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**STEM PROGRAMMING AT THE MAGIC HOUSE
THANKS TO GRANT FROM BOEING**

Funds Provide Free STEM Learning Experiences for Students

ST LOUIS (December 8, 2016) – The Magic House has received a grant from The Boeing Company to support STEM programming for disadvantaged students in the St. Louis community for the 2016-2017 school year. The grant will allow The Magic House to develop and expand a continuum of STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) learning experiences designed for students, teachers and parents in conjunction with two key exhibits at the Museum: Wonder Works, an early childhood STEM exhibit, and the Make-It Workshop, a STEM makerspace for elementary students.

Last year, Boeing generously provided funding to support pilot programming for the Wonder Works exhibit. Thanks to the success of the program and Boeing's continued support, The Magic House will be able to offer this program to St. Louis Public Schools. The Magic House will provide classroom outreach programs to preschool and Kindergarten students, professional development workshops for educators and STEM family nights at the Museum to enhance STEM learning for families. The programs will take place with 10 St. Louis Public Schools, reaching preschoolers and Kindergarteners, as well as their teachers and families.

The grant will also enable The Magic House to pilot a makerspace field trip program with the Ritenour School District. The program will consist of guided learning experiences featuring grade-specific STEM design challenges in conjunction with Boeing's centennial. The program also includes professional development for educators on integrating

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problem-based learning into the elementary curriculum. The program will culminate with STEM family nights at The Magic House for each of Ritenour's elementary schools including free admission, transportation and activity kits to extend STEM learning at home.

About The Magic House, St. Louis Children's Museum

The Magic House is a not-for-profit participatory museum that provides hands-on learning experiences for children and families and encourages experimentation, creativity and the development of problem-solving skills within a place of beauty, wonder, joy and magic. Regular Museum admission is \$10 per person. Children under the age of one are free.

The Magic House is located at 516 S. Kirkwood Road, one mile north of Highway 44 in historic downtown Kirkwood. Hours during the school year are Tuesday through Thursday, 12:00 pm to 5:30 pm; Friday, 12:00 pm to 9:00 pm; Saturday, 9:30 am to 5:30 pm; and Sunday, 11:00 am to 5:30 pm. The Museum is closed on Mondays during the school year. Parking is always free at The Magic House. For more information, please call 314.822.8900 or visit The Magic House online at www.magichouse.org.

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