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Ray & Carmela Mellado Legacy Fund

Great Minds in STEM is honoring the legacy of our founders, Ray and Carmela Mellado, through the creation of the Ray & Carmela Mellado Legacy Fund. Ray passed away in 2022, and Carmela less than a year later, but together they spent more than 40 years inspiring and empowering Americans from all walks of life to pursue careers in STEM. Along the way, they befriended thousands of people, partnered with hundreds of organizations, and worked tirelessly to improve the lives and opportunities of countless students and professionals.

Great Minds in STEM, the organization they founded in 1989, remained their life's work, and both Ray and Carmela stayed engaged and active nearly to the very end. To ensure the continuation of their vision—encouraging more students to pursue STEM careers—GMISt has established the Ray & Carmela Mellado Legacy Fund. Proceeds directly support merit-based scholarships and student travel grants to attend the GMISt Conference, helping even more STEM majors benefit from the experience.

To contribute, [visit **www.greatmindsinstem.org/donate**](http://www.greatmindsinstem.org/donate) and select “**Ray & Carmela Mellado Legacy Fund**” from the drop-down menu. You may also donate by check made out to Great Minds in STEM, and write “Mellado Legacy Fund” in the memo line. Our business address is listed in the header above.

The Mellado family will be informed of each contribution, and all donors to this fund will be recognized at the conference and in our annual report.

Thank you for helping transform lives by supporting the next generation of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics professionals—and for sustaining the mission and vision that Ray and Carmela dedicated their lives to advancing.

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