

To AAUW-OML Members and Supporters -

AAUW-OML just launched our 2024 "Raise the Bar" Branch fundraiser at our Showcase meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup>. We had a good time informing our members about our community outreach projects in some detail – Tech Trek, Scholarship, STEM Conference, Burckhalter Library, AAUW Fund, Public Policy and DEI. We provided detail on how much our 2024 projects cost, and that we need to raise \$20,000 of our \$48,000 budget in this fundraising campaign.

The rest of the funds needed are raised through STEM Conference registration fees and the donations we receive from our local Rotaries and Kiwanis. This fundraiser is different than the last 2 years. Instead of a holiday fundraiser event in which you pay to attend plus buy tickets for raffle or bid on donated items (for which many of us spent a lot of time and \$\$ to get), we are having a "Hey, let's just ask for what we need from our members, friends and supporters, and they will step up and donate to support our projects." And did you ever step up!!. We raised \$8,700 in donations and pledges at the meeting, plus we had already received a starter gift from a Tech Trek parent of \$2,500. So we've raised just over half of our goal! Now we are asking the rest of our members, supporters, and friends to donate generously to our fundraiser. Everyone who donates will be invited to a reception in early December as a thank you (and you won't need to buy tickets or bid on anything!), just a thank you for being a generous Branch member and supporter.

Please see the Fundraiser letter listing our projects and costs. And then donate!



You have several options in how to donate:

- 1) You can click on the QR code to be taken directly to the link to donate.
- 2) Or use this link to donate (choose #1 Community Outreach Fund):

https://oml-ca.aauw.net/oml-donations-form/

3) Send a check to: AAUW-OML Community Outreach Fund, P.O. Box 6705, Moraga CA 94570

Our projects change the lives of the girls and young women who participate. They continue to tell us this, even after they go to college and into the work world. We can't do this work without you, our incredible membership and community. Thank you so much!!

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