

## Equal Footing Foundation to Host Venter Mobile Lab

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WHO? Equal Footing Foundation and J. Craig Venter Institute

WHAT? DISCOVER GENOMICS! Mobile Laboratory

WHERE? James Lee Community Center Clubhouse  
2855-A Annandale Road  
Falls Church, VA 22042  
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WHEN? Friday, July 13, from 1 p.m.-6 p.m.

WHY? The J. Craig Venter Institute's DISCOVER GENOMICS! Mobile Laboratory will give hundreds of students from all six of the Equal Footing Foundation's Clubhouses in Northern Virginia the opportunity to learn about life sciences. This "lab on wheels"

is

a modified motor coach that is outfitted with advanced laboratory equipment. Students can get hands-on experience using equipment such as centrifuges, pipettes, electrophoresis supplies, temperature and pH probes and other scientific tools, while learning about genomics and bioscience.

About Equal Footing Foundation

Equal Footing Foundation is a Virginia based 501(C)(3) nonprofit focused on youth development and education. The Foundation's goal is to provide an equal opportunity environment where youth can access the tools needed to successfully compete with a skilled and educated workforce. We accomplish this goal by funding, launching and sustaining Computer Clubhouses in partnership with local governments, businesses and other non-profit entities. The Computer Clubhouses we support are centrally located within established community centers, in close proximity to schools and bus routes for easy after school access. The result is an innovative and safe after-school learning center where children ages 8-18, many of whom do not have access to technology at home, work with adult mentors to learn, develop, and explore their potential. For more information, visit: <http://www.efooting.org>.

About the J. Craig Venter Institute

The J. Craig Venter Institute is a not-for-profit research institute dedicated to the advancement of the science of genomics; the understanding of its implications for society; and communication of those results to the scientific community, the public, and policymakers. Founded by J. Craig Venter, Ph.D., the JCVI is home to approximately 500 scientists and staff with expertise in human and evolutionary biology, genetics, bioinformatics/informatics, information technology, high-throughput DNA sequencing, genomic and environmental policy research, and public education in science and science policy. The legacy organizations of the JCVI are: The Institute for Genomic Research (TIGR), The Center for the Advancement of Genomics (TCAG), the Institute for Biological Energy Alternatives (IBEA), the Joint Technology Center (JTC), and the J. Craig Venter Science

Foundation. The JCVI is a 501 (c) (3) organization. For additional information, please visit <http://www.JCVI.org>.