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ShareSpace Education donates 50 *Giant Moon Map*™ packages to 50 schools and museums around the world

One-of-a-kind, STEAM-based educational tool commemorates 50th anniversary of first Moon landing

MELBOURNE, Fla. – The [Aldrin Family Foundation \(AFF\)](#) today announced its [ShareSpace Education](#) has named 50 global recipients of its new [Giant Moon Map](#)™ program. Launched in honor of the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon landing, this one-of-a-kind educational tool sparks creativity in students while they learn STEAM concepts and celebrate one of humankind's greatest achievements. The donation is collectively valued at more than \$240,500.

“As we move closer to the 50th anniversary of the first Moon landing, there is a renewed fascination with this historic achievement,” said Dr. Andrew Aldrin, president of AFF. “The response to the launch of the *Giant Moon Map*™ program a few months ago was phenomenal, with more applications than we ever imagined. Everyone clearly sees how it's the perfect tool to help teach today's youth about that moment in time, while helping them build a love for STEAM-based concepts. Our goal is that this initial donation of 50 maps will only be the beginning.”

Giant Moon Map™ packages will be distributed to schools and educational institutions in 45 states, including: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin. In addition, packages were awarded to 5 schools and educational institutions in Canada, Germany, India and Mexico. [Click here](#) to see the full list of recipients.

Each ShareSpace Education *Giant Moon Map*™ program package includes either a 25' x 25' vinyl map of the Moon or a 15' x 15' one. Both sizes also come with 15 *Welcome to the Moon* books and the Moon Map educational activities package. Through a new partnership with [AstroReality](#), the kit now includes a 120mm 3D model of the Moon. The model features augmented reality technology that enhances interactions on the map through each of the Apollo mission patches, teaching students about the six landing sites where 12 humans have walked on the moon. The package features authentic, fun lessons and activities designed especially for students ages 10 to 14, and access to in-person and online program training from ShareSpace Education.

AFF worked with donors to make the 50 *Giant Moon Map*™ packages available for distribution. The program launched in April at the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) Convention in St. Louis. Applications from individual schools, school districts and informal education organizations were accepted through May 18, the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 10 launch. All applications were reviewed by an independent team of judges with the aim of distributing the packages to educational institutions where they can do the most good, especially in underserved communities.

For more information, visit <https://sharespace.org/giant-moon-map/>.

About the Aldrin Family Foundation

The [Aldrin Family Foundation \(AFF\)](#) strives to cultivate the next generation of space leaders, entrepreneurs and explorers who will extend human habitation beyond the Earth to the Moon and Mars. AFF's STEAM-based educational tools, educational activities and programs span from a child's first classroom experience through graduate school and professional programs. This vertical pathway unites explorers at all levels to learn from each other's vision for space, ultimately creating the first generation of Martians.

About ShareSpace Education

[ShareSpace Education](#), one of the key organizations within the Aldrin Family Foundation, is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to cultivating children's passion for science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM) by providing innovative, interactive educational tools to schools, teachers and information educations throughout the United States and abroad. Founded in 2016 by Apollo 11 astronaut Buzz Aldrin, ShareSpace has reached more than 300,000 children and continues to grow its impact each year.

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