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Family Trip to California Science Center Planned for March 22

El Segundo Educational Foundation event includes catered reception, transportation, and admission to spectacular exhibit of Titanic treasures and artifacts

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. (March 7, 2003) – The community is invited to explore the mysteries of the California Science Center and the visiting Titanic: The Artifact Exhibit on Saturday, March 22 at a family event organized by the El Segundo Educational Foundation.

The evening will begin at 5:00 p.m. in the recently restored main building at El Segundo High School, where attendees will enjoy food donated by many local restaurants. At approximately 6:00 p.m., luxury buses will transport the Foundation's guests to a private event at the California Science Center in Downtown Los Angeles.

"We're anticipating this will be a hugely popular event because of the Titanic Exhibit," said Carlene Tanaka, event co-chairman and member of the board of directors of the El Segundo Educational Foundation. "The Science Center will be ours for the evening, making it a great opportunity for people to experience the museum and Titanic treasures in the company of their family and friends."

The visiting Titanic exhibit includes hundreds of artifacts recovered in a series of dives to the wreckage of the luxury liner that sank on its maiden voyage to New York in April 1912. Foundation guests will enjoy the collection of personal letters and possessions that tell unforgettable stories of the passengers on board. First- and third-class rooms and the elegant grand staircase have been re-created for this exhibit so visitors can relive the voyage. "You get a feel for the enormity of the ship when you come face-to-face with a 15-ton piece of its outer hull," Tanaka said. "Its amazing how you're

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able to imagine what the freezing waters of the Atlantic must have felt like that night by touching the frozen wall of ice on display.”

The El Segundo Educational Foundation has been soliciting corporate sponsors for this event from the local business community. Platinum sponsors to date include Chevron, Continental Development Corporation, Tahiti Toursime, El Segundo Power, L.L.C., International Rectifier, Northrop Grumman, C.W. Driver, Raytheon Company, and Thomas Properties Group, L.L.C. Gold sponsors include S&S Hardware, First Coastal Bank, Anshen + Allen LA, Direct TV, Mattel, Inc., El Segundo Car Wash/N/S Corp., Hawthorne Savings, and Washington Iron Works.

McCormick & Schmick's; Fleming's Prime Steakhouse; Cozymel's; Daily Grill; New York Foods; Stick & Stein; McDonald's El Segundo; Just A Pizza; Canton Low; Taiko; P.F. Chang's China Bistro; Briazz; Dijon; Starbuck's; and Ralphs are donating food for the reception at El Segundo High School.

Reservations are \$20 for children and \$30 for adults and include the reception, transportation, and admission to the California Science Center and the Titanic exhibit. Reservations may be made in advance by completing an order form, available at El Segundo public schools, or by calling 310-615-2650, ext. 229. Foundation guests will receive a 10 percent discount in the Science Center's main gift shop on the evening of the event.

About the El Segundo Educational Foundation

The El Segundo Educational Foundation was established as a non-profit public benefit corporation in 1983 to provide financial support as a supplement to the resources available to the El Segundo Unified School District. Since its founding the Foundation has donated close to \$1.5 million to El Segundo's public schools.

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