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## **RE: Support Request for EYH Conference**

Dear IEEE San Diego Committee,

On behalf of the Expanding Your Horizons (EYH) San Diego team, I am reaching out to request your support for our 2025 EYH Conference, scheduled for Saturday, March 22, 2025. EYH San Diego is a nonprofit organization committed to empowering young women to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) through interactive, hands-on workshops and meaningful mentorship opportunities.

Our flagship EYH Conference offers middle and high school girls from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds the chance to explore STEM topics in engaging workshops conducted by industry professionals, government scientists, and academics. Since 2002, the conference has connected 200-300 young women annually with inspiring female role models, providing an authentic STEM experience that research shows is critical to increasing interest in STEM careers.

In 2024, rising costs limited our ability to fully meet the demand for this program, resulting in reduced participation and restricted transportation options for students from underserved communities. Despite these challenges, 55% of participants received full fee waivers, reflecting our ongoing commitment to making STEM education accessible to all. As we plan for 2025, we aim to raise sufficient funds to expand attendance to 250 participants while maintaining affordability and accessibility.

We are requesting your support to help cover program costs and ensure that every young woman who wants to attend has the opportunity to do so. A contribution of \$5,000 would directly enable us to provide fee waivers, organize transportation for schools in need, and deliver an impactful experience for participants. Your support would go a long way to helping us accomplish this goal.

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The EYH Conference is one of the few events in San Diego exclusively focused on young women, strategically blending mentorship, career exploration, and hands-on learning. With your partnership, we can inspire and support a diverse future STEM workforce and help these young women realize their potential.

Thank you for considering our request. I would be delighted to provide more information about our program or discuss potential partnership opportunities with IEEE San Diego.

Sincerely,

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