

Evonik's Wallingford, Conn., Site Donates \$1,500 to Sheehan High School Gift Will Fund Equipment For Science-Related Subjects At Award Winning School

WALLINGFORD, Conn., March 10, 2015 – Evonik Cyro LLC's Wallingford, Conn., facility today donated \$1,500 to Mark T. Sheehan High School.

The money will be used to fund classroom equipment for science-related subjects.

Deborah Young, chairperson of Mark T. Sheehan High School's science department, said the donation was deeply appreciated.

"We are extremely grateful for Evonik's continued support of our chemistry and other science programs," said Young. "Science is very important in our daily lives, and we need to increase student interest in this area. Our children and our communities deserve the best education possible and science is an integral part."

Peter Stein, Wallingford site manager, said the donation will enhance students' experiences in chemistry and science, adding that advances in science and technology are transforming the world at an incredible pace.

"We can't escape the significance of science in our world," said Stein. "The future will include many more advances in science and leaps in technology that we can only imagine. We need to teach our children today to think critically and provide them with the tools to analyze and test a problem or situation. Being 'science literate' will no longer be just an advantage but an absolute necessity."

Giving back to the community is an integral part of Evonik, he noted.

"We believe in helping the Wallingford community, both in terms of financial giving and volunteerism," Stein continued. "We believe that we have a responsibility to help and support the community that has always supported us."

Evonik demonstrates its commitment to the community through numerous contributions to local organizations. Following Hurricane Sandy, Evonik's Wallingford site donated \$5,000 to local emergency response service departments.

Evonik's Wallingford site manufactures specialty plastics found in a variety of applications including medical devices, lenses and lighting, automotive components, marine navigation signals, and food and medical packaging.

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