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Local non-profit recognized for furthering stem cell education

PASADENA, Calif. – The Genetics Policy Institute is honouring Let's Talk Science, a London, Ontario, based non-profit science outreach organization, for having positively impacted the advancement of stem cell research at the 7th Annual Stem Cell Action Awards Dinner today at the Pasadena Convention Center.

The award ceremony, held as part of the 2011 World Stem Cell Summit, recognizes people and organizations that have helped foster understanding of stem cell research and its benefits, and supported its progress towards the development of medical treatments and cures.

Let's Talk Science is receiving the Education Award for taking a multi-pronged approach to helping high school students and educators gain insight on topics surrounding stem cells. This approach includes an annual symposium for high school students called "StemCellTalks!," hands-on classroom workshops, teacher resources that include a national biotechnology learning continuum, and CurioCity.ca, an online program for teens.

"We are honoured to be recognized for our work that focuses on stem cell science, research and education," says Bonnie Schmidt, PhD, President and Founder, Let's Talk Science. "We strive to improve the science literacy of children and youth so they are poised to take on the challenges of the future."

Let's Talk Science was founded in 1993 in London, Ontario, when Bonnie Schmidt was a PhD student at The University of Western Ontario. Currently, the organization reaches more than 145,000 children and youth across Canada each year through programs and services that build interest and engagement in science, engineering and technology.

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About Let's Talk Science:

Let's Talk Science is an award-winning, national, charitable, science outreach organization. Let's Talk Science creates and delivers science learning programs and services that turn children and youth on to science, keep them engaged in learning and develop their potential to become 21st century citizens, innovators and stewards. For more information about Let's Talk Science, please visit www.letstalkscience.ca.