

The ReSET Report

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ReSET Selected for First Charitable Campaign

When Tech Data, a large distributor of technology products from leading IT companies, kicked off its TechSelect Partner Conference in Washington, DC, last November, ReSET was already enriched.

TechSelect, a network of Tech Data customers, chose ReSET from among hundreds of worthy United Way causes for their inaugural charitable contribution drive. A check for \$4,050 was presented to Executive Director John Meagher.

According to Mark Puskarich, TechSelect Supervisor, their Advisory Council welcomed the initiative to give back to the local communities hosting



Rick Reid, President, Tech Data Canada (left) and Murray Wright, Tech Data's Senior VP of U.S. Sales (center) present ReSET's Executive Director John Meagher with a check for \$4,050. The final amount ReSET received surpassed \$5,000.

the conferences. "In DC, we had some great choices for recipients, but the idea of ig-

ning engineering and technical interest in children just made sense, says Puskarich."

Professionals Enrich Classroom Lessons

The concept of tapping into local professionals to engage students in activities that bring classroom content to life is gaining traction across the U.S., according to a recent article in *Education Weekly* that featured ReSET.

The *Education Weekly* reporter accompanied ReSET volunteer Dr. Marty Stein to a classroom session at Washington Latin School in DC. A new ReSET volunteer, Stein has

been developing experiments during the course of his 4th and 5th grade programs that teachers choose to reinforce the content of their science curriculum.

Sonya Hoffman, a community project coordinator at Washington Latin School in DC sums up the essence of the ReSET partnership: "Here's this person who brings an incredible enthusiasm for a life spent in science showing our students

that science is this magnificent profession, and taking it out of the theoretical, textbook-based realm...to real life."

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Science Quiz Answer:

They inhibit bacterial growth (great for use in refrigerators, washers—even tooth brushes)



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It's a Nano World after all...

What property of silver nanoparticles has led to their use in common household appliances?

...See inside for answer

Birthday Fun and Generosity Bring Payoff to ReSET

What do Madonna, NASA and Joe Mait all have in common? That's right. They all shared a milestone birthday in 2008. But unlike some pop stars and government agencies, the Montgomery County resident chose to celebrate his 50th birthday with a present to ReSET.

"I don't need anything," says Mait, as he explains his request of friends and family to consider donating to ReSET in lieu of more traditional gifts. "If people want to spend money in my name, then supporting a group that helps kids who might have less access to science resources is a good thing."

Mait isn't a current ReSET volunteer, but as a member of the Optical Society of America he has become familiar with ReSET while reviewing grant proposals

If you are going to only one 50th celebration this year, come to mine.



Joe Mait's 50th birthday request? In lieu of gifts, a donation to ReSET.

to OSA foundations. "You know, it's a neat program," thought Mait. "This is something I'd like to do when I retire."

An idea was born, the party planned—an intimate, catered affair at home with 40 or so friends and family members from all parts of Mait's life—and donations collected. In all, about 10 donations were made in Mait's name by mail or online in honor of his half century.

The payoff to ReSET may continue. After all, Mait only has about five and a half years before he is eligible for retirement from the Federal Government. And he is keeping ReSET in mind as he plans for that eventuality.