know that education is the key to preparing our young people for exciting futures.”

For more information or to make a donation to support Santa Monica students, go to smedfoundation.org.

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