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The Y's 22nd Annual Thingamajig Invention Convention

WASHINGTON, D.C. – July 28, 2016 – The YMCA of Metropolitan Washington will host the 22nd Annual Thingamajig® Invention Convention at the Show Place Arena in Upper Marlboro, Maryland.

The Y's Thingamajig® Invention Convention has touched the lives of over 100,000 kids living in the DC, Maryland, and northern Virginia areas. Using their imagination and ingenuity, kids ages 4 to 15 will showcase their inventions, constructed from recyclable materials, and participate in hands-on activities such as cooking challenges, film making, physical fitness competitions, LEGO robotics, recyclable fashion shows, and so much more—all to promote science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM).

Summer learning loss is a huge concern among parent and teachers, and it can drastically widen the achievement gap for some students. Through hands-on learning and creativity, Thingamajig® combats this summer learning loss and promotes educational discovery.

The Y's Thingamajig® Invention Convention has been widely recognized by the White House for exposing youth, especially those from underrepresented and low-income families, to STEM to improve academic performance. To create this exposé across the nation, the event will be hosted in 18 cities over the next year.

We are honored to have the support of other organizations and agencies such as the Federal Aviation Administration, Nauticon, My Office Products, M&T Bank, Washington Gas, US Patent and Trademark, Giant Food, and WalMart. Each year, over 500 sponsors and volunteer organizations become a major part of this one-day event.

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About YMCA of Metropolitan Washington: The YMCA of Metropolitan Washington is a non-profit charity organization that has been serving the communities and families of DC, Maryland and Virginia for nearly 165 years. Through opportunities in wellness, aquatics, youth sports, summer camps, child care and more, the Y engages more 250,000 individuals and families. www.ymcadc.org