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FANTASY ROLE-PLAYING GAME MEETS FUNDRAISING: TWO LOCAL NONPROFITS UNITE FOR THE “TTRPG TELETHON”

*Ohio Valley Educational Foundation and Nerd Louisville bring Kentucky educators together for a
Tabletop Role-Playing Game showdown to support vital educational programs.*

(MIDDLETOWN, LOUISVILLE, KY): The Ohio Valley Educational Foundation (OVEF) is excited to announce its inaugural “TTRPG Telethon,” a fundraising event hosted in collaboration with Nerd Louisville. The event will take place on **Saturday, March 15, 2025**, beginning at **12 p.m. EST**, with supporters invited to join the fun through a livestream broadcast or in person at **11909 Shelbyville Road, Louisville, KY 40243**. The Telethon aims to raise funds to help support the three programs OVEF serves: OVEC Head Start, iLEAD Academy, and Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS).

The event will feature six educators from three Ohio Valley Educational Cooperative (OVEC) school districts: Jefferson, Oldham, and Bullitt, who will participate in a thrilling **Dungeons & Dragons** tabletop role-playing game (TTRPG). Viewers of the livestream will be encouraged to donate to specific players, with each donation offering advantages in the gameplay. “Tabletop role-playing games, like Dungeons & Dragons, are already being used in classrooms across our region. They not only provide a unique, engaging way to teach content, but also teach critical skills,” said **Adam Watson**, Digital Learning Consultant at OVEC. “TTRPGs are an effective way to promote social-emotional learning, helping students collaborate, communicate, and problem-solve.”

With a fundraising goal of **\$5,000**, OVEF is thrilled to report that over **\$2,000** has already been raised, thanks to the generous support from our Platinum Sponsors: Derby Comics and Games, Dice Alliance, Gold Sponsors: Golden Keep Game Co., Glorious Games and Goods, Lurking Fears, LLC., and Bronze Sponsor: Kentucky Educators for Role Playing Games. All funds raised will directly benefit OVEF’s mission to enhance early education opportunities for low-income children, support college pathways for rural Kentucky students, and expand work-based learning initiatives for students with learning challenges.

To learn more about the TTRPG Telethon, or how to donate, visit ttrpgtelethon.com.

About Ohio Valley Educational Foundation

The Ohio Valley Educational Foundation (OVEF) is a nonprofit organization that invests in our region's youngest learners. As the philanthropic arm of the Ohio Valley Educational Cooperative (OVEC), we believe thriving young learners are tomorrow's difference makers. Our service area spans across north-central Kentucky from Jefferson and Bullitt Counties up to Gallatin and Grant Counties and everything in between. OVEF focuses on initiatives that enhance early childhood education and family success planning for low-income children and families within the Head Start and Early Head Start programs. Additionally, we support iLEAD Academy, Kentucky's first regional career academy helping rural students to work on top career certifications, work-based learning programs, and courses to complete an associate degree such as Engineering, Computer Science, and Bio-Medicine. Lastly, OVEF works to close educational gaps and provide resources for students with diverse learning needs in the Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) program. Our biggest goal is to foster academic success through all ages and help students prepare for bright futures.

About Nerd Louisville

Nerd Louisville works at the center of an active and vibrant nerd community spread across the Louisville metro area. We support individuals and groups as they achieve their nerdy dreams, in doing so we weave together hobbyists, craftspeople, and interested others into a closer community. Nerd Louisville does this by creating engaging events and happenings that make it easier for people to connect, play games, and become friends.

Since our founding, Nerd Louisville has built a vibrant, interconnected community. We've organized engaging events like Friday Night Gaming and Young Questers, bringing together nerds of all ages. While our annual tabletop convention is taking a break this year, we're excited to bring it back next year with a fresh new name! In addition, our charitable programs continue to inspire and support local youth, ensuring that the next generation of nerds is empowered through play and creativity.

About Ohio Valley Educational Cooperative

The Ohio Valley Educational Cooperative (OVEC) is a consortium of 14 school districts serving over 150,000 students in north-central Kentucky. OVEC's mission is to make educators' work more fulfilling and sustainable through intentional opportunities, resources, and relationships. Established in 1976, the cooperative provides a vehicle for conducting regional planning, development, and implementation of educational programs on a continuing basis. OVEC offers programs that serve member school districts, their student populations, and families.

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