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CARNEGIE SCIENCE CENTER RECEIVES \$50,000 FROM BAYER FUND

Donation To Help Low-Income Schools Access Free STEM Programming for Students and Teachers

PITTSBURGH, **Dec. 13**, **2024** – <u>Carnegie Science Center</u> is pleased to announce it has received a \$50,000 grant from Bayer Fund, a philanthropic arm of Bayer in the U.S. This grant will support the Science Center's STEM Exploration Bundles program, providing free STEM outreach and in-depth teacher training to thousands of students and educators in low-income school districts across Western Pennsylvania during the 2024–2025 school year.

The STEM Exploration Bundles program will help Title 1 schools overcome barriers by offering free programming. This includes on-site experiences at the Science Center, such as Fab Lab Field Trips, SciTech Days, SciYinz Squad Competitions, and field trips with enhancements like live demonstration theater shows, Buhl Planetarium shows, or educational films in The Rangos Giant Cinema. Off-site programs include Science on the Road assemblies, which can feature STEM-by-the-Hour programs, a mobile planetarium, and Mobile Fab Lab.

The Science Center anticipates that in 2025, the STEM Exploration Bundles will reach nearly 4,000 K-12 students from Title 1 schools, advancing equity in STEM education and improving the region's STEM ecosystem.

"As our region's hub for K–12 science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education, we recognize the many barriers school districts face in accessing our programming, such as scheduling difficulties, transportation costs, and limited teacher capacity," said Jason Brown, Henry Buhl, Jr., director of Carnegie Science Center and vice president of Carnegie Museums. "With this grant from Bayer Fund, we can help more schools overcome logistical and financial barriers, allowing thousands of students to engage in enriching STEM experiences."

"Bayer Fund is proud to support Carnegie Science Center and their impactful work in the community," said Al Mitchell, president of Bayer Fund. "Programs like 'Exploration Bundles' not only benefit our neighbors but also contribute to a stronger community."

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About Carnegie Science Center

Carnegie Science Center, soon to be the Daniel G. and Carole L. Kamin Science Center, is dedicated to inspiring learning and curiosity by connecting science and technology with everyday life. By making science both relevant and fun, the Science Center's goal is to increase science literacy in the region and motivate young people to seek careers in science and technology. One of the four Carnegie Museums, the Science Center is Pittsburgh's premier science exploration destination and the region's most-visited museum, reaching more than 500,000 people annually through its hands-on exhibits, camps, classes, and off-site education programs.

About Bayer Fund

Bayer Fund, a philanthropic arm of Bayer in the U.S., is a nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening the communities where Bayer customers and employees live and work by providing funding for food and nutrition, and health and wellness projects. For more Information visit https://www.fund.bayer.us.

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Please note that requests for accommodations should be made at least two weeks prior to your visit. For specific questions about wheelchairs, strollers, or other programmatic or equipment needs, see the ticket counter located on the first floor of the main building or contact the Operations Department at 412.237.3400 or Accessibility@CarnegieScienceCenter.org.

About Carnegie Museums

Founded by Andrew Carnegie in 1895, <u>Carnegie Museums</u> is a family of four dynamic, distinctive museums: Carnegie Museum of Art, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Carnegie Science Center, and The Andy Warhol Museum. The museums reach 1.5 million people a year through exhibitions, educational programs, outreach activities, and special events.

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