

Community Involvement

Strengthening the community where we live and work

Sandia works to provide exceptional service in the national interest, finding solutions to the most challenging issues our country faces. We bring this same dedication and expertise to our local communities. Our commitment to our neighbors is part of our 60-year tradition and is an enduring part of our successful future.

Giving generously to our neighbors

Sandia National Laboratories employees and retirees are generous, contributing \$4.66 million through the United Way of Central New Mexico and more than \$250,000 through the Tri-Valley Community Foundation in California.

The Shoes for Kids program has provided a new pair of shoes to 500 Albuquerque-area children a year for over 50 years. Other annual programs benefit local students by donating books and school supplies.

During the holidays, New Mexico employees enjoy providing gifts for more than 450 children living in foster care and contributing to our annual Roadrunner Food Bank drive and Take a Turkey to Work Day. California employees celebrate with the Holiday Spirit Campaign to distribute food to local food banks and provide gifts to nearly 500 needy families each year.

Lockheed Martin, on behalf of Sandia National Laboratories, invests more than \$1.4 million annually in our local communities. Fifty seven percent of the contributions were made to organizations dedicated to improving student education in the Albuquerque and Livermore communities. Contributions include sponsorship of regional science fairs, math competitions, science and math teacher professional development, cultural programs, and museum exhibits.

Helping where we are needed

Sandia National Laboratories' employees and retirees are passionate about volunteering. You'll find them judging science fairs, coaching sports teams, leading scout troops, sorting food, building houses, and serving on boards of directors.

Sandia actively connects employees to opportunities to serve as judges, tutors, mentors and classroom presenters. In 2011, Sandian reported over 107,000 volunteer hours. About 300 employees each year receive the President's Volunteer Service Award for serving more than 100 volunteer hours per year.





Each October, more than 200 employees join the community to complete projects at local non-profits as part of Make a Difference Day.

Working together with a team of dedicated retirees, Sandia is proud to have completed 11 Habitat for Humanity Homes for deserving families in the Albuquerque area. A special group of Sandia employees are dedicated to Project Linus, making hundreds of blankets for traumatized children and young adults.

Inspiring the next generation of scientists and engineers

Sandia National Laboratories provides innovative, science-based, systems-engineering solutions to our nation's most challenging national security problems. The declining numbers of American students who pursue science and engineering degrees is a national concern. Encouraging students to pursue science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) careers is the goal of our K-12 education programs. More than 500 Sandians serve as classroom presenters, judges, tutors, and mentors in local schools each year.

Elementary school children are fascinated with the unexpected. So are scientists. The challenge is engaging students with hands-on math and science activities that encourage them to test theories, not just memorize facts. Our elementary school programs focus on providing inquiry-based activities that emphasize the fun of science:

- Crosslinks Science Volunteers
- Family Science Nights
- Family Math Nights
- Fun in the Sun Summer Science

Middle school and high school students are exploring potential career choices and benefit from experiences that allow them to visualize themselves in a STEM career. Sandia is the proud title sponsor of the annual School to World Career Exploration Event. Our middle and high school programs provide more in-depth science and engineering programs, led by Sandia STEM professionals. These include:

- Department of Energy Science Bowls
- Family Engineering Night
- Dream Catcher / HM Tech / Manos Science and Engineering Programs
- STAR High School Summer Intern Program
- Math and Science Awards for Young Women
- Expanding Your Horizons

Supporting science and math teachers is paramount to student success. Sandia sponsors a variety of professional development opportunities including financial support for New Mexico teachers pursuing national board certification in science or math.

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