

Community Outreach

The Best Practices noted on this page deal with the area of Community Outreach

Support of the National Plastics Museum's "PlastiVan"

Several Divisions have provided ad-hoc funding to assist the reach of NPM's traveling "PlastiVan", which helps educate school age children about the benefits of plastics while dispelling some commonly-held misperceptions. (Thermoforming, Blow Molding, and Injection Molding.)

The Western Michigan Section won the American Plastics Council "Alliance Award" for its use of the PlastiVan in its region. As a result, the Section has written and will share its own "How to Have a Successful SPE/PlastiVan program. To obtain a copy, contact Jim Toner at SPE Headquarters.

Support of Dr. Polly Polymer/SPE Foundation

Several Divisions have provided targeted funding for an innovative multi-media educational program called "Dr. Polly Polymer and the Fantastic Plastics Factory, which introduces students to important learning concepts related to plastics. The program, funded through the SPE Foundation, is distributed to 4th, 5th, and 6th grade classrooms throughout the country, made possible by Division and Section funding.

For further information about this example and how your SPE Division or Section can adapt this Best Practice, contact Tricia McKnight