Letter: Thankful for successful science expo

To the community,

On March 30, 31 and April 1, we were fortunate to have the first annual South Lake Science Expo at the Lake Tahoe Community College campus. This event is an exciting opportunity for our third- through fifth-grade students to explore the many wonders of physical science.

This amazing event would not have been possible without the help of so many. First, I would like to thank the incredible crew from the Tahoe Environmental Research Center/UC Davis in Incline (Heather, Amy, Evan, Emily and Bree — you are amazing).

TERC has been hosting this event for the last 11 years in Incline and the TERC team graciously agreed to bring it down to South Shore this year.

The Soroptimist International of South Lake Tahoe is responsible for gifting us with a generous grant that covered the financial need s of this project. Our deep and sincere thanks for this and all that you do for our community. You make this a better place to live every day.

The Science Expo committee (the TERC group and Greta, Rebecca and Bonnie) made this happen in a very short period of time. Thank you so much for all your help. You are an awesome team to work with.

Lake Tahoe Community College hosted this event at their site and were such gracious hosts, helping us in so many ways!

There were over 40 hands-on stations for the students to explore. We had over 725 students from five schools and more

than 290 people at the public event. Quite a success for the first year.

I also need to thank the community for stepping up and volunteering their time to help man the stations. We could not have done this without all of you. There were over 125 volunteers who gave up mornings, afternoons and evening time to make this possible. What an amazing place to live and work. Thanks also go to Starbucks, Jamba Juice and Raley's for providing nourishment and other necessities. My deep and sincere thanks for everyone involved in making this such a success!

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