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# Milgard Donates to TAF in Support of STEM Education

**Tacoma, Wash.** (Aug 9, 2018) – Milgard Windows & Doors donated \$25,000 to Technology Access Fund (TAF), a Seattle, Washington based nonprofit to support their participation in Lego League, a national robotics competition for middle school and high school age students.

Seattle-based non-profit entity, TAF, is committed to providing STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) education, internships, and career opportunities for elementary, middle, and high school students of color.

"Milgard is so pleased to contribute to this educational youth program," said Lisa Ridgeway, Manager of Recruiting & Talent Management at Milgard. "Supporting and strengthening our local communities is a core value for Milgard, and youth education aligns perfectly."

TAF uses STEM as a tool for realizing social change and educational equality in communities of color and those with low income, focusing primarily on individuals from underrepresented communities. Their targeted approach leverages in-school and out-of-school learning to address longstanding historical inequities for students of color, while also cultivating leadership and citizenship.

"Our goal is to remove obstacles to success in employment and education," said Sherry Williams, the Director of Operations for TAF. "We're especially excited to receive the donation so that our students can participate in their first ever Lego League, where they will learn both robotics and practical problem solving skills."

The grant is part of the #MascoMillionDifferences campaign, an initiative in which Masco Corporation, through its business units, is allocating \$1,000,000 of its philanthropic funding in 2018 to support organizations across the country that are working to break down barriers to diversity and inclusion in America's corporate workforce through education or career resources.



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#### **About TAF**

TAF aims to equip students of color for success in college and in life through the power of an interdisciplinary STEM education and supportive relationships. TAF is a thought leader and valuable asset to students and teachers in the public school system. In their 20+ year history they have delivered



direct educational services to over 5,000 students resulting in a 95% on-time high school graduation rate and a 95% college entrance rate. Their goal is to scale their programs throughout Washington State. Learn more at techaccess.org.

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