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**TRAWICK FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES  
\$300,000 IN TEAMUP GRANT AWARDS TO  
TWO MONTGOMERY COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL TEAMS**

**Nonprofits Partner with Montgomery County Middle Schools**

The Trawick Foundation is pleased to announce \$300,000 in grant awards to fund projects serving two Montgomery County middle school students, Briggs Chaney Middle School and Parkland Middle School.

“This is exciting for TeamUp because it recognizes that it is our middle school principals and staff who know the most pressing needs of their students,” said Carol Trawick, President. “Linking the in and out of school time programs to address these needs in an integrated, holistic manner provides the best chance of connecting high need students to prevent their disconnection.”

*Explore-Create-Connect* at Briggs Chaney is an arts infused after school program for 40 high need students utilizing inquiry based learning and 21<sup>st</sup> century skills to help increase attendance and connectedness. *Full STEAM Ahead* at Parkland will provide 72 high need students a multi-faceted, project based learning experience that will build student engagement in STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math), promote academic and career readiness, and empower the next generation of creative leaders.

Arts on the Block leads *Explore-Create-Connect*, partnering with ClancyWorks Dance Company, IMPACT Silver Spring and Briggs Chaney. Arts inquiry based learning starts by posing questions, problems, or scenarios about which students have an interest. It will be a catalyst for community engagement sessions during which students will share their artworks-presentations-exhibitions.

KID Museum leads *Full STEAM Ahead*, partnering with Passion for Learning, AFI Silver Theater and Cultural Center, and Parkland. This project nurtures student interest through very broad and deep engagement in STEAM thereby leveraging the whole school aerospace magnet program.

The TeamUp grant program encourages nonprofits to work in partnership in order to maximize the utilization of their resources and to employ best business practices. The participating nonprofits and schools were required to attend a briefing session, seminars on budget development and outcomes, and meetings with a Foundation consultant to develop and enhance their collaborative process. Further consulting support will be given to the *Full STEAM Ahead* and *Explore-Create-Connect* team members to assure adequate program evaluation.

[Reference Trawick Foundation website for further information]