



REACHING
for the **STARS**

Dear Community Leader,

Help Open the Door to a Child's Future Career!



"I want to be a fireman." "I want to be a teacher." We've all heard these statements from children. But have you ever heard a child say he or she wants to be a science writer, quantitative analyst, geochemist, or sonographer?

By bringing **Dr. Sally Ride**, the first American woman to travel in space and president and CEO of Sally Ride Science, to the Star Plaza Theatre on **April 12** to speak to families and their children, Discoveries Unlimited and The Challenger Learning Center of Northwest Indiana are shining a bright light on Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (STEM). Our mission is to inspire our Regions' youth to explore the infinite possibilities that STEM classes and careers offer.

Please assist us in bringing this dynamic speaker's accounts of her historic space flights and advice to children about the importance of STEM education. We invite you to join the Dean and Barbara White Family Foundation in supporting this event. The Foundation will match all dollars up to \$10,000, thereby keeping the ticket price reasonable for Region families.

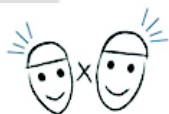
Sponsorship levels range from \$1,000 to \$10,000 but any donation is welcomed. Please see the attached sponsor information and contact Cathie Dull at 219.508.5606 for more information. The deadline for inclusion in sponsor materials is April 1.

Sincerely,

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Discoveries Unlimited is a non-profit organization dedicated to mentoring middle school girls in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). Its STEM Mentor program pairs middle schools girls with STEM industry professionals in one-on-one mentor teams to support their interests in STEM education and careers, fostering lifelong STEM learners. By collaborating with the business community, Discoveries Unlimited provides insight to STEM career paths available in Northwest Indiana encouraging girls to remain in the communities that educate them, build workforce capacity and support economic development.



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The Challenger Learning Center of Northwest Indiana is a non-profit space education center located on the Purdue University Calumet campus in Hammond, Indiana. It is part of a network of international leaning centers that endeavor to carry on the educational mission of the Challenger 51-L crew and the first teacher in space, Christa McAuliffe. Through mission simulations, eMissions (distance learning), hands-on science activity labs, planetarium programs, corporate missions, and family/community programs, more than 175,000 students and adults have visited the Center since 1999 to experience exciting and original programming.



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