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Dominion Energy Charitable Foundation Grant Supports Environmental Education at the Children's Science Center

FAIRFAX, VA, JULY 18 — The Children's Science Center, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to instill a love of learning STEM in all children by providing unique opportunities to explore, create and be inspired, recently received a \$10,000 grant from the Dominion Energy Charitable Foundation. Funds will be allocated to support several environmental education programs that Center is coordinating over the coming months.

Each year, 50,000 visitors explore the Children's Science Center Lab located at Fair Oaks Mall in Fairfax County. "The Lab recently celebrated its second birthday and will welcome its 100,000th visitor this year," said Nene Spivy, Executive Director of the Children's Science Center. "This generous financial support from companies like Dominion Energy promotes educational enrichment and STEM learning for children of all ages in Northern Virginia, and we appreciate Dominion's commitment to inspiring the next generation of innovators," Spivy added.

"When reviewing their grant application, we were very impressed by the scope and the creativity of the Center's educational outreach," said Deborah T. Johnson, Regional Policy Director for State & Local Affairs at Dominion Energy. "It's a pleasure to lend our support to initiatives that connect children with the environment in a memorable and meaningful way."

The Children's Science Center kicked off summer teaming up with "The Great Sunflower Project", a national research effort that encourages children to count and report the pollinators in their own backyards. "We are thrilled for our children to have a chance to be part of a national research effort and are very grateful to Dominion Energy Charitable Foundation for this grant to encourage environmental stewardship," said Spivy. Other Center initiatives supported by this grant include two sessions of "Dream It, Build It: Nature Center" a week-long summer camp where participants will create a nature center and learn about green architectural design, plus a rotating series of activities and experiments on topics such as ocean chemistry and many more. For more information, visit www.childsci.org.

About the Children's Science Center:

The Children's Science Center's mission is to instill a love of learning science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) in all children by providing unique opportunities to explore, create and be inspired. 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 STEM concepts through fun, engaging hands-on exhibits, activities and programs. In addition to the Lab and community programs, the Center is working to fulfill the vision of a full-scale, world-class children's science museum 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.