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DONOR SPOTLIGHT: GREG GOMEL, PMP

PMIEF donor Greg Gomel decided to increase his support for PMIEF after hearing how the foundation used his gift to reach youth with project management education.

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CATERPILLAR INC., THE CHILDREN'S HOME AND PMIEF: BUILDING A BETTER WORLD FOR KIDS

We're proud to announce that Caterpillar Inc. is the 2016 recipient of the PMIEF Community Advancement through Project Management Award.

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*Strategy. Communication. Teamwork. Critical thinking.
Problem-solving. Innovation.*

Here at PMIEF, we believe that these **project management skills are critical for success in our increasingly complex and competitive global world.** And in partnership with friends like you, we inspire and empower people to realize their potential and transform their communities through the use of project management knowledge.

PM KNOWLEDGEABLE YOUTH

Everything begins with youth...the next generation of leaders. We are committed to change the way children learn, live, and plan for the future.

Doug Hunsicker works with middle school students in Pennsylvania, teaching project management skills using PMI resources. Doug believes that *"Today's students face many distractions and challenges in completing assignments. Project management gives students the opportunity to break down a project into definable parts. As a result, students are able to accomplish their goals without being overwhelmed."*

In other words, preparing students to take control of their own future begins with project management. That's why we teach students critical project management skills for communicating, organizing workloads, project planning, and critical thinking—developing highly effective, collaborative, creative leaders.

In a 13-month research initiative recently commissioned by PMIEF, we found that youth who were trained in project management performed better than those who had not been exposed to project management education. In comparison:

- Exhibit very strong attention to detail (57% vs. 12%)
- Concentrate deeply for extended periods of time (41% vs. 12%)
- Excel academically (57% vs. 23%)
- Manage their time very efficiently (41% vs. 7%)

In 2017, we will be **expanding our digital badging program for students and teachers. Students have the opportunity to gain project management knowledge and skills** and by testing those skills earn badges of accomplishment.

Myles Miller believes that teaching project management skills to youth is incredibly valuable, saying, *"I want to make an impact that will last...that a person will be able to take with them and go forward. Project management is a skill that will last a lifetime."*

PM CAPABLE NONPROFITS

Next, **we focus on nonprofit organizations**, providing no-cost project management tools and resources that help them deliver on their missions. In effect, we teach them to feed the hungry, house the homeless, care for abandoned pets, respond to disasters and positively impact all the other worthy causes important to us.

PMIEF recently provided project management training for **Plan International's** key personnel in the Americas, Asia, and across Africa. **These men and women will utilize project management principles to address worldwide issues** such as, Ebola recovery, drought and flooding crises, and "safe schools" disaster preparedness.

Roger Duke, a PMI Augusta-Aiken Chapter volunteer, has seen this truth over and over again: *"When an organization applies our project management principles, they become a better, more effective organization. Every time."*

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PM READY WORKFORCE

Our third pillar is to **build a better-prepared workforce** by awarding academic and professional development scholarships, **giving individuals the opportunity to develop foundational and job-specific project management skills.**

Through PMIEF resources, we are able to offer training materials that will help today's professionals be successful throughout a lifetime!

[Will you partner with PMIEF today to make initiatives like this possible?](#)

When you donate to PMIEF, you will help us to inspire and empower students, professionals, and organizations to realize their potential and transform lives and communities through the use of project management skills.

You will give people the opportunity to solve problems, make wise informed decisions, and build a brighter future! *And you will leverage project management for social good®.*

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Greg Gomel admits to being a project management evangelist. Every time he begins working with a new company—he has established three Program Management Offices—he sets out to mentor his team with regard to the opportunities available through PMI and PMI Educational Foundation (PMIEF).

Education is a high priority for Greg, and he says that's one of the reasons he supports PMIEF. "I've lost count of how many folks I've assisted in getting their PMP certification done. For those of us who are able to take care of ourselves or whose companies may provide for our educational needs, that's great. But there are many people who are not in that position. And many more who would never be exposed to project management tools if it weren't for the foundation," he says.

Even though project management has become a well-known profession in the last 25 years, Greg believes PMIEF plays a significant role in exposing youth to project management concepts and tools that will shape their future education and careers. "With the push towards STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) education, we need to make sure folks have an awareness that project management is a vital component of both," he says.

After his first gift to PMIEF in 2010, Greg was impressed to learn even more about the breadth, reach and availability of the foundation's no-cost educational resources. "When I started getting more information back from the foundation about what they were able to do with my donations, I decided to step it up. And I have been continuing to give at a higher level since that time," he explains. Since increasing his giving in 2011, Greg has been a member of the PMIEF Leadership Society.

While he is impressed with the role PMIEF liaisons—designated ambassadors who link the foundation with the chapters—have played in educating members about the reasons to give, Greg feels it is the responsibility of every PMI member to help get the word out. "I think they need to ask themselves, how did you get to where you are? Was there someone who helped you or provided you an opportunity? Of course there was. Don't you feel that same obligation to go help someone else out?" he says.

Greg believes that sharing information about the project management resources available on the PMIEF Website can assist those in mentoring others. Whether those who may need mentoring are youth in schools, leaders in nonprofit or non-governmental organizations, or the administrative assistant at his company, Greg wants to make sure that those who need to learn about project management have the chance to do so.

When asked what PMIEF means to him, Greg said, "It means people helping people. For those of us that have achieved a level of competency in our field, we have the obligation to pay back the investments that others have made in us to those who are coming up behind us."

That's the reason, he says, giving to PMIEF is so important: "Because if we don't build what we need for the future, it's not going to be there."



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

The holidays are here...it's officially the season of giving!

And on **November 29**, we'll come together to celebrate **#GivingTuesday**, a day dedicated to giving back...giving to make our world a better place.

Together, we will inspire and empower students, professionals, and organizations to transform their lives and communities through the development of project management skills.

As you know, PMIEF is supported by donations from friends and partners like you...forward-thinking people who want to help students, nonprofit organizations, and communities grow and thrive.

That means **we count on YOUR gift to give to help us carry out our mission.**

Mark your calendar, and then visit www.pmief.org to give a generous gift. And be sure to share #GivingTuesday #PMIEF with your friends and family via Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter!



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[Click here](#) to see how Caterpillar, working with The Children's Home of Illinois, is changing lives for the better through project management.



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