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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Kiwanis Club of Cleveland Donates \$100,000 to Stepstone Academy!

(April 2016) Cleveland, OH – We are pleased to announce that the Kiwanis Club of Cleveland has generously donated \$100,000 to Stepstone Academy. The donation will provide funding for a brand new gymnasium that will serve a wide variety of purposes for our scholars' physical education. We sincerely thank the Kiwanis Club of Cleveland for this generous donation and for their ongoing support of our scholars and school.

The Kiwanis Club of Cleveland is the second oldest Kiwanis Club in existence and is part of Kiwanis International, a world-wide organization dedicated to serving the citizens of the world with a particularly strong emphasis on children. Since learning about our high quality charter school, the Kiwanis Club of Cleveland has developed a keen interest in and appreciation for the outstanding educational opportunities that Stepstone Academy is providing to the Cleveland Central neighborhood. The gymnasium will be named the "Cleveland Kiwanis Gymnasium", commemorating their generous gift.

"The generous gift will have a positive impact on the under resourced children we serve and help to further the mission of our school," says Susan Hyland, *Superintendent, Stepstone Academy*. "Because of The Kiwanis Club of Cleveland's overwhelming kindness, Stepstone Academy will be able to provide the foundation for a lifetime of enjoyable, healthy physical activity to our scholars."

Stepstone Academy is a high performing charter school located in the Central Neighborhood of Cleveland. We are one of the first charter schools in the United States to integrate an aspirational, no-excuses culture with a wide array of learning tools for children and families. Our rigorous curriculum focuses on inspiration, citizenship, character development and competence in reading and math. Our school is free to attend, and we offer free breakfast and lunch daily. Currently, we serve children in kindergarten – fourth grade, and we will add a grade a year until we reach K-8.

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