

Harman International and Toyota Team Up to Support Education at The CHIME Institute

During a Community Connection ceremony on March 7, 2003, in Northridge, CA, Harman International and Toyota announced a \$20,000 grant to the CHIME Institute (Community Honoring Inclusive Model Education). The grant will be used to support existing school programs, and assist in establishing a permanent facility for the CHIME Charter Middle School. Harman International also furnished a new JBL Professional Audio public address system for the auditorium at the CHIME Institute's Woodland Hills campus.

Laura San Giacomo, parent of a current CHIME student and star of the hit television show, "Just Shoot Me," spoke at the event. San Giacomo, who plays "Maya" on the sitcom, offered a parental perspective on the benefits of the Institute's programs, as well as the developmental impact they have on the students. Unlike most schools, the CHIME Institute features fully inclusive classrooms, in an atmosphere that teaches children respect and tolerance for the unique needs of their peers.

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Front row (left to right) – Linda LaFrenais, Volunteer Committee Chair, Harman International; Julie Fabrocini, Program Director, Chime Institute; Stephany Bizakis, Employee Rel. Mgr., Harman International; Julie LaPlant, Government Rel. Specialist, Toyota Motor Manf. NA; Don Luedtke, Purchasing Asst. Mgr., Toyota Motor Manf. NA; Latondra Newton, External Affairs Director, Toyota Motor Manf. NA; Michael Gill, Senior Mkt. Specialist, Harman/Becker Automotive; Joe Pullin, VP Global Marketing, Harman/Becker Automotive; Rob Barnicoat, Business Development, Harman/Becker Automotive; **Center row (left to right)** – Marc Miller, Sales Account Mgr., Harman/Becker Automotive; Don Maidens, Director, Asia Pacific Sales, Harman/Becker Automotive; Robert Chiappetta, Govt. Affairs Rep., Toyota Motor NA; **Back row (left to right)** – Patrick Smith, Board President, Chime Institute; Sabrina Koyne, HR Manager, Harman International; Wayne Garrett, Senior VP, Operations, Harman International; Bob Kilker, Plant Manager, Harman International; Irv Miller, Group VP, Toyota Motor Sales, USA; Gregory Stapleton, President & COO, Harman International; Dr. Claire Callovaro, Founder, Chime Institute; Tom Metzger, Exec. VP, Asia Pacific Sales, Harman/Becker Automotive; Floyd Toole, VP Acoustic Engineer, Harman International.