



Communities
In Schools

Clark County

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Duke Energy Foundation awards \$21,730 to Communities In Schools of Clark County to support Afterschool STEM Programming at 4 Elementary Schools

Jeffersonville (December 2, 2016) – Duke Energy Foundation has awarded a grant of \$21,730 to Communities In Schools (CIS) of Clark County. The grant is being used to bring STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) programming to students enrolled in CIS's Extended Day Learning afterschool program at 4 high-needs elementary schools during the 2016-2017 school year. Funding will also provide professional development in STEM teaching to all CIS Afterschool staff.

The grant will be used for:

- 9 weeks of STEM programming at each of 4 high-need elementary schools: Parkwood, Wilson, Bridgepoint, and Northaven Elementary schools. Approximately 190 students in Grades K-6 attend CIS of Clark County's "Extended Day Learning" afterschool program across the four sites. The average poverty rate, as evidenced by free/reduced lunch counts, is 73% across the four schools.
- Programming will be delivered by Mad Science of Kentucky, a leading science enrichment provider, delivering unique, hands-on science experiences for children that are entertaining and educational.
- Family "Science Nights" including:
 - Showcase of STEM projects that students have been working on
 - Refreshments
 - Student Recognition
 - Opportunities for children and families to participate in a special STEM project together
- Professional development for all CIS of Clark County afterschool staff. CIS of Clark County's afterschool programs are run by a team of over 50 dedicated staff members at 13 school sites. Duke Energy Foundation funding will expand STEM Professional Development for afterschool staff and provide needed resources for all 13 sites to implement additional STEM programming throughout the school year.

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About CIS of Clark County

Communities In Schools of Clark County has been operating in- and out-of-school programs and services in Clark County's neediest elementary schools since 2002. By bringing caring adults into the schools to address the children's unmet needs, CIS of Clark County provides the link between educators and the community. The result: teachers are free to teach, and students – many at-risk of becoming high school drop-outs – have the opportunity to focus on learning. Each year, CIS of Clark County touches the lives of over 4,500 students and their families.

Mission: *The mission of Communities In Schools of Clark County (CIS of Clark County) is to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life.*

CIS of Clark County is a local affiliate of the national organization, Communities In Schools. CIS National is the largest dropout prevention organization in the United States, and the CIS Model has proven to be effective across broad spectrums of communities nationwide.

For more information, visit www.cisofclark.org, and CIS National at www.communitiesinschools.org.

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“Students at Parkwood Elementary participate in a Mad Science of Kentucky science experiment”