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**UNITED WAY OF MERCER COUNTY AND COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF WESTERN PA & EASTERN OH
PARTNER FOR STEAM CAREER CAMP**

SHARON, Pa. (June 7, 2018)— The United Way of Mercer County and the Community Foundation of Western PA & Eastern OH have collaborated to create the STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) Career Camp for middle school students taking place the week of June 11th through June 15th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Building upon the STEAM After School Program that was made available to students across Mercer County through a 21st Century Learning Grant received by the United Way, the STEAM Career Camp is designed for students in grades 6 through 8 and will provide them with the chance to learn from cutting-edge technology and creative projects. There will be three separate cohorts in Greenville, the Shenango Valley, and Mercer; which will allow each site to have a unique focus with hands-on learning and activities.

Lori Schaller of the United Way of Mercer County said the goal is for the program to “serve as a catalyst for regional momentum for 21st century learning skills and career development for our youth.”

Participants in the program can expect to create robots, build a computer, design a Game Bot, solve problems and use their creativity to innovate. Students will also get the opportunity to tour local businesses such as Joy Cone, Walberg Pharmacy and Autosoft to see first-hand how STEAM plays a role in the workplace. “It is exciting to provide these students with the opportunity to experience first-hand that the concepts they have been learning about in the class room are being put to use by businesses in their community” said Kyle English, Executive Director of the Community Foundation of Western PA & Eastern OH.

“The STEAM Career Camp will be a wonderful learning opportunity for Mercer County students,” added Jim Micsky, Executive Director of the United Way of Mercer County. “The program curriculum uses a hands-on approach to learning by encouraging students to interact with instructors and develop challenging projects. The Community Foundation and United Way collaborating on regional programs like STEAM Career Camp provides tremendous value to our area.”
