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The Challenger Learning Center of Alaska Receives Donation of \$25,000 from Tesoro Alaska Company for Student Missions for the 8th year in a row.

The Challenger Learning Center of Alaska (CLCA) announced today it has received a donation from the Tesoro Alaska Company in the amount \$25,000.00 to support 25 fully-funded space-simulator missions for area 5th and 6th grade students. This donation follows similar monies presented to CLCA for the past seven years. As a direct result of Tesoro's generosity, approximately 6,000 students will have participated in our hands-on, minds-on programming over the eight year period. These are 6,000 students receiving an exciting STEM educational opportunity that they otherwise would not have experienced.

CLCA's vision is to have every school in Alaska experience the wonders of education through its simulated space missions, e-Missions, workshops, and outreach opportunities each year. This funding from Tesoro will assist in encouraging students to pursue higher educational goals and opportunities that will better prepare them to successfully compete in the 21st Century global market place.

It is only with the support of organizations like Tesoro that allows CLCA to continue its mission to inspire students to look beyond the ordinary, imagine the unattainable and answer those seemingly impossible questions through the pursuit of higher education in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM).