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MEDIA ADVISORY

Wayside: Sci-Tech Preparatory & Girl Scouts of Central Texas to Create and Donate 3D-Printed Prosthetics at Helping Hands

High school engineering scholars will lead Girl Scouts in assembly of 3D-printed hands to donate through e-NABLE

AUSTIN, TX- A class of 9th grade engineering scholars from Wayside: Sci-Tech Preparatory (STP), a high school in the Wayside Schools PK3-12 public charter school network, and 50 Austin area Girl Scouts will use 3D-printing to give back to those who need a helping hand by building 15 3D-printed prosthetic hands at a meetup event on Saturday, September 16 called *Helping Hands*. EOS North America is donating the pieces required to build the prosthetic hands.

Wayside: STP scholars will serve as experts, leading Girl Scouts through the building process at Helping Hands. Once completed, the hands will be donated to <u>e-NABLE</u>, a non-profit that matches 3D-printed prosthetics to people in need of upper-limb devices both in our community and around the world.

- WHO: Wayside: Sci-Tech Preparatory & Girl Scouts of Central Texas
- WHAT: Helping Hands (with prosthetics donated to <u>e-NABLE</u>)
- WHERE: Wayside: Sci-Tech Preparatory, 6405 S IH 35, Austin, TX 78744
- WHEN: Saturday, September 16, 2016 from 10:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.
- WHY: As technology continues to develop, teaching scholars how to harness cutting-edge concepts and tools for the greater good and giving them the confidence to share their knowledge with others helps build healthier communities, both from the perspective of those in need and those wanting to learn how they can help.

Photo and interview opportunities will be available at Helping Hands. Please contact Meghan Jones, Wayside Schools Director of Development, by email at mjones@waysidechools.org or by phone at 512-751-3175 with any questions or for additional information.

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About Wayside Schools

Wayside Schools is an open-enrollment, tuition-free PreK3-12 public charter school network that provides over 2,000 students across its four Southeast Austin campuses with a rigorous International Baccalaureate education. All Wayside Schools campuses are united in its mission to prepare college-ready students who are active in their communities and competitive in an increasingly global market.

About Girl Scouts of Central Texas

Girl Scouts of Central Texas is the premier leadership organization serving 17,500 girls in grades K-12 across 46 Central Texas counties. Through outcomes-based leadership opportunities, girls discover their own potential, connect with their peers and take action to improve their communities. Girl Scouting offers fun, educational programs focusing on fine art, financial literacy, science and technology, math, the environment, community service, leadership, and life skills.

About e-NABLE

e-NABLE is a global network of over 8,000 volunteers who are using their 3D printers and design skills to create free 3D-printed prosthetic hands, which are paired around the world with individuals in need of an upper-limb device, often in underserved areas. The e-NABLE community is comprised of teachers, students, engineers, scientists, medical professionals, designers, parents, children, scout troops, dreamers, coders, makers and everyday people who just want to pay it forward.