

Michelin North America, Inc. and Toyota donate \$20,000 to Lexington School District One Educational Foundation



James Compton, Chairman, and
Connie McFarland, Exec. Director,
Lexington School District One
Educational Foundation



(left to right) Janet Tate, Toyota
External Affairs Associate; Michelin
Man; and Barbara McDaniel,
Government Relations Manager,
Toyota Motor Manufacturing North
America, Inc.



Pictured (left to right) – Eric Dell, Chief of Staff for U.S. Congressman Joe Wilson; Raul Fernandez, Plant Manager, Michelin's Lexington facility; Charlie Ing, Director, Legislative Affairs, Toyota-WDC; Michelin Man

On June 21, 2004 Michelin North America, Inc. hosted a Toyota Community Connection event at its Lexington, SC plant, and joined with Toyota to donate \$20,000 to the Lexington School District One Educational Foundation.

"Michelin and Toyota, through their generous contributions, exhibit a genuine interest in guaranteeing a quality education for the students in Lexington County School District One," stated James Compton, chairman of the Lexington County School District One Educational Foundation. "We are fortunate to have the opportunity to partner with Michelin and Toyota, and are excited about the possibilities this partnership brings. The money donated will enable us to sponsor a Virtual High School that Lexington County School District One will offer its students, and provide teacher grants to support innovative ideas in teaching."

"At Michelin, we are committed to supporting our community," said Raul Fernandez, plant manager of Michelin's passenger-tire facility in Lexington, S.C. "The Michelin Lexington plant is honored that our customer, Toyota, is matching our \$10,000 contribution. This contribution will benefit a greater number of teachers and students throughout our community. We are proud that our companies are working together to make a difference in the education of our children."

Michelin manufactures and sells tires for every type of vehicle, including airplanes, automobiles, bicycles, earthmovers, farm equipment, heavy-duty trucks, motorcycles, and the space shuttle. The company also publishes travel guides, maps and atlases covering Europe, Asia, Africa and North America. Headquartered in Greenville, South Carolina, Michelin North America, Inc. (www.michelinman.com) employs 23,920 and operates 21 plants in 17 locations.