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E³ Alliance awarded two grants from KDK-Harman Foundation

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(Austin) – E³ Alliance has recently received two grants from the KDK-Harman Foundation. The first is a \$45,000 operating grant to support the operations of E³ Alliance in rolling out The Blueprint for Educational Change. This is the third year in a row that E³ Alliance has received a support grant from KDK-Harman.

“We are excited to receive this support from the KDK-Harman Foundation,” said Susan Dawson, executive director of the E³ Alliance. “This work will allow our region to be at the forefront of creating a better aligned educational pipeline that improves outcomes for every student, and at the same time provides them pathways to jobs that strengthen our regional economy.”

In addition, KDK-Harman, an instrumental investor and leader, along with E³ Alliance, have garnered collaborative support from multiple Central Texas funders in the “RAISE^{UP} Texas” effort to drive the transformation of middle school teaching and learning across six school districts, including Austin ISD, Eanes ISD, Hays CISD, Leander ISD, Round Rock ISD, and San Marcos CISD.

“We are always looking for high-impact opportunities to break the cycle of poverty through education,” Janet Harman, Founder and President of the KDK-Harman Foundation stated. “It's important to look beyond the individual student to systematically and strategically build a stronger pipeline that spans institutions and districts. That is why KDK chose to partner with the E³ Alliance in this collaborative approach.”

Strong programs in middle school will assist in creating stronger graduating students that are college and career ready. Bringing all the players to the table to better articulate programs, curriculum, and transitions will help students go further and ultimately lead to a stronger workforce. (MORE)

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ABOUT KDK-HARMAN:

KDK-Harman Foundation is a family foundation that seeks to fund charitable organizations that align with its mission and vision. The motivation for the establishment of KDK-Harman was to promote a family tradition of commitment to philanthropic efforts and service to our Central Texas community. Its mission is to break the cycle of poverty through education while promoting a culture of giving excellence.

KDK-Harman Foundation was established in 2004 by Janet E. Harman. Janet named the family philanthropy in honor of her three children, Kevin, David, and Kelly.

Breaking the Cycle of Poverty Through Education while Promoting a Culture of Giving Excellence

ABOUT E³ ALLIANCE:

The E³ Alliance is a regional collaborative to create a research-based “blueprint” that will allow us to align our education systems to better fulfill the potential of every citizen and in turn, increase economic outcomes for a stronger economic future for our region. Founded by partners the Austin Area Research Organization, The University of Texas at Austin, and Austin Community College District; the E³ Alliance acts as a catalyst for change, and is the P-16 Council for the Central Texas region.

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