

May 27, 2003

IEEE Canada Foundation

Dear ICF committee members:

I want to thank you for sponsoring this year Hands-on Electronics workshop for grade 7 & 8 students held May 26, 2003 at the Skills Ontario competition in RIM park Kitchener.

Approximately 80 students from across Ontario participated along with their teachers and parent helpers. Every student successfully completed a flashing LED circuit and learned about careers in electronics, educational opportunities and how to solder parts to a simple printed circuit board.

All the students were extremely pleased with their projects and left with a feeling of accomplishment and pride. Comments repeated throughout the day were: "Cool! This is so neat!", "Wow, I never thought I'd be able to do this!", "This is the best workshop ever".

I have enclosed pictures from the day and 2 sample projects (one red led and one blue led) for you.

This experience was only made possible through your grant and on behalf of the students involved I want to thank you for your support.

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Sincerely,

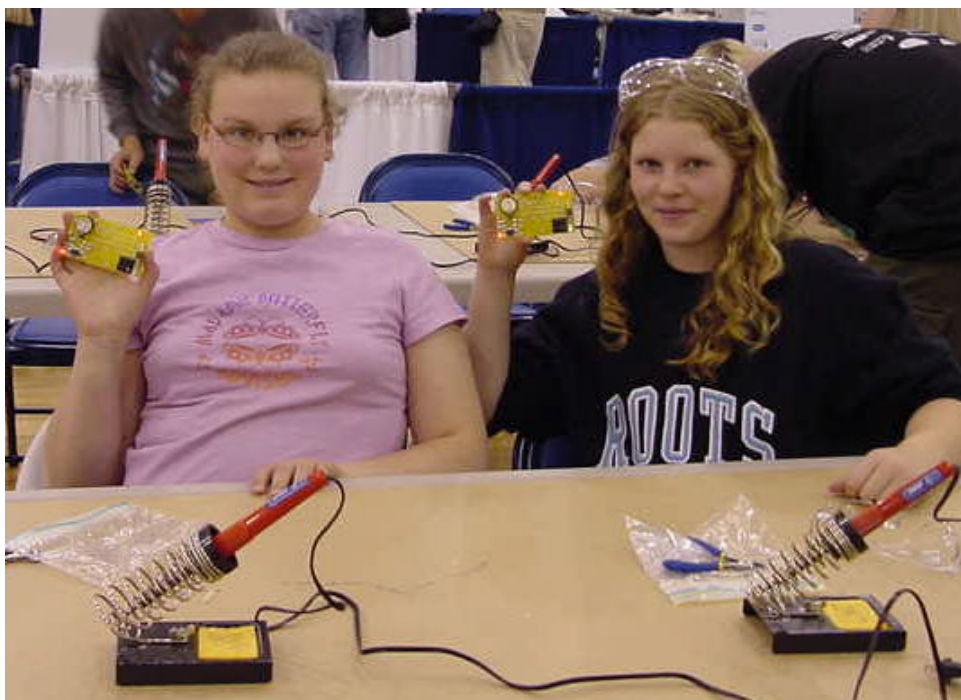
Rudy Hofer
Workshop Leader



Four groups of 20 students from grades 7 & 8 participated in this year's hands-on electronics workshop.

They listened to a short presentation on careers in electronics, where to study electronics and were encouraged to focus on their math, science and physics courses.

The grade 7 & 8 students were all delighted with their flashing led circuits.



It was particularly pleasing to see many young women participate this year.



Students had approximately 30 min. to complete their project.

Even the teachers were able to solder together a working board.



All students were successful in completing the project and left with a functioning circuit.

