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### **Town Hosts Inaugural Back to School Bash and Robotics Exhibition**

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CUTLER BAY, FL August 16, 2017- This past Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, The Town of Cutler Bay hosted its inaugural Back to School Bash and Robotics Exhibition at Cutler Ridge Park. With over 500 participants in attendance, students and their families were presented with a number of ways to prepare them for going back to school including booths featuring local Public Schools, community resources, health and safety demonstrations, information of recreational

programs and events and fingerprinting. Bounce houses, a video game bus, Police vehicles and Fire Truck displays, free food, music and a bike helmet and backpack giveaway were also provided for residents to enjoy.

This summer the Town also introduced the Careers in STEM Summer Camp. This 6-Week Summer Camp for Middle School Students taught principles of science, technology, engineering and math through the use of robotics, science experiments, and educational field trips. Through the Town's partnership with Miami-Dade College and Carnegie Mellon University's Robotics Academy, students engineered the robots and earned technology certification badges that will look great on their academic resume. The students worked in small teams, and presented their robots to attendees during the Back to School Bash. Students were later presented with certificates, book bags, and gift cards for school supplies. The STEM Summer Camp and Back to School Bash was partially funded by a \$136,000 grant from The Children's Trust.

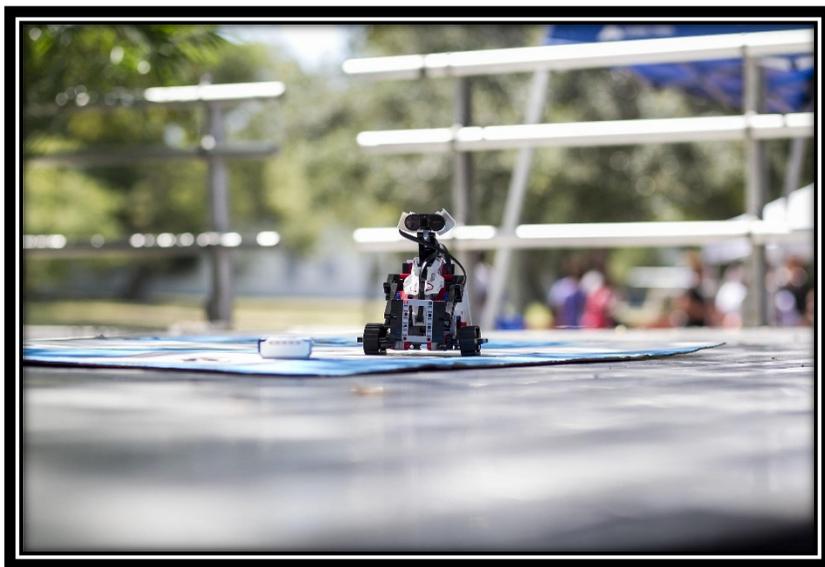
“This was the best summer ever! During the STEM Summer Camp, we learned how to program robots, went on exciting field trips, and tried fun science experiments. We made new friends and learned how to work in groups for today’s presentation”, stated 8<sup>th</sup> Grader Ayanna Moreau of her experience in the STEM Camp and Robotics Exhibition.

Mayor Peggy Bell, Council Member Roger Coriat, Council Member Michael Callahan, State Representative Kionne McGhee, State Representative Daisy Baez, and Miami- Dade County Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava also attended the event to show their support students in the S.T.E.M camp program and for all the students going back to school.

“When I visited the camp a few weeks ago, I was speaking with a few of the students and a little robot came up and tapped me on the leg! I have been so impressed by the wonderful students at our new Careers in STEM Summer Camp. Our Town staff has done a fantastic job of coordinating with The Children’s Trust in developing a stimulating and unique way for children to learn during the summer break. I look forward to the possibility of hosting the Careers in STEM Summer Camp again next year,” stated Mayor Peggy R. Bell.

A special thanks to our event sponsors for making this event a great success. Sponsors for the Bash include: The Children’s Trust, Miami-Dade County Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava, Staples Cutler Bay, MD Now Urgent Care, and Amscot Financial.

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