Community Impact Report Q3 2019

Feature Story: Building Futures Serves 10,090 Students in 2019

Building Futures is Fluor's global educational outreach program dedicated to providing resources like backpacks and school supplies to students in need as they start the new school year. Over the past 19 years, Building Futures has served 196,000 students.

Nearly 800 Fluor employees participated in the program in 2019, donating more than $126,000 in supplies and giving 2,200 hours of their time.

This year, 10,090 children were served at one hundred partner schools, after school programs, social services organizations and through United Way agencies. Most of the children served are homeless, disabled or in foster care, or attending schools in low-income neighborhoods. Fluor employees from 38 offices and project sites around the world participated.

Fluor's Houston office made the largest monetary contribution in 2019. Houston employees donated $26,000 to Glover Elementary School, a Title 1 school in Missouri City, Texas with which the office has partnered for its Building Futures program. Over the past two years, employees have donated $54,000 to purchase all of the required school supplies for each student attending Glover Elementary, and 941 backpacks have been donated. Funds were also donated to support the school's science and math programs.

"With a grateful heart, the Glover Elementary community would like to say thank you to Fluor," said Principal Nikki Roberts. "For two consecutive years, Fluor has provided every Edgar Glover, Jr. Elementary student with a backpack and school supplies at no cost. We are so thankful, because these generous donations allowed the students of Glover to begin the school year equipped and prepared to learn."

Fluor Cares volunteer Reginald Smith high fives a student during backpack distribution at Glover Elementary School

Fluor volunteer Marta Mussaqoliyeva helped deliver one hundred backpacks to students in Kazakhstan through the Atyrau Rauan Social Fund
Partner Profile: Igniting Curiosity and Fueling Wonder at Roper Mountain Science Center

Imagine a place where you can watch a laser show at a state-of-the-art planetarium, view the night skies from an observatory through one of the world’s largest refractor telescopes, visit an authentic living history farm, act as forensic specialist at a fictional crime scene, enjoy an up-close encounter with hundreds of beautiful butterflies and much more.

These activities are part of a typical day of adventure at Roper Mountain Science Center (RMSC), a one-of-a-kind educational facility in Greenville, South Carolina. Founded in 1985, it is funded and operated through public ownership, corporate sponsorship, private support and volunteers. As part of the regular curriculum in Greenville County schools, every student learns about science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) in real-life settings at the center.

Fluor and its employees have supported RMSC since 1985, contributing to advanced hands-on, story-based learning opportunities for individuals throughout the community. Funds have helped produce lesson plans, purchase educational features for the Hooper Planetarium, procure support technology to advance lessons, and provide for interactive exhibits like the Explore Energy Sustainable Energy Floor and the Brain Works STEM exhibit.

Most recently, RMSC was selected as one of three organizations to receive funding from Fluor’s 2019 Golf for Greenville charitable golf tournament, bringing Fluor’s total investment in RMSC to over $550,000. The grant from Golf for Greenville will be used to help fund a Sustainable Energy Exhibit in RMSC’s new Environmental Science and Sustainability building, which will begin construction later this year.

In addition to financial support, Fluor employees give of their time and talent by volunteering and providing hands-on STEM related activities at RMSC-hosted events like its annual STEMFest. For more than 20 years, Fluor employees have served as board members.

“Fluor is the ideal type of partner we strive to have,” said Michael Weeks, director, Roper Mountain Science Center. “They give selflessly in so many important ways, and have been instrumental in allowing us to foster a sense of passion and creativity in STEM for more than 100,000 visitors, including 50,000 students, who visited us last year. Thank you, Fluor, for your support. We could not do what we do without you.”
Fluor Cares Profile: Fluor Cares Volunteers Surpass Environmental Goals in Manila

In 2019, Fluor Cares volunteers at Fluor’s Manila, Philippines, office planted 1,000 trees at the La Mesa Watershed. As a result, Fluor Philippines surpassed its goal of planting 2,500 trees by 40 percent, ultimately planting 3,500 trees to help neutralize its carbon footprint.

The number of trees the office targets to plant each year is based on the carbon footprint that Fluor Philippines generated from the previous year. In 2018, the amount of CO2 produced would require the planting of more than 1,000 trees. However, community impact leaders at the office realized that neutralizing their carbon footprint was only the first step in improving the environment for future generations, so they decided to double their impact and target 2,500 trees.

To identify planting sites, Fluor partnered with the Philippine Business for Social Progress (PBSP), the largest business-led social development foundation in the country. PBSP is dedicated to restoring and protecting not only La Mesa, but also the Marikina and Buhisan, Cebu, watersheds, as part of its collective impact initiatives.

PBSP Executive Director Reynaldo Antonio D. Laguda said he appreciates Fluor’s support of the organization.

“We at PBSP believe that each of us, especially our member companies, can contribute in addressing complex, societal problems. This is captured in our campaign called #KasaliKo that aims to invite everyone to be involved and included in our nation’s growth and development,” he said. “With Fluor’s support, which is a major boost in our initiatives, we hope more companies will be inspired to take on this cause with us.”

The La Mesa Watershed is the only major watershed in the metro Manila, Philippines area. It surrounds the La Mesa Dam and Reservoir, the primary source of potable drinking water for 12 million residents in the Manila metropolitan area.