About RAFT

- RAFT is a non-profit organization that believes that hands-on teaching is the best way for students to learn about math, science, technology, and art.

- Uses hands-on education to prepare kids to compete in a global market.

- Partners with local businesses to collect surplus materials that are repurposed into hands-on learning activity kits.

- Provides Sacramento educators with the materials, resources, support and professional development tools needed to create engaging learning environments.
Our Services

- **Materials**
  Through our RAFT store educators have access to low-cost classroom supplies, education materials, idea sheets and thousands of pre-made hands-on learning activity kits that align with California’s core curriculum and STEM guidelines.

- **Resources**
  RAFT members receive free access to our resource room for lesson preparation. This includes laminating machines, paper cutters, die cuts, photo copiers and much more.

- **Support**
  All members have access to hundreds of hands-on development guides and RAFT staff members who are available to assisting them in implementing hands-on learning into their classrooms.

- **Professional Development**
  RAFT offers both on and off-site workshops. Many meet the California Continued Education Unit requirement for K-12 educators.
Why Hands-On Learning?

- It turns abstract and complex ideas in subjects like **math**, **science**, **technology** and **art** into activities that students can grasp.
- It is a **proven approach** for engaging students and boosting **subject comprehension**.

"**RAFT provides hands-on activity kits that match education curriculum requirements, completely capture student interests, are affordable and that I would NEVER have been able to pull together on my own.**"

- Fifth Grade Teacher
Our Impact

- RAFT Sacramento currently provides support to over **2,200 educators** and **120,000 students** last year.

- Provided over **20** professional development workshops to area educators totaling nearly **100 hours**.

- Collected more than **200 pallets of materials** that was **repurposed for educational use** that would have otherwise ended up in land fields.

- One of the only agency in front of California’s newly adopted **STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) approach** offering professional development and classroom resources for area educators.
The Need for RAFT

- **School budget cuts** have resulted in reduced professional development services, classroom supplies and educators are being forced to use their own money to purchase supplies.

- Many students are performing **below grade level**, due to a missing link between the lesson provided and student comprehension.

- Many kids think that school is not interesting or relevant and too many kids will fail to graduate from high school. Improving education by inspiring students, increasing motivation, and supporting teacher excellence is essential to the success of our youth.
The Solution

- Providing creative ideas, affordable project materials, one-on-one mentoring and professional development will provide educators with the resources and supplies needed to increase student interest and success in the classroom.

- By transforming the learning environment RAFT helps close the achievement gap and helps students apply their knowledge to a real world learning environment.

Overall, RAFT is improving education by inspiring students, increasing motivation, and supporting teacher excellence which is essential to the success of our youth.
Ways to Support RAFT

Donate Materials or Funding
- Make a Gift
- Purchase a RAFT membership for an educator
- Purchase a RAFT gift card for an educator
- Sponsor a professional development workshop
- Check what materials your business has as surplus. Donate them to RAFT.

Volunteer Time and Expertise
- Assemble hands-on learning kits
- Demonstrate hands-on activities at our RAFT store.
- Provide professional services in your field of expertise
- Engage your team in a community service opportunity
- Become a RAFT community ambassador
Help Us Reach Our Goal

Our goal for the 2013-2014 fiscal year is to raise $150k in funding.

- STEM
- Professional Development
- Membership
- General Support

Your Donation. Your Focus. Your Recipient. Your Choice!

- $150k
- $90k
- $60k
- $30k
- $51,118