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Chemours Partnership with Discovery Museum Will Support Littlest Learners with STEM Education

\$350,000 Grant Includes “Science Saturdays” at the Museum

Parkersburg, WV – The Chemours Company has announced the award of a \$350,000 multi-year STEM education grant for the newly opened Discovery World on Market children’s museum. The grant comes through the company’s [Vibrant Communities](#) initiative, and will be supported with volunteers from Chemours’ Washington Works site in Parkersburg.

“Discovery World on Market is so excited for this opportunity to develop the next generation of learners, thinkers and creators with this investment from The Chemours Company,” says Wendy Shriver, Executive Director of Discovery World on Market. “We are looking forward to working with their employees to deliver fun, hands-on STEM learning at the museum.”

Discovery World on Market is the Mid-Ohio Valley’s only children’s museum and features several kid-friendly exhibits, including a Ball Factory, where a central climbing structure provides children with a graduated series of safe yet challenging physical obstacles and surrounding kinetic ball activities draw inspiration from factory processes. A River Adventure exhibit provides children with imaginative play and STEM activities, a Makerspace area provides the opportunity for kids to come together to work on projects while sharing ideas, equipment, and knowledge, and a Design Studio encourages problem solving with a variety of materials, creative platforms, and testing apparatuses. As a hands-on entry point for STEM concepts as well as experimentation and design-thinking, the activities guide young visitors through creative and technical processes while providing authentic encounters with materials, tools, and technology.

The Chemours grant will provide admission passes for underserved children and their families to experience all that the museum offers and will also provide funding and Chemours volunteers for Science Saturdays, where kids and visitors of all ages will be introduced to STEM concepts in a fun and engaging, hands-on manner. Science Saturdays will be very similar in format to the Fun with Science program that Chemours volunteers already take out into the community to various area schools.

“Investing our time, talents and resources and supporting the communities where we live, play and work is part of our Corporate Responsibility Commitment,” said Sierra Gard, Chemours’ Washington Works Community Engagement Leader. “Everyone on our team at Chemours’ Washington Works is ecstatic about this opportunity to partner with the Discovery World Museum and to share their love of STEM with the next generation of problem solvers.”

Chemours strives to not only be a great place to work, providing opportunities for people across Wood County and the Mid-Ohio Valley area, but also to contribute to the local economy and preserve and invest in the beauty of the environment around us. We are committed to empowering the next generation, within Chemours and throughout the community, with knowledge, experience and development opportunities.

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