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CHILDREN'S SCIENCE CENTER NAMED A 2018 A WELLS FARGO CULTURAL EXCELLENCE WINNER!

FAIRFAX, VA, January 9, 2018 – The Children's Science Center, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to inspire a love of learning Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) by providing unique opportunities to explore and create, recently was awarded a \$15,000 Cultural Excellence grant from the Wells Fargo Foundation. This award was given to support the youth outreach and education programs, including the Family Science Night Program, that the Children's Science Center facilitates during each school year.

Each year, 50,000 visitors explore the Children's Science Center Lab located at Fair Oaks Mall in Fairfax, and another 20,000 visitors experience its programs delivered at schools, libraries and other venues throughout the region. "This generous financial support from Wells Fargo is vital to our efforts to provide hands-on STEM learning experiences to children across Northern Virginia, many of whom have limited access to enrichment programs outside the classroom," said Nene Spivy, Executive Director of the Children's Science Center. "Together with committed partners like Wells Fargo, we are engaging many more children within the next generation of innovators," Spivy added.

"Wells Fargo is excited to support the Children's Science Center's Family Science Night, bringing STEM programs to the students of our local community," said Jennifer Mahoney, SVP for Wells Fargo Private Bank. "By investing in these experiences, we are helping our youth identify new and exciting career opportunities and set them up for



From L to R): Nene Spivy (CSC), Preeti Sarnik, Rebecca Ray and Michael Butterfield of Wells Fargo, and Jenn Brunner (CSC).

future success both financially and professionally."

About the Children's Science Center:

The Children's Science Center's mission is to inspire a love of learning science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (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 STEM concepts through fun, engaging hands-on exhibits, activities. The Children's Science Center is a 501 ©(3) non-profit organization. Learn more at www.childsci.org.

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