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Philanthropist's \$2M Gift Will Help Students Become the Next Innovators

The Academy of Our Lady of Peace has received a \$2 million donation from **Darlene Marcos Shiley**. This is the largest cash gift ever received by OLP. The funds will be used for the renovation and reconstruction of an academic building which will be named the Shiley Center for Science and Innovation. The building will feature a 1,500-square-foot engineering makerspace and innovation lab that will engage students in creative higher-order problem solving, hands-on design and construction in engineering and robotics classes. The new facility will include five fully outfitted multidisciplinary science labs that will accommodate 150 students at any one time.

"We are so deeply honored and humbled by Darlene's generosity," **Lauren Lek** head of OLP School said. "The new Shiley Center for Science and Innovation will stand as an enduring tribute to Darlene for her support of science, technology, education, and math (STEM). We are blessed to have her in our community."

In 2015 the Academy of Our Lady of Peace created the STEM certification program to recognize students for their achievements and involvement in STEM-related activities. This past year, the graduating class saw 40 percent of its graduates pursuing STEM majors in college, which is more than double the coed national average of 16 percent. Visit aolp.org.



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Back Row: The Academy of Our Lady of Peace students Mariela Lopez-Oviedo, Kaseba Chibweth and Katie-Marie Zickert with Darlene Marcos Shiley, left, front row, and Lauren Lek, head of school, celebrate a \$2 million donation from Shiley.

Group Is There for Those In the Grieving Process

Life Perspectives, a nonprofit organization that provides hope and healing resources for men and women worldwide impacted by reproductive loss, held its "Side by Side 5K" recently at De Anza Cove and raised more than \$62,000. The funds raised will be used to expand the organization's healing and training resources throughout **San Diego County** and across the country. The organization will train hundreds of health-care professionals and community leads who in turn will be able to provide help to tens of thousands of hurting individuals.

More than 300 supporters were in attendance and **KUST's Allie Wagner**, emceed the event.

"So many hurting men and women feel isolated and alone in their grief," **Michaelene Fredenburg**, president/founder of Life Perspectives said. "From the generosity of our community sponsors and 5K participants, we are able to connect many of (those suffering) with healing resources designed to bring them hope." Visit lifeperspectives.com.



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Michaelene Fredenburg, president/founder of Life Perspectives, crosses the finish line at a 5K fundraiser in De Anza Cove.