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**American Institute of Mathematics and Julia Robinson Mathematics Festival Announce Partnership**

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**(PALO ALTO, Calif.-July 8, 2013)** The American Institute of Mathematics and the Julia Robinson Mathematics Festival are delighted to announce their new partnership, which will allow the Festival to significantly increase the number of its events nationwide and get more kids engaged with math.

Founded in 1994, the American Institute of Mathematics seeks to expand the frontiers of mathematical knowledge, in the process offering educational support and resources through such programs as Mathematics Teachers' Circles.

Named after a noted professor at UC Berkeley, the Julia Robinson Mathematics Festivals show students a different, and more engaging, side of mathematics from what's typically presented in their classes at school. Festivals give students an opportunity to pursue mathematics collaboratively, working on problems and puzzles with other students and mathematicians.

"AIM's connection to teachers makes this a natural partnership," says Nancy Blachman, who founded the Julia Robinson Mathematics Festival in 2007 to, as she says, "introduce students to delightful, enriching mathematics.

"Festival director Joshua Zucker first suggested that we talk with AIM director Brian Conrey about teaming up," she explains. "We were really pleased at Brian's interest in the Festival and his ideas and resources for making it better. We're looking forward to being able to bring large and small festivals to many more kids in the next year and beyond."

"Developing future generations of mathematicians is an essential part of AIM's work," said AIM director Conrey. "We've been very impressed with how effectively the Julia Robinson Mathematics Festival has been engaging kids around the country and showing them a side of math very few of them see in school. For some years we've supported Mathematics Teachers' Circles, and we're happy to add this new dimension to our educational outreach."

Julia Robinson Mathematics Festivals are held throughout the school year across the U.S. Dates and locations will be announced as they are confirmed. More information, as well as video and high-res images from past Festivals, is available on request.

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**About the American Institute of Mathematics (AIM) (www.aimath.org):** Founded in 1994, the American Institute of Mathematics seeks to expand the frontiers of mathematical knowledge through focused research projects. In addition, AIM is interested in helping to preserve the history of mathematics through the acquisition and preservation of rare mathematical books and documents and in making these materials available to scholars of mathematical history. AIM is one of the eight National Science Foundation sponsored mathematics institutes in the U.S. Its outreach programs include the Mathematics Teachers' Circles program with more than 50 circles nationwide.

**About the Julia Robinson Mathematics Festival (www.juliarobinsonmathfestival.org):** Julia Robinson was a mathematics professor at UC Berkeley for many years, and is known for her solution of Hilbert's tenth problem. The Julia Robinson Mathematics Festivals began in the San Francisco Bay Area in 2007 to honor her legacy and encourage more students to pursue mathematics, and have since expanded to other cities around the U.S.