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## **United Bank Sponsors Children's Science Center Family Night Program**

**Vienna, VA** — For the second year, United Bank will donate \$25,000 to the Children's Science Center, a nonprofit whose mission is to inspire a love of STEM learning by providing unique opportunities to explore and create. The Children's Science Center is Northern Virginia's first interactive museum where children, families and school groups can explore STEM concepts through fun, engaging hands-on exhibits, activities and programs.

United's sponsorship will support the Family Science Night program at Northern Virginia elementary schools, which is designed for parents to self-guide their K-6 grade students through 12 engaging, hands-on STEM activities in alignment with the Virginia Standards of Science Learning. A team of Children's Science Center coordinators and community volunteers, including United employees, facilitate these two-hour evening events twice a week, supporting family-learning experiences that encourage children to pursue STEM subjects through higher academic levels. By the end of the 2018-2019 school year, Family Science Night will have traveled to 57 schools, nearly half of which are Title I (40 % or more of the students qualify for free or reduced lunch).

"We are thrilled to partner with an organization that engages local children in STEM learning, especially economically disadvantaged youth and groups underrepresented in STEM," said Kevin Reynolds, regional president and director of sales for United Bank. "We are proud to help deliver these opportunities and inspire our future leaders while creating memorable family experiences that build a stronger community."

"We are grateful to United Bank for their leadership and generosity as we deepen our relationship with the community," said Nene Spivy, Executive Director of the Children's Science Center. "Their financial and volunteer support will help ensure that we enrich the minds of the next generation while meeting the region's current and future STEM needs."

The Children's Science Center was founded in 2004 as the Children's Museum of Northern Virginia before evolving into its current form, based on the regional need for and interest in STEM. Each year, it engages more than 70,000 children at the Children's Science Center Lab in Fair Oaks

Mall and off-site throughout the region. The Center's vision is to create a world-class, interactive science center that ignites the curiosity in all of us, on donated land in Dulles, VA.

### **About United Bank**

United Bank is the largest community bank headquartered in Greater Washington. It has assets of approximately \$19.3 billion and 139 full-service banking locations throughout Washington, D.C., Virginia, Maryland, West Virginia, Ohio and Pennsylvania. For more information, visit [BankWithUnited.com](http://BankWithUnited.com).

### **About the Children's Science Center**

The Children's Science Center's mission is to inspire a love of learning STEM by providing unique opportunities to explore and create. The Children's Science Center Lab is located at Fair Oaks Mall and is Northern Virginia's first interactive museum where children, families and school groups can explore science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) concepts through fun, engaging hands-on exhibits, activities and programs. In addition to the Lab and community programs across the region, the Center is working to fulfill the vision of a full-scale, world-class interactive science center to be located in Dulles, Va. The Children's Science Center is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization. Learn more at [www.childsci.org](http://www.childsci.org).

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**Children's Science Center recently held a Family Science Night, sponsored by United Bank, at St. Veronica's Catholic School in Chantilly, to support in-class STEM initiatives. Pictured: (center) Executive Director of the Children's Science Center, Nene Spivy; United Bank Fairfax West Market President Kurt Marx; St. Veronica's Catholic School Principal, Michael Busekrus, along with team members and United Bank and school volunteers with children from St. Veronica's Catholic School.**

