MARIE'S KIDS NEWSLETTER

YEAR IN REVIEW

Winter 2024

Keeping up the momentum in the New Year!

This past year was a good year for Marie's Kids. Thanks to your contributions and the dedication of our volunteers, we participated in a broad range of events hosted by our community partners. Within this issue you will see examples of how we have engaged dozens of students and parents in STEAM based activities. We will keep up the momentum in 2025 by leading and supporting year-round supplemental STEAM education for the students in our community. Thank you for your continued support!

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Serving our community since 2018!

Giving the Gift of STEAM: 3rd time's a charm!

Marie's kids hosted our annual Giving the Gift of STEAM in Dec. 2024 With your support, we donated 25 STEM and STEAM education gifts to students at N. Charleston Elementary School. Gifts included circuit boards, robotic arms, slime making kits, chemistry sets, microscopes and a drum set, foldable keyboard, telescope, and drone. Click the following link for a video: Gift of STEAM gift giveaway

Community STEM Day & Unity Day

Marie's Kids led fun and engaging activities at the **STEAM Carnival and Black Family Wellness Fair** hosted by Beyond Our Walls (BOWs) on March 16th. We also participated in the **Liberty Hill Community STEM Day,** which was held on April 27. The event included hands-on activities, a health and wellness fair, and food and prize. Click the following link for a video: Community STEM Day 2024

Family STEM Night

Family STEM Night was held at North Charleston Elementary School on **Thursday, October 10th,** from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Families, students, and staff engaged with local STEM providers for an evening of wonder, excitement, and hands-on exploration. Marie's Kids hosted a table of activities for students to build balloon race cars and lava lamps!

STEAM Saturdays & Afterschool

STEAM Saturdays were hosted from 11am - 1pm at the Keith Summey Library. At our four Saturday events from Jan to May 2024, students explored the concept of design by making art, engineering flight, creating an ecosystem, developing software code, and modeling the human body! **STEAM afterschool** was hosted at N. Charleston Elementary on Oct. 16th and Nov. 20th.

Upcoming Events

- 2025 Community STEM Day
- STEAM Saturdays
- STEAM Afterschool
- STEAM in the Park
- Summer Camp Scholarships

Big thank you to all of our donors & funders!!

Marie's Kids would not be able to do all of this without the financial support of all our funders, including our monthly donors. We sincerely thank you for your gifts. If you have not yet donated but would like to give or become a monthly donor, please use the following link: https://www.marieskids.org/donate-today.html

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Remembering Marie

Marie's Kids was named in honor of Marie Alfred, a passionate educator and mother of eight. Marie believed strongly in the value of education and instilled these values in her children. Marie, would have turned 74 on Dec. 25.

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Happy Holidays & Happy New Year!

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