



# FRIENDS OF PHENIX CITY SCHOOLS

FOPCS Newsletter

August 2015

## Dr. Stephen Cooper Donates \$25,000

Dr. Stephen Cooper of Phenix City Spine and Joint Center made the generous donation of \$25,000 toward the PCS STEM Center's Magic Planet Lab. During the July 31<sup>st</sup> announcement, Dr. Cooper expressed his excitement toward the project and his eagerness to give back to the community in a way that would be meaningful and have a lasting effect on the children of Phenix City. The lab will be known as "Dr. Cooper's Imaginarium." An imaginarium is a place devoted to stimulating and cultivating the imagination, towards scientific and artistic ends.

The Imaginarium will be a circular room similar to a planetarium, with seating partially surrounding the focal point - the Magic Planet digital globe - which will contain over 20 IMAX qualities movies, 1,000 animations, and the science equivalence of the Smithsonian, NOAA, and NASA museums combined.

Thank you, Dr. Cooper, for your kind contribution and support.



*Dr. Cooper and his family receive token of appreciation from Superintendent Randy Wilkes and Board Members Fran Ellis and Rick Carpenter.*

## CB&T of East AL/Synovus Gives \$25,000

Mr. Wade Burford, President of CB&T of East Alabama presented FOPCS a donation of \$25,000 toward the PCS STEM Center on Friday, July 31. Mr. Burford, on behalf of CB&T and Synovus, said they are pleased to have the opportunity to give to the community and Phenix City Schools in way that will enhance the education of our children and prepare them for a successful future.

The engineering lab will feature Whitebox Learning's nine module design and create kits including dragster, shelter, rover, glider, structure, green car, rocket, mousetrap cars, and prosthetics. Students will design their module via computer then, using their virtual design, build a physical model to test and compare with other students a schools.

The FOPCS thanks Mr. Burford, CB&T and Synovus for their kind contribution.



*Members of CB&T of East Alabama/Synovus receive token of appreciation from FOPCS.*

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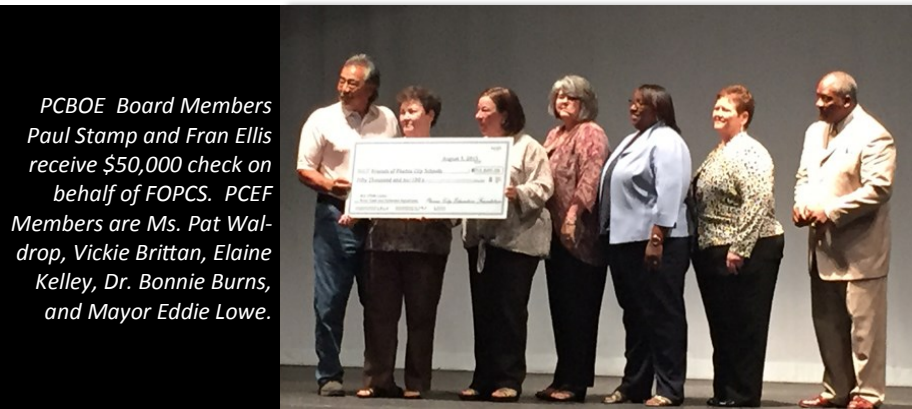
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# Phenix City Education Foundation Gives \$50,000

On Monday, August 3, members of the Phenix City Education Foundation surprised employees at districtwide Institute with a \$50,000 check in support of the PCS STEM Center. Specifically, the Foundation requested naming rights to the Salt Water Aquarium and River Tank Ecosystem. Biology, chemistry, ecology, and physics are just a few of the sciences involved in aquarium keeping. These aquariums will be used to teach students about specific topics, such as fish anatomy or more complex topics, such as the food chain, water cycle, or the nitrogen cycle. The River Tank also serves as a terrarium with cavities and ledges providing places to grow a variety of plants which utilize fish matter and help keep the tank in balance by removing nutrients from the water. In a classroom version of the water cycle, the plants on the upper ledges are watered by drops of condensed vapor. The intent of the river system is to reflect the diversity of life on the Chattahoochee River.



*PCBOE Board Members Paul Stamp and Fran Ellis receive \$50,000 check on behalf of FOPCS. PCEF Members are Ms. Pat Waldrop, Vickie Brittan, Elaine Kelley, Dr. Bonnie Burns, and Mayor Eddie Lowe.*



*Superintendent Randy Wilkes and Board Members Paul Stamp and Fran Ellis present PCEF with token of appreciation.*

## FOPCS in the News

Central High School receives \$100,000 donation to help STEM Expansion  
<http://www.wtvm.com/story/29699913/central-high-school-receives-100000-donation-to-help-stem-expansion>

Phenix City Schools Receives \$25K for STEM Program  
<http://www.wtvm.com/story/29435966/phenix-city-schools-introduce-new-stem-program>

Phenix City STEM plans receives Donations  
[http://www.ledger-enquirer.com/2015/07/31/3838094\\_phenix-city-stem-plans-receives.html?](http://www.ledger-enquirer.com/2015/07/31/3838094_phenix-city-stem-plans-receives.html?)

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## 2. Donate!

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## 3. Recruit!

*If you know someone who would be interested in FOPCS and/or donating, send them our way!*

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