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## **MICRON FOUNDATION SPONSORS TINKER SHOP AT CHILDREN'S SCIENCE CENTER LAB**

**April 22, 2015 (Northern Virginia)** –The Micron Foundation today presented a \$75,000 sponsorship for the Tinker Shop at the Children's Science Center Lab located in the Fair Oaks Mall.

The Tinker Shop area is designed to inspire future makers and engineers by providing opportunities to make, create, build, test, deconstruct, and rebuild. Sample activities include exploring circuitry and robotics, taking apart electronics, creating simple and chain reaction machines, and building and testing objects and aerodynamics.

"Micron is proud to sponsor the Tinker Shop to inspire creativity and engineering skills needed for the workforce in Northern Virginia and beyond," commented Dee Mooney, Executive Director of the Micron Foundation. "Programs and places like this inspire the type of innovation happening every day at our Manassas facility and other manufacturing locations around the world."

Opening this summer, the 5,400 sq. ft. Lab at Fair Oaks Mall will be the region's first interactive museum where families and school groups can explore STEM concepts through hands-on activities. The site's programming areas include: Inspiration Hub, Tinker Shop, Experiment Bar, Discovery Zone and a multipurpose space nicknamed the Garage.

"The Children's Science Center is thrilled to deepen our relationship with Micron as we open our first physical site this summer at the Lab," said Children's Science Center Executive Director Nene Spivy. "We appreciate Micron's ongoing leadership and commitment to STEM education in Northern Virginia."

**About the Children's Science Center:** The Children's Science Center is an interactive children's museum planned for Northern Virginia that will offer hands-on exhibits, activities and programs focusing on science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). We seek to instill a love of learning STEM in all children by providing unique opportunities to explore, create, and be inspired. Our full scale center is being developed in the Kinchora Development, near Dulles, Virginia, with a planned opening in 2020. Today, we offer community programs that bring hands-on science activities to thousands of children in our area. In June 2015, we will open the Children's Science Center Lab, our first operating site, at Fair Oaks Mall, a dynamic, interactive, educational and fun activity space where the region's families and school groups can visit to experience STEM hands-on any day of the year. 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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